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July PC REPORT

Financial outturn 2022/23

I'm very pleased to share that the financial outturn for 2022/23 delivered a surplus of £476k to budget. This can be attributed to a number of positive factors, some of which were influenced by the Council, such as:
- service improvement plans delivering benefits,
- running effective procurement tenders to drive down the cost of purchasing goods and services, and
- being able to use our resources more efficiently and release office space to rent,
and some of which were entirely dependent on external factors, such as:

- the value of waste collected and resold, or
- the interest rates received on our bank holdings.

But it wasn't all plain sailing, our budgets had to cover the extra costs of inflation and we saw big increases in the cost of providing temporary accommodation for the homeless.

HDC and Cambridge City Council CCTV Shared Service is celebrating its achievement of maintaining two sector-specific service accreditations. These are:
• ISO 900-2015: an internationally recognised standard that focuses on the operational management and working of the control room, including finance, Human Resources and ensuring quality standards, and
• BS7958: Control Room Management and Operations – this is a high-level certification at British Standard compliance.

HDC Corporate Plan Videos

To raise awareness of our new Corporate Plan, we have put together a series of videos that explain how our staff are working with residents, partners, communities and businesses on a day-to-day basis to help us deliver our priorities.

You can view them on the council's YouTube channel or by clicking on the following links:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FpqCUUcGj34&t=1s&ab_channel=HuntingdonshireDC
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKSlX7g8tV4&ab_channel=HuntingdonshireDC
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpJLM5-n07g&ab_channel=HuntingdonshireDC
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_3MvYKN1wHQ&ab_channel=HuntingdonshireDC
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gj5-POYloSg&ab_channel=HuntingdonshireDC
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_zsYZsBi0A&ab_channel=HuntingdonshireDC

Green Bin Waste Subscription Service

The coalition loves a consultation, but one thing they're not consulting you on are their plans to introduce a Green Bin Subscription service (replacing the service you already pay for through Council Tax) and charging £57/year for the privilege. Nothing on the website, but is coming to Overview and Scrutiny on Thursday
Plans to introduce it from 1 April 2024 - no not an April Fool joke sadly!

Take the Pledge to Cut Food Waste

Are you interested in making changes to the amount of food waste you generate in your household? Whether you want to save food, save the environment, or save money, take the pledge to reduce your food waste today!

Reducing food waste is one of the easy habits which will not only reducing your carbon footprint but will also save you money too. HDC is seeking residents who want to make this positive change to sign the pledge and commit to reducing their food waste in 2023.
https://www.recap.co.uk/pledge-to-fight-food-waste

Making Connections Update

The Greater Cambridge Partnership held an Extraordinary Joint Assembly/Executive Board meeting and a separate Executive Board meeting to discuss a revised package of measures to upgrade public transport, improve air quality and cut congestion on the roads.
Following a lengthy debate, the Executive Board outlined the need for the region's transport network to be upgraded to support its growing needs and decided that - while no options should be taken off the table at this stage - the original Making Connections scheme should be modified.
The Board requested officers to develop a revised package of measures to transform the way people travel around Greater Cambridge, reflecting the public's feedback to the Making Connections consultation.
In the autumn a detailed proposal will be brought back to the GCP's Joint Assembly for scrutiny before the Executive Board decides whether and how to proceed with any scheme.
The updated proposal could include changes to the operating hours of a Sustainable Travel Zone and a more extensive package of exemptions – including possible free days for account holders or no charge for hospital patients and visitors.
Any potential scheme would be phased in over time with the GCP committing £50m of upfront investment in the region's transport infrastructure to improve public transport and active travel.
You can watch the meetings again at: www.youtube.com/greatercambridgepartnership
For more information about the GCP's projects visit: www.greatercambridge.org.uk.

2023 Parliamentary Boundary Review

The Boundary Commission for England has submitted the final report to the Speaker of the House of Commons and the report has been laid in Parliament. The recommendations are published on their website here.
The new constituency of St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire includes the four District wards covering St Neots and the two District wards of Great Paxton and Fenstanton, all currently located within the Huntingdon constituency.

The existing Huntingdon constituency has been amended to include the transfer of the remaining areas of the district ward of Alconbury, Great Staughton (including Ellington), Holywell-cum-Needingworth, remaining areas of Kimbolton, Sawtry, Somersham and Warboys from the existing North West Cambridgeshire constituency.
This leaves the three District wards of Ramsey, Stilton, Folksworth & Washingley and Yaxley remaining in the final North West Cambridgeshire constituency.