

Lighthorne Parish Council

District Councillors report

13th July 2021

Sratford District Council Environmental Health

The food safety team carried out several unannounced evening visits to takeaways in the District. Unfortunately, due to the lack of food safety inspections, the standards in most premises had fallen, and significant food hygiene and health and safety issues were identified. Generally, however, food hygiene standards have fallen across the district. Two of our highest approved food premises have been inspected and the food team are pleased to report that food standards here were being maintained. Both companies had employed a third-party consultant to assist them in complying with their food safety responsibilities.

Contaminated Land

The Environmental Protection Team were contacted by West Midlands Counter Terrorism Police team to assist regarding an amphetamine production unit which had been uncovered at a residential property in our district. The case was being investigated by the National Crime Agency and it was evident that the chemical waste from the process had been emptied into the sewage system, which at this property led to an old underground septic tank

Stratford District Council works with partners to install air quality monitors at local school

Stratford District Council is installing air quality monitors at a primary school as part of a national campaign to reduce pollution and help the environment.

There was a Clean Air Day on 17th June which is a national campaign focussing this year on improving air quality for children. The campaign aims to improve understanding and awareness of air pollution and easy actions to tackle it.

Children are recognised as most vulnerable to the harmful effects of air pollution because their lungs are still growing and those with respiratory conditions are more at risk of asthma attacks.

This has included installing 26 electric vehicle charging points in public car parks, requiring air quality and climate change impact assessments and mitigation with major planning applications, and working with partners on initiatives to improve central heating for off gas properties.

Work continues on the pioneering ‘*Housing Plus*’ centre in Stratford

The refurbished Fred Winter Centre, a state-of-the-art *Housing Plus Centre*, is scheduled to open in September this year.

The Fred Winter Centre is a ‘*Housing Plus*’ community hub supporting local people in Stratford-on-Avon District, with a focus on providing housing plus a range of services which address homelessness and hardship.

The Fred Winter Centre and its services will be available to tenants, people visiting or referred to the centre, and people at risk of homelessness or face hardship within the local community.

The Hub will also provide high quality and affordable accommodation to those who are currently living in temporary placements provided by Stratford District Council. Those who will be offered a property will have access to onsite support to help overcome challenges and barriers in hope of breaking the cycle of repeat homelessness.

The project is being led by Spring Housing Association, who have a track record of tackling homelessness across the Midlands and has been backed financially by Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Warwickshire County Council, Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council, and Stratford Town Trust

Stratford-on-Avon District Council consults on Local Enforcement Plan

Stratford-on-Avon District Council launched a consultation on its draft Local Enforcement Plan (LEP).

The District Council has reviewed its Local Enforcement Plan (LEP) which describes the work priorities for the Planning Enforcement Team.

Unlike many other regulatory services which the District Council provides, the Planning Enforcement service is discretionary, which means that there is no obligation on councils to provide this service.

- *Please be advised that this consultation has been extended.*

UPDATE: Consultation on Local Enforcement Plan extended until 12noon on Monday 19 July

- <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/news/press.cfm/current/2/item/137551>

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