

# A Few Notes from your District Councillor

## March 2022

### SPORTS CENTRES UNDER JOINT MANAGEMENT BETWEEN SIGMA AND TDC

Manningtree and Brightlingsea have within their respective schools, sports centres for the use of residents. Contracts with Sigma and TDC to run the centres came to an end last year, although TDC agreed at the time to extend its contracts for a further period which has now ended.

### PLANNING

The planning application numbers 21/00977/DETAIL and 21/00978/FUL for the Taylor Wimpey development site along Weeley Road and behind Pine Close, which were refused and deferred by the Planning Committee, will be going back to the Planning Committee soon with the expected date being the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

### TDC FUNDING TOWARDS THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

An important point that has been made by the recent TDC Cabinet's agreed Key priorities, is that for our village and town Councillors will each be given £1,000 to support celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

*As I have three villages, I will need to divide a sum of money accordingly.*

### TDC PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Key priority areas of action for Tendring District Council (TDC) have been agreed by the authority's Cabinet.

At its meeting on Friday, 25 February the Cabinet adopted the priorities, which included redevelopment of the Starlings site in Dovercourt and the completion of the covered market and workspace in Jaywick Sands.

A new Corporate Investment Fund was put forward when the Budget was agreed by full council, and now adopted to prioritise funding for key projects.

A new board would be set up to consider projects against the money available and will also take on work already underway from the previous Back to Business programme.

The new priorities and fund would help to keep the authority focused for the year ahead.

Initial projects to be considered under the Corporate Investment Fund will be brought forward by Cabinet members for each of their areas, drawing on existing strategies and proposals. Some schemes are already underway.

*(More information is available on TDC's website under both the Full Council and Cabinet meetings Agendas and Reports)*

### COUNCIL SHOWS ITS SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Clacton Town Hall is lit up in blue and yellow in a show of support for Ukraine after it was invaded by Russia.

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### PARTNERS SET OUT VISION TO IMPROVE ESSEX RESIDENTS' HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Residents are being encouraged to have their say on the new health and wellbeing priorities for Essex.

A new draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) for 2022-2026 to set out the key priorities that will enable residents of all ages to live healthier lives has been drawn up for Essex. It is based on insight and evidence identified through the county's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

The Health and Wellbeing board has launched a consultation and is asking for residents' views on the priorities before Friday 25th March.

***(Unfortunately, I did not have all the detail until last week and too late for the Parish Magazine – Could the Clerk please add it to the PC's web site)***

The overall ambition is to reduce the gap in life expectancy, increase years of a healthy life and reduce the differences in health outcomes across the county's population.

To reach these long-term ambitions, the new strategy identifies five key overarching priority areas for the JHWS. These are:

- Improving mental health and wellbeing
- Physical activity and healthy weight
- Supporting long term independence
- Alcohol and substance misuse
- Health inequalities and the wider determinants of health

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