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Report for Parish Councils – July 2021.

South Cambs District Council

I mentioned last month that South Cambridgeshire Growth fund is opening for applications on 1st July 2021. It is for micro and small businesses operating in/from South Cambridgeshire. Priority applicants will include those who have not previously received government backed (covid related) funding. A one-off grant of between £1,000 to a maximum of £50,000 will be awarded to eligible applicants.

The Growth Fund scheme is designed to support businesses' growth and expansion plans in the district. Eligible applicants for the scheme must be South Cambridgeshire based start-ups who are looking to scale and grow quickly, or they can be established South Cambridgeshire based companies who can clearly demonstrate ambitious growth plans in the District. Businesses in any sectors can apply, including, sole traders and partnerships. One-off grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 may be awarded to successful applicants.

The scheme will end when all funds have been allocated.

South Cambridgeshire Planning Delegations

I said I would update on this periodically. The delegation meetings can be found here:
<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/planning-applications/step-by-step-guide-to-permissions/delegated-planning-decisions/#A2>

In June there were 3 meetings and the result was:

June 15th 1 referred, 1 delegated

June 8th : 1 referred no delegated

Jun1st: 3 delegated 1 referred

Q4 Performance report

This report looks at the council performance. Problems in the Contact Centre (due to staff moved to Business Grant unit) are now being addressed.

<https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s122475/Appendix%20A%20-%20KPI%20Performance%20Cab.pdf>

Business Plan Update

The update on the business plan is here:

<https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s122476/Appendix%20B%20-%20Q4%20Business%20Plan%20Actions%20Update%20Cab.pdf>

Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document

As new SPD outlining in detail the policies surrounding biodiversity has been published

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<https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s122524/Biodiversity%20Supplementary%20Planning%20Document%20-%20AMENDED%20DRAFT.pdf>

Cambridgeshire County Report

Vaccination

You can see the daily data here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>

Apprenticeship Funding

Cambridgeshire County Council has agreed to transfer £273,000 of its apprenticeship levy fund to K-10, an organisation set up to support apprenticeships in the construction industry.

K-10 will work with award winning house builder Hill to find placements for the 21 apprentices in the county, allowing them to gain skills and qualifications in plumbing, electrical, carpentry, groundworks, dry-lining, bricklaying and painting.

As a levy paying employer, the council is able to transfer 25% of unused, annual levy funds to other employers that wish to utilise apprenticeships to train their staff. As the transfer of funds would support employment for Cambridgeshire residents on major construction projects with Hill, the funding transfer was approved.

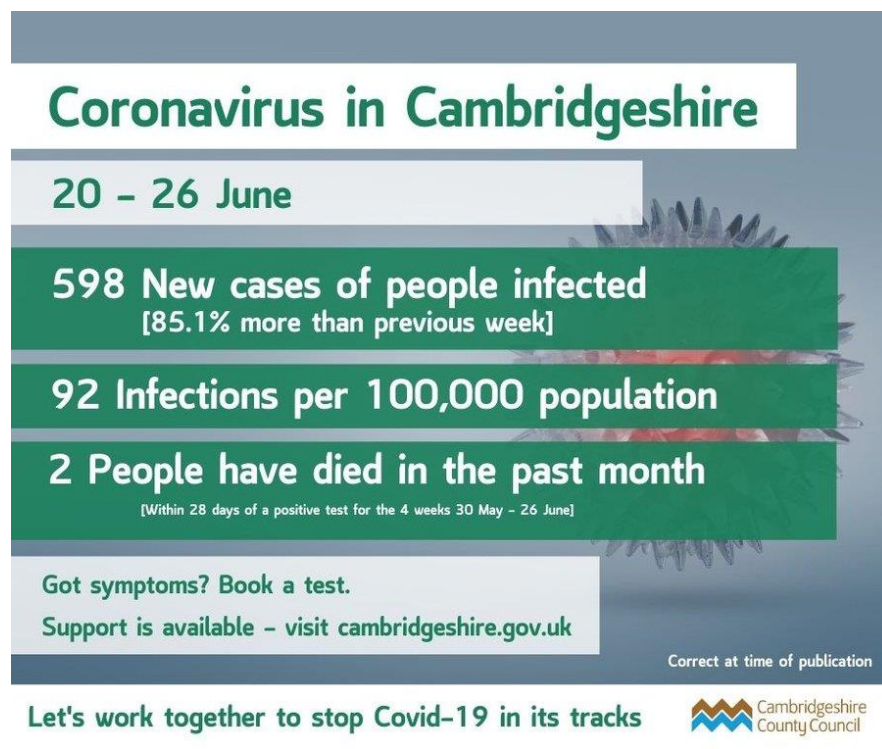
All of the apprenticeship positions are full time with the first year pay rate being £8.36 per hour. Apprentices will all be studying at colleges or training providers within the county for the duration of their apprenticeships.

K10 is recruiting now, so if you know of anyone aged 18 or above who may be interested in one of these fantastic opportunities, please encourage them to apply at www.k-10.co.uk/vacancies or send their CV directly to K10 at mahbub-uddin@k-10.co.uk.

Covid

Some worrying trends being addressed by the expanded testing and vaccination drop in centres.

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Covid Rapid Testing vans

For more information, including the opening dates/times of new rapid-testing facilities, plus any changes to site locations, visit our rapid testing webpage.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-community-testing>

Learning Disability Partnership

The Cambridgeshire Learning Disability Partnership (LDP) brings together specialist health and social care services for people with a learning disability. The LDP is responsible for commissioning and providing these services on behalf of Cambridgeshire Primary Care Trust and Cambridgeshire County Council. Some staff are employed by the County Council and some by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mental Health Trust, but they are all part of the LDP.

The roles we currently have available are:

- Nurses
- Lead Nurse for Adults with Learning Disabilities
- Senior Community Nurse
- Psychologists
- Principal Clinical/Counselling Psychologist
- Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist- Huntingdon
- Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist- March
- Occupational Therapists
- Specialist Occupational Therapist

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- Physiotherapists
- Physiotherapist
- Lead Physiotherapist

Please click here to go to our vacancy home page for further information and to apply.

<https://www.cpft.nhs.uk/latest-vacancies>

Consultation: Cambridgeshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure

This is an important opportunity to contribute views – please note closing July 13th.

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/ccc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021>

Foxton Travel Hub

We met officers on June 15th. Still a lot of work to do to balance the City and local benefit.

Whittlesford Travel Hub/A 505

The GCP held a call on the work being done on the station/travel hub and the A505 study. I will circulate these slides.

East West Rail

Consultation finished June 9th. The County Council response is here. [Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)

Thakeham

Thakeham has to date not lodged a submission to the South Cambs Call for Sites. We have asked Anthony Browne to write to the NFU and CLA to advise landowners that there is No Government support for Thakeham and therefore not to make land option agreements. We will update once we hear back from Anthony.

Updates as usual here: www.swcag.org.uk

Peter McDonald

July 6th 2021