

## **Councillor's Report – South Cambridgeshire District Council**

Month: May 2010

### **1. Children's Centre**

Construction of the centre is ongoing and making progress. A new play area has been built at the back of the school buildings the construction of the centre is expected to be completed in sometime in early October 2010.

### **2. Recycling**

You will be getting a blue wheelie bin to replace the green bin scheme. With this scheme, you will be able to recycle hard plastics (pots & tubs), tetrapaks and aluminium foil in addition to the current materials. The bins will start to be delivered during September and all households should have received their bins by the start of the new scheme on Monday 11 October 2010. We have one of the top rates in the county for recycling and have to meet government targets for doing so. However this all comes at a cost of over £1.5 million.

### **3. Revenue Shortfall**

South Cambs DC are now facing a £1.6 million shortfall which has necessitated huge economies which have hit staffing as well as services. In all, SCDC have lost 30 positions including half of the New Communities team and 8.5 positions from planning. Planning has been hit because of the effect of the recession on planning applications.

### **4. Community Pride & Village Hero Awards**

South Cambridgeshire District Council would like to celebrate the excellent work that parish councils do to make the district a place in which residents can feel proud to live. A parish council can nominate itself for the Community Pride award.

Similarly, the District Council would like to pay tribute to residents who have made a significant contribution to their local community. Parish Councils will be requested to nominate up to one person each.

The deadline for nominations will be 31 July 2010, with judging taking place in August and the ceremony taking place on 1 October at Scotsdale Garden Centre, Great Shelford. Nomination papers will be sent to parish councils sometime next week, and more information made available on the South Cambridgeshire District Council website.

### **5. Elections for District Councillor**

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who voted in the recently concluded elections, and in particular those who invested their trust in me by making the decision to vote for me. It was a very high turnout, about 75% of the electorate in the Ward.

I have set up a website/blog and social media channels for the purpose of engaging with and keeping everyone informed of my activities in relation to the Ward. This of course does not preclude the use of traditional telephony/snailmail methods.

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