

County Council – 21st May 2024

Chair's Announcements

People

Jacqueline Anscomb-Moon

It is with deep regret that the Chair reports the recent death of Jacqueline Anscomb-Moon. Jackie was a Business Officer in Education. The Council's thoughts are with her family, friends and colleagues at this very sad time.

Gillian Poulton

It is with deep regret that the Chair reports the recent death of Gillian Poulton. Gillian was a Business Officer in Children and Safeguarding. The Council's thoughts are with her family, friends and colleagues at this very sad time.

David Way, High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire

David Way was inaugurated as the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire on 22 March 2024 for 2024.

Sarah Callaghan, Service Director: Education

Sarah Callaghan has been appointed as Cambridgeshire County Council's new Service Director: Education. She joins from a similar position in Islington and will start in Cambridgeshire on 5th August.

Val Thomas, Acting Director of Public Health

Val Thomas, Deputy Director of Public Health, was formally appointed as the Council's Acting Director of Public Health with effect from 1 May 2024, following a formal interview conducted by elected members, the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities Deputy Regional Director and Chief Executive.

Rachel Stopard, Chief Executive, Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)

Rachel Stopard, Chief Executive of the Greater Cambridge Partnership, has announced that she is stepping down from her role in May 2024. Rachel has decided to retire after more than 37 years of local government service. As the Chief Executive of the GCP, Rachel was employed to reinvigorate the partnership and to bring clarity, focus and leadership to the delivery of the up to £1bn City Deal programme, to deliver major transport, infrastructure, and connectivity improvements across Greater Cambridge. Rachel has overseen significant progress across the whole of the GCP programme and ensured a clear pipeline of projects is ready to be delivered between now and 2030.

Vice Chair of the Association of County Chief Executives

The County Council's Chief Executive, Dr Stephen Moir, has been elected the new Vice Chair of the Association of County Chief Executives (ACCE) for the next two years. Dr Moir was elected unanimously by his peers at the annual general meeting of the association in April 2024. The Association brings together the Chief Executives of 38 large English upper tier and unitary authorities. Members of the Association work to identify common challenges, commission research, share solutions and discuss key issues with Senior Civil Servants from across Government and with other key stakeholders. ACCE is supported by, and aligned with, the County Councils Network.

Messages

South Cambridgeshire District Council's 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Chair attended the South Cambridgeshire District Council 50th Anniversary celebrations at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park

Visitors from Heidelberg, Germany

The Chair attended Shelford Rugby Club with Deputy Lieutenant Mrs Jennifer Crompton to welcome guests from Heidelberg, Germany on their exchange trip to Cambridgeshire

St George's Day Flag Raising

The Chair raised the St George's Day Flag at New Shire Hall on the 23rd April, accompanied by Deputy Lieutenant Lord Grimthorpe and Chief Executive Dr Stephen Moir.

British Empire Medal (BEM) investitures at Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge

The Chair attended the BEM investitures at Great St Mary's Church in Cambridge where six Cambridgeshire residents were honoured. Five were awarded a British Empire Medal for their services to the community and one an honorary Member of the Order of the British Empire by the Lord-Lieutenant.

Visit of Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal to Illumina Cambridge

Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal visited Cambridgeshire on 25th April, the Chair was part of the civic line up to welcome her to Illumina Cambridge for DNA day, where they were championing STEM opportunities for the children of Cambridgeshire.

Mayor of Ely's Civic Service

The Chair attended the Mayor of Ely's Civic Service at Ely Cathedral on 28th April.

Huntingdon Mayor Making

The Chair attended the Huntingdon Mayor Making at the Town Hall, Huntingdon where Councillor Karl Brockett was elected as Mayor.

Preparing for Adulthood Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Festival

Alongside Councillor Bryony Goodliffe, the Chair opened the Preparing For Adulthood SEND Festival at Burgess Hall, St Ives. This event provides advice, support and fun activities for young people and their families who are beginning to think about their future and next steps.

St John Ante Portam Latinam Feast

The Chair attended the St John Ante Portam Latinam Feast at St John's College, Cambridge.

Mayor of Peterborough's Thanksgiving Service

The Chair attended the Mayor of Peterborough's Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints' Church, Peterborough.

Visit of Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Gloucester to Anglia Ruskin University

Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Gloucester visited Cambridge on 10th May, to attend a conference at Anglia Ruskin University, the Chair was part of the Civic line up for this visit.

Ely Mayor Making

The Chair attended the Ely Mayor making at The Maltings, Ely where Councillor Chris Phillips was re-elected as the Mayor of Ely.

Raising of the Progressive Pride Flag for International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia

The Chair raised the Progressive Pride Flag at New Shire Hall with Deputy Lieutenant Mr Daryl Brown MBE to mark International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia on 17th May.

Citizenship Ceremonies

The Chair attended Citizenship Ceremonies at New Shire Hall on 22nd and 29th April, and 13th May.

The Vice Chair attended Citizenship Ceremonies at New Shire Hall on 25th March, 8th, 15th & 22nd April.

Alongside a Deputy Lieutenant the Chair and Vice Chair presented over 300 Cambridgeshire residents with their British Citizenship.

Mayor of Huntingdon's Civic Service

The Vice-Chair attended the Mayor of Huntingdon's Civic Service at All Saints' Church in Huntingdon.

Daniel Snowdon, Deputy Democratic Services Manager

Daniel Snowdon, Deputy Democratic Services Manager, leaves the Council at the end of June to join Peterborough City Council as the Democratic and Constitutional Services Manager. Daniel has worked in Democratic Services for 10 years and was instrumental in bringing in the Council's streaming and voting system.