

## **District Councillor report Upper Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting 18th May 2023**

### **District Council Election 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The overall result for the District Council Election as follows:

Conservatives – 12 seats

Liberal Democrats – 25 seats

Independent – 1 seat

Green – 3 seats

### **Stratford-on-Avon District Council receives funding boost to support rural businesses**

Rural businesses in Stratford-on-Avon are set to benefit from an increased share of a fund following a successful bid for funds by Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

The District Council submitted an addendum to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to get an allocation of the Rural England Prosperity Fund which supports businesses and creates jobs in rural areas.

It has now been confirmed by The Government that the District is to receive £1,015,179 of capital funding for the next two years.

### **Mental wellbeing grant funds**

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is looking at how some of the recipients of its annual funding to the voluntary and community sector have been using grants to bring about the changes in their local communities that the Council seeks to bring. At the start of last April, with the mental health of young people still a potential major problem following the isolation of the lockdowns, Stratford-on-Avon District Council awarded grants to two local organisations to support the mental wellbeing of young people in the District. Stratford District Council is committed to putting our residents centre stage, whatever their age and regardless of the issues and challenges that they face. Creating resilience in young people is very important and we know that the impact of lockdown will continue to be felt for some time to come by many, particularly some of the most vulnerable.

### **Heads of Service**

David Platts, Head of Housing and Customer Services and Phil Grafton Head of Law and Governance will be leaving SDC.

Marcia Eccleston will replace Phil Grafton as Head of Law and Governance

Annette Homer will replace David Platts as Head of Housing and Customer Services.

### **Warning issued**

Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Licensing team has been made aware of a handmade spiking device that has been placed on the taxi ranks in Stratford-upon-Avon.

The device has caused damage to tyres on Licensed Hackney Carriage vehicles and is a severe danger to the safety of pedestrians as well as vehicles.

Warwickshire Police are aware and are asking if any device is seen or found to report it by dialling 101.

If anyone is seen placing items like this on the ground attempting to cause damage to other vehicles, then please call 999.

### **Council Plan for the future**

Stratford District Council are ambitious for the future of the District as an excellent place to live, work, learn, visit and invest.

The plan sets out the vision for Stratford-on-Avon District as a place in 2030 and for local government in 2030.

The core of the plan is a set of ambitions and actions for the Council over the next four years under five key objectives:

Working on regional, national and international stages. Responding to the climate emergency. Enhancing the quality of the District of Stratford-on-Avon. Nurturing a thriving, innovative and inclusive economy. Putting residents and communities centre stage.

Chris Mills  
District Councillor