

## County Council – 16th May 2023

### Chair's Announcements

#### People

##### Executive Director for Children, Education and Families

Martin Purbrick joins the council from Bedford Borough Council where he is the Director of Children's Services. With more than 24 years' experience working within Children's Services and a strong track record of service improvement and innovation, Martin, who is a qualified social worker, has a career which spans roles in the London Boroughs of Sutton, Barnet, Hackney and Haringey as well as with Essex County Council.

In his most recent role in Bedford, he oversaw the council becoming only the fourth Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) sector-led improvement partner with the Department for Education, and Ofsted graded 'outstanding' children's homes as well as leading Children's Services at the council from 'Requires Improvement' to an overall 'Good' rating from Ofsted.

##### Executive Director for Adults, Health and Commissioning

Patrick Warren-Higgs joins the council from Essex County Council, where he is currently Director of Adult Social Care Essex Operations, and deputy to the Statutory Director of Adult Social Services.

Having led the Adult Social Care response to Covid-19 across the whole of Essex, Patrick has worked closely with health partners across the county, helping to significantly reduce the numbers of delayed transfers of vulnerable people from hospital – as well as having been instrumental in the Integrated Care Systems, forming with partners the five Alliances, across Essex; with a focus on locality working and supporting communities in an integrated way. His roles at Essex have also included acting Director of Commissioning, Director of Local Delivery and acting Head of Care.

Patrick, who is also a qualified management accountant, has previously worked in adult social care and community services roles in Doncaster Council.

Both Martin and Patrick are expected to join the council on 12 June 2023.

## Messages

### St Neots Mayor's Ball

Councillor Ferguson attended the St Neots Mayor Charity Ball which supports charities such as Disability Huntingdonshire, Love's Farm Community Money Advice and Young People's Counselling Service.

### Unity Campus Topping Out Ceremony, Pampisford

Councillor Ferguson attended the Topping Out Ceremony of the first of three new laboratory buildings at Unity Campus, Pampisford. Completion of all three buildings is scheduled for this summer and autumn.

### The Mayor of St Ives Civic Charity Ball

Councillor Ferguson attended the Mayor of St Ives 'Casino Royale' Civic Charity Ball to raise money for The Mayor of St Ives charities, which are MAGPAS Air Ambulance, The Mayor's Youth Support Fund, CALMtown St Ives, Memory Lane Singing Café, St Ives Rangers Disabilities Team, St Ives Rugby Club Youth Teams, Darby and Joan St Ives and St Ives Youth Theatre.

### Octavia Hill Birthplace House

Councillor Ferguson attended an afternoon tea to celebrate the refurbishment of Octavia Hill Birthplace House to help get it back on the map for tourism in Wisbech and the Fens.

### VIP Visit to Harry Specters

Councillor Ferguson was part of the Civic Dignitary Line up to welcome His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh visiting Harry Specters on 12th April. Harry Specter's mission is to empower autistic people with award winning chocolates.

### Flag Raising for St George's Day at New Shire Hall

Councillor Ferguson was honoured to raise the St George's Day flag at New Shire Hall.

### The sad passing of Colonel Derek Bristow OBE DL

Councillor Ferguson attended the funeral of Colonel Derek Bristow OBE DL at All Saint's Church in Huntingdon.

### Huntingdon Town Council Sunday Civic Service

Councillor Ferguson attended the Civic Service in Huntingdon which was particularly ceremonial as it coincided with Huntingdonshire Day and Oliver Cromwell's birthday.

## Service of Thanksgiving for the Coronation of His Majesty The King

Councillor Kindersley and Councillor Ferguson attended A Choral Evensong to mark the Coronation of His Majesty The King & Her Majesty the Queen Consort at Ely Cathedral.

## VIP visit to break ground on the new Whittle Laboratory in Cambridge

Councillor Ferguson was part of the Civic Dignitary Line up to welcome His Majesty The King Charles III who was visiting the University of Cambridge in his first public engagement following the Coronation. His Majesty was in Cambridge to break ground on the the new Whittle Laboratory.

## Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Making Ceremony, Ely

Councillor Kindersley attended the Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Making Ceremony in Ely.

## Support Global Road Safety Week

The Chief Executive and Councillor Ferguson lowered a flag at New Shire Hall on 11 May to support Global Road Safety Week, and Project EDWARD - Every Day Without a Road Death to show respect to all the people who have lost their lives on the roads of Cambridgeshire.