

County report October 2020

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Cambridgeshire Local Councils Conference 2020

The conference is aimed at local council Clerks and Parish Councillors. The event will be held on Friday 23rd October. Due to Coronavirus the event will be held virtually. The conference offers the opportunity for local councils to talk to other councils. The event has proved to help and offer ideas for running your council. The main talkers will be Gillian Beasley (CEO Cambridgeshire and Peterborough) Adrian Chapman (Service director of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough) There will topics on the following. Technology for the future, Future Emergency Planning, Strengthening your local Councils to its residents, Enabling & Supporting Volunteering, Improving Collaborative Working Between Clerks and Councillors, Managing and Maintaining Community Assets. You can find all details on the day including a link to book your places at <https://cambsparishes.wordpress.com/local-councils-conference-2020>.

E Scooter & E Bikes.

Back in May the Government announced Active Travel Fund £250 million, to deliver pop up cycle lanes and wider pavements to allow for social distancing. With safer junctions, cycle and bus corridors only. The trial project being launched on 15th October 2020. The phased approach for trials will be concentrated in Cambridge City.

Carbon Footprint.

The Cambridgeshire County Council is highly commended for the top Climate Emergency Award. The Cambridgeshire County Council Climate Change & Environment Strategy – underpinned by evidence from PHD students at Cambridge University was highly commended at the leadership in responding to the Climate Emergency Category.

The County Council is committed to reducing the Carbon Footprint to net Zero in Cambridgeshire by 2050. Back in May 2019 it was agreed by the County Council across all parties to make a declaration of Climate Emergency. Through its collaboration policy research exchange programme with Cambridge University. Two Carbon Footprints were developed one for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, which included all Greenhouse gas emissions that occur in the county (excluding peatland). Broken down across key sectors such as Transport, Domestic Buildings, and Commercial services. The Second for Cambridgeshire County Council.

The council used this evidence with cross party support to develop its draft Climate Change & Environment Strategy.

The Cambridgeshire County Council also named East of England council of the year in 2019 Energy Efficiency Award. For action taken of plastic reduction strategy. To eliminate single use plastics to protect the biodiversity of our oceans and marine life.

Please stay safe. Remember Wear a Mask, Clean Hands, Distance.