

District Councillor Report for Annual Town Meeting
Cllr. Lorraine Hillier

Single Unitary Bid

Last month the Better Oxford Unitary bid was officially submitted to government. South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of the White Horse and Oxfordshire County Council have requested to form a new single Council which is hoped will bring significant savings whilst maintaining services. A final decision on the proposal from government is expected later this year. If this is granted a new Council for Oxfordshire will be formed in 2019.

South Oxfordshire Local Plan

Communities are urged to 'get involved' as the district looks at housing needs and job growth. The latest draft of the local plan came out for consultation on the 29th March. The consultation period will run for seven weeks. There will be a drop in session at the Christchurch Centre in Henley on the 22nd April between 10am and 4pm.

Revenue Grants

Henley was successful in receiving revenue grants amounting to £245,000.

Nomad Youth and Community - £80,000
Riverside Counselling - £65,000
Chiltern Centre for Disabled - £100,000

Henley Leisure Centre

The Henley Leisure Centre has been given £150,000 for refurbishment of the swimming pool changing rooms. Essential maintenance works will require the swimming pool to be closed 8.30am-4pm 15th - 18th August and completely between 22nd and 26th August.

Market Place Mews

A long awaited and exciting new development, with a mix of housing and retail will commence shortly. We are committed to ensuring that these works will not cause too much disruption for our traders and residents.