**Consultation on New Measures to Tackle Irresponsible Dog Owners in Tendring**

A consultation is being held on a planned new measure to tackle irresponsible dog owners in Tendring.

A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is being proposed by Tendring District Council (TDC) to target dog fouling and nuisance dogs off leads.

If the proposal goes ahead, the PSPO would allow authorised council officers to request a dog is put on a lead; and issue fines to owners who do not comply.

It will also allow officers to issue increased on the spot fines – of £100 – to those who do not pick up their pet’s mess.

Dog fouling is covered by other legislation, but this PSPO allows TDC to broaden the areas covered, and also strengthening existing by-laws about dogs on leads.

Residents asked for a tougher stance, and it is hoped by taking this action it will meet all concerns.

The 12-week consultation is now live, and people can take part by visiting [www.tendringdc.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/consultation). Paper copies of the consultation form are also available in Clacton Town Hall for people to complete.

**Almost 1000 Residents ‘Try Before They Apply at Tendring Jobs and Skills Fair**

Residents looking for their next career or training opportunities tried out different skills at the Tendring Jobs and Skills Fair.

Almost 1,000 people attended the event at the Princes Theatre in Clacton on Thursday (28 September) and had the opportunity to ‘try before they apply’ a range of jobs, such as bricklaying, and wind farm and car maintenance.

The event was organised by Tendring District Council (TDC) in partnership with the Department for Work and Pensions (Job Centre Plus) as part of the Tendring4Growth Business Fortnight.

Fifty-three exhibitors attended offering careers or skills training, providing fun, interactive activities showcasing the various skills people may need for jobs in that industry – allowing attendees to see what they may enjoy or have a flair for.

Popular activities included a timed tyre change ‘pit stop challenge’, virtual reality simulation of working at an offshore windfarm, and bricklaying.

**New Towns Fund for Clacton**

Clacton been announced as the beneficiary of one of the towns named as part of the new Towns’ Fund. It is an endowment of £20 m to be spent over 10 years. It will be led by TDC and will require a Towns’ Board to be established. There are no further details at present.

**New Constituency Update**

The Parishes of Great Bentley, Little Bentley and Frating, with Great and Little Oakley were officially moved from the Harwich and North Essex Constituency (HNECA) and joined with the Clacton Constituency as from the 20th September.

This means that Sir Bernard Jenkin is no longer our Member of Parliament and that in future our Member of Parliament is Giles Watling MP.

**TDC Corporate Plan – 2024 (Just a reminder)**

The newly elected Administration for TDC is now preparing the Vision for Tendring District Council (TDC), due to the required process of updating its Corporate Plan which is due to expire at the end of 2024. It sets out the council’s key document of its high-level priorities for the organisation over the next four-year period.

A draft of the new Corporate Plan, being called Our Vision, has been agreed by the new TDC’s Cabinet to go out for consultation.

The draft of the Vision picks up five themes, all encompassed with an approach of Community Leadership. The themes are:

• Pride in our area and services to residents

• Raising aspirations and creating opportunities

• Championing our local environment

• Working with partners to improve quality of life

• Financial sustainability and openness

The Vision will be reviewed following the consultation, with a target adoption date by full council in November of this year – with the plan coming into effect from 1 January 2024.

**The Pride of Tendring Awards - (Just Another Reminder)**

The nomination period is open until 5 pm on Monday 30th October 2023 and your nomination can be submitted via the following link:-

[Pride of Tendring Awards 2024 - Nomination Form](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=UjyhhT5pOUy9-oXDqQR9FZcerWSZAMxNuvGRwRxbUapUMU9OTk9BM1BHQUdUQlgwUVI2WlRFNVYzVy4u)

Many thanks

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