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### **County Councillor Report- October**

Dear all,

Now that the autumn is quickly approaching and the days are shorter it is very important to continue exercising and making sure you have a support group around you.

#### **Future Parks project – Cambridgeshire & Peterborough**

National strategic initiative to secure and enhance green spaces. There are 8 projects nationally and one is here. The main aim is to develop new solutions to manage parks in the long-term. The County Council is the lead authority responsible for this but is in partnership with all the other local authorities and Natural Cambridgeshire. It will run until 2022 and we will see an investment of £700,000+.

It is very interesting as it is looking at the growth agenda, social inequality and other factors that could impact on people regarding open spaces. But also they are mapping all green spaces and making sure data is accurate which before has not been done. This has helped to identify gaps, baseline for standards and recommendations.

This is a really exciting project and one of the key things I have asked them is to involve young people. We must involve future generations on current projects that will be their legacy.

#### **Comberton Village College**

This past month I attended an online meeting with Anthony Browne MP and CVC students with a focus on Environment. It was great to see the high quality discussion and questions raised. As a result of this meeting I have put them in touch with our research group. Cambridgeshire County Council is currently working with young researchers from Cambridge University Science and Policy Exchange (CUSPE). The researchers have been planning some focus groups with young people on talking climate change.

#### **Investing in our Libraries**

As part of the business plan we have agreed £1,172k for the installation of Open Access technology across 31 library sites in the County, initially the 9 hubs and then extended to 22 other libraries

The technology allows for additional access to the libraries during unstaffed hours. The bids operate on the basis that they will provide greater access to the library estate where currently 60% is unused during a typical 9-5 working week.

The project will allow the Council to maximise use of the library asset and embrace the Think Communities strategy. Local people will have far greater access to their library and the resources it offers, while Council employees will be able to make more use of libraries to meet residents, partners or simply drop in and work, helping embrace agile working.

As always, here to serve you and help in any way I can.

Yours,

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