

News from your District Councillor, Anne Parry

Green Bin Subscriptions

The green waste subscription has been launched by Stratford District Council (SDC) for 2024/25, effective from April 2024, at a charge of £46 per green bin. Green waste is then collected fortnightly together with the dry recyclable bin collection. To renew your subscription or initiate a new one, please go online to www.stratford.gov.uk or call 01789 260628.

Wellesbourne Flood Action Group

On my recommendation, Moreton Morrell PC has once again awarded a £500 grant to the Wellesbourne Flood Action Group for the Bog Field project near Moreton Morrell Farm; this follows the grant of £1000 awarded last year which has significantly helped to ease the flooding issues in Wellesbourne.

Upper Lighthorne Community Hub and Healthcare Facility

SDC's Cabinet has given the go ahead in principle for the undertaking of a joint project with the NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Warwickshire Police for the development of a Community Hub and Healthcare Facility at Upper Lighthorne. In terms of timescales, it is unlikely that these new facilities will be up and running until 2027 at the earliest, unless the ICB will reconsider a temporary facility for GP services to be operational before this date.

The developers are funding the construction of the building through a Section 106 agreement, but the ICB will have a significant role in the appointment of GP's and the funding that will be required to deliver the GP services.

Alternative Fuel (HVO) for Refuse Vehicles

SDC's Cabinet has committed to spend an extra £1million over the next five years on using HVO fuel instead of diesel for the refuse vehicles. as part of becoming a net zero carbon council.

Council Tax

Budget proposals to be agreed at Full Council in February are likely to see an increase in SDC's element of the Council Tax by £5. In order to meet the increased cost of services and additional expenditure SDC will need to use its General Reserve Fund over the next five years which will see this reduce from £10,758 million to £3.079 million.

Forecast increases by Warwickshire County Council are expected to be 4.99% with increases proposed by Warwickshire Police.

On a positive note, Stratford on Avon District Council is in a financially stable position, unlike many other district and borough councils in England.

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