

Audit

The external audit for 2021/22 year-end has been received.

ChALC – Town and Parish Connection meetings

I have attended and circulated during October, the CWaC consultation "Property Asset Strategy". This was promoted via our website, Twitter and notice boards. Formal and non-formal responses were encouraged; from groups and individuals. The consultation ended on 31st October 2022 and will inform the CWaC Asset Strategy. The Council were looking for expressions of interest from any formally incorporated groups, not just Town and Parish Councils, who wish to express their interest in taking over the management of a CWaC owned building, providing this would be of benefit to the local community. Interested parties have to demonstrate the benefit and have engaged with CWaC Ward Councillors.

NTC Development Plan

The draft Plan was tabled at the Finance and Admin committee on 1st November 2022. I met with the staff on 12th October, to assess how they felt about the draft Development Plan, and for them to provide their initial feedback. Largely, this seems daunting and it's difficult, given the current resources and budgets, to see how this can be delivered within the deadlines. A staff review is imminent, and hopefully will help the Council to put in motion plans in order to realise its goals.

Community Safety Charter

Our pledge has now been acknowledged. The details of the pledge and information poster is displayed in our notice boards and our website. The pledge poster and the first training material 'Harassment' has also been sent for distribution to AMA.

Climate Emergency Network

On 27th October I attended the meeting of the NALC National Network: Climate Emergency.

You are encouraged to check out the NALC website and information on climate change using the following link: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/climate-change> and to join the NALC national network: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/nalc-national-networks#climate-emergency> When you join you will be given the option to join their What's App group. The group is not a confidential group and anyone can join.

May 2023 Elections and the Elections Act 2022

The Elections briefing facilitated by ChALC on Monday 31st October from 6pm to 7pm was cancelled and is due to take place after the Chester Bi-Election.

Stand-up to Harassment – Suzy Lamplugh

I have booked onto the session for 30.11.22. All staff and councillors are encouraged to attend at one of the sessions. The joining information has been circulated.

Local Council Awards Scheme

I have prepared an application to apply for the 'foundation level' which will be tabled for approval by Council at its next meeting. The deadline for submission is 6th January 2023.

SLCC Big 50 conversations

I have registered to join the webinar on 24.11.2022.

Council and Local information

The Clerk magazine, NALC, ChALC information and About My Area newsletter: I read quarterly magazine, the weekly newsletters and regular bulletins that are published.

Welfare Meeting

I have conducted a scheduled welfare meeting with a member of staff.

General information and updates

Committee agendas and supporting papers: Details have been overviewed and discussed with our Governance & Operations Manager (G&OM) and also with our Senior Markets & Supports Officer. Agendas have been signed and distributed. Our SM&SC has kept our website and Twitter account updated with the latest meeting information.

I cover and respond to the council@ emails and telephone calls when our SM&SC is absent and our G&OM covers these when both myself and the SM&SC are absent.

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