

District Councillor Report Lighthorne Parish Council 10th January 2023

Investment Plan

Following the submission of Stratford District Council's Investment Plan to the Department for Levelling Up, we have had confirmation that, based on our vision and initiative, the Council will be awarded £456k for 2022/23, and indicative allocations of almost £900k for 2023/24 and £2.3 million for 2024/25.

South Warwickshire Local Plan: Issues & Options public consultation

Further to the decision by the Joint Committee to approve the South Warwickshire Local Plan Issues & Options document for public consultation, the public consultation on the issues and options commenced Monday **9th January**. We have extended the public consultation period as recommended by the Joint Committee from six to eight weeks. The consultation will now **close on 6th March 2023**.

For more information go to www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp.

Voting Identification

New identification rules for 2023's local elections

The government intends the new identification rules to be in place for next year's local elections. For voters in Scotland and Wales, and in local areas that aren't holding elections in 2023, these new rules will come into effect for the first time in what is likely to be a general election year.

Accepted forms of photographic identification for voting in the UK

The following documents will be accepted as long as poll workers think the photo is a good enough likeness.

- A passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- A driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state
- Biometric Immigration documents
- An identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- A Blue Badge
- A national identity card issued by an EEA state

- An Older Person's Bus Pass
- A disabled person's Bus Pass
- An Oyster 60+ card
- A Freedom Pass
- A Scottish National Entitlement card issued in Scotland
- A 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel card issued in Wales
- A Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card issued in Wales
- A Senior Smart Pass issued in Northern Ireland
- A Registered Blind Smart Pass or Blind Person's Smart Pass issued in Northern Ireland
- A War Disablement SmartPass or War Disabled SmartPass issued In Northern Ireland
- A 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A Half Fare Smart Pass issued in Northern Ireland
- An Electoral Identity Card issued In Northern Ireland
- A Voter Authority Certificate or a temporary Voter Authority Certificate

Expired documents, such as passports, will also be accepted.

Acceptable forms of ID are predominantly held by older people

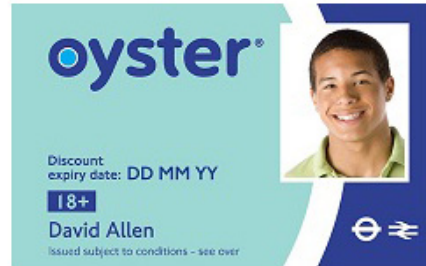
The list, contained in recently tabled secondary legislation, includes passports and driving licences and a range of travel cards – predominantly those held by older people. This has prompted [concern that younger people without ID will find it comparatively harder to vote.](#)

Counts as ID



Oyster 60+

**Does not
count as ID**



Oyster 18+

Chris Mills
District Councillor