

## County Council – 19th July 2022

### Chair's Announcements

#### People

##### Former County Councillor Mike Rouse

It is with regret that the Chair reports the death of former County Councillor Mike Rouse, who represented the Ely North and East Division on behalf of the Conservative Party from 2013 to 2017.

The Council's thoughts are with his family, and friends at this very sad time.

##### Former County Councillor Margaret Hunter

It is with regret that the Chair reports the death of former County Councillor Margaret Hunter, who represented the Melbourn Division on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Party from 1993 to 1999.

The Council's thoughts are with her family, and friends at this very sad time.

##### Former County Councillor Robin Martlew

It is with regret that the Chair reports the death of former County Councillor Robin Martlew, who represented the Caxton Division from 1967 to 1970, and the Comberton Division from 1993 to 2005 on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Party.

The Council's thoughts are with his family, and friends at this very sad time.

##### Meredith Hudson

It is with deep regret that the Chair reports the recent sudden death of Meredith Hudson. Meredith worked in many roles within the 0-19 service including education capital, admissions and business support not to mention her roles for the wider council in the registration service. Meredith's parents also worked for many years at the Council.

The Council's thoughts are with her family, friends and colleagues at this very sad time.

##### Alysia Ramsdale

It is also with deep regret that the Chair reports the recent sudden death of Alysia Ramsdale. Alysia worked for the Council since 2008 within the Children's Early Help Supporting Families team and Human Resources.

The Council's thoughts are with her family, friends and colleagues at this very sad time.

## Awards

### Queen's Jubilee Birthday Honours

The Council sends its congratulations to two former colleagues Christine May, Head of Libraries at Bradford Metropolitan District Council, and Susan Wills, Assistant Director, Lifelong Learning and Culture, Surrey County Council who have both been awarded MBEs for services to Public Libraries.

### Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The Council's Library@home volunteers are one of three voluntary groups in Cambridgeshire who have been awarded with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award a local voluntary group can receive in the UK and is equivalent to an MBE. It aims to recognise outstanding work by local volunteer groups to benefit their communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate The Queen's Golden Jubilee. Recipients are announced each year on 2nd June, the anniversary of The Queen's Coronation.

## Service Developments

### Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Health and Wellbeing Boards are required, as stated in the Health and Social Care Act 2012, to produce Health & Wellbeing Strategies. The last two years have required the whole system to focus on tackling the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy was written and consulted upon, it was not launched due to the pandemic. A new approach is needed to reflect the significant infrastructure system changes and challenges.

The Joint Health and Wellbeing Board has agreed to a single plan and set of priorities across the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Integrated Care System (ICS). This means that there will not be a separate overall long-term health and wellbeing strategy for local government, nor for the local NHS although there will however be integrated plans for service delivery. This "One Plan" approach is a first for our area and demonstrates a commitment of all partners to working together towards shared goals, while retaining organisations' different areas of expertise and statutory responsibilities.

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS) must be informed by Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNA). For the purpose of this particular strategy, the Covid-19 Impact Assessment fulfils the function of the JSNA, summarising the joint work we have done across local government, the NHS and partners to understand the emerging impact of Covid-19. In addition, the JSNA core data set provides understanding of health and wellbeing in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough residents.

An engagement plan that incorporates the Joint HWBS and Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) Strategy is at the early stages of discussion and development with partners across

the ICS. The first meeting of the Joint HWB/ICP is scheduled for July 2022 where the proposed engagement plan will be set out for approval along with a formal consultation period for the Joint HWB Strategy.

## Messages

### Cambridge American Cemetery - Memorial Day Ceremony

The Chair was honoured to attend and represent Cambridgeshire County Council at the Memorial Day Ceremony at Cambridge American Cemetery. This year marked the 80th anniversary of the arrival of the US troops in the U.K. during World War 2.

### Platinum Jubilee – Cambridge Beacon Lighting

The Chair was pleased to be invited to the Cambridge Beacon Lighting on 2nd June, alongside Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant, Mrs Julie Spence. The celebration marked the start of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

### Raising the flag for Armed Forces Day

It was a great privilege for the Chair to raise the flag at New Shire Hall for Armed Forces Day. The flag was flown for the week leading up to the Armed Forces Day at both New Shire Hall and Shire Hall, Cambridge. This paid tribute to our UK's Servicemen and women.

### The sad passing of Councillor Mike Rouse

The Chair and Vice Chair, Councillor Kindersley attended the memorial service of Councillor Mike Rouse. Councillor Rouse is remembered with great fondness here at Cambridgeshire County Council, having worked at Soham Village College for 35 years, and then serving as a County Councillor.

### University of Cambridge Conferment and Celebration of Honorary Degrees by The Chancellor, The Lord Sainsbury of Turville

The Chair was pleased to be invited by the University of Cambridge to the Conferment and Celebration of Honorary Degrees by The Chancellor, The Lord Sainsbury of Turville. The Conferment and Celebration of Honorary Degrees is one of the highest accolades the University can bestow upon people who have made an outstanding achievement in their respective fields.

### Cambridgeshire County Day

It was an honour for the Chair to attend the first Cambridgeshire County Day, hosted by the Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Julie Spence. The Chair was honoured to be invited to the Garden Party where he was able to meet and thank the people of Cambridgeshire who had been nominated to attend because of their involvement in the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Wisbech Green Social Emotional and Mental Health School (SEMH) Groundbreaking Ceremony

It was a privilege for the Chair to attend and perform the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Wisbech SEMH school. The ceremony marked the start of construction on the new school. The Wisbech Green SEMH school will accommodate 60 young people with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs.

## New Shire Hall Official opening

The Chair was honoured to be a part of the official opening and plaque unveiling of New Shire Hall. The building was officially opened by the Chair, alongside, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, former Chair of the Council, Councillor Mac McGuire, and pupils from Alconbury C of E primary school and staff. This day was a momentous occasion enjoyed by all.

## Commonwealth Games 2022 Baton Relay in Cambridge

The Deputy Mayor of Cambridge invited Vice Chair, Cllr Kindersley to attend the Commonwealth Games 2022 Baton Relay in Cambridge on Saturday 9th July.

## Kings Dyke Opening

The Chair was privileged to be invited to the official opening of the King's Dyke bridge, connecting Peterborough and Whittlesey over the Peterborough – Ely railway line. The new bridge has been named 'the Ralph Butcher Causeway' in honour of the Fenland District Councillor who campaigned for it to be built in the 1970s.

## Heart and Lung Research Institute official opening

Vice Chair Councillor Kindersley attended the official opening of the Heart and Lung Research Institute building on the biomedical campus in Cambridge. Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester officially opened the building.