

# Stroud District Councillor Report – July 2024

## **District Councillor activity report**

- Engaging with Severn Trent on water link on Station Road, South Woodchester.
- Sharing the LifeCycle free bicycle rack scheme, which Pilates Works/Frogmarsh Mill application approved as a result.
- Shared Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust contact to support Woodchester Open Gardens.
- Various case work related activities to support local residents.
- Induction programme for SDC district councillors is well underway, with various sessions scheduled between May and November. I am attending as many as possible to build my knowledge and understanding, with recent sessions include governance and planning.

## **Council meetings**

Link to meeting agenda and documents in the committee title.

### **Development Control Committee - 11th June**

- Meeting cancelled.

### **Licensing Sub-Committee - 17th June**

- A new premises licence application for sale of alcohol at The Rest, Court Farm, Kings Stanley, Gloucestershire, GL10 3PN

### **Environment Committee - 20th June**

- With so many new councillors this meeting was mainly about allocating members to outside bodies and receiving some officer/member reports. Along with routine performance monitoring and work programme review.
- Video recording

### **Housing Committee - 25th June**

- Updated Housing and Tenancy Fraud Policy.
- A detailed review of budgets for the Housing Revenue Account. SDC has checked funding these monies will cascade down into many local retrofit projects for council homes.
- Noted that the Council carefully reviews council housing complaints.
- Approval of a change to the Temporary Accommodation Strategy to grow provision within the district, which will help support people as they move into longer term accommodation and avoid homeless people being sent to B&Bs further away.
- Video recording

### **Community Services & Licensing Committee - 27th June**

- Licences that permit small businesses to have tables and chairs outside their property were reviewed following measures brought in during Covid. They are now able to obtain two year licences for £240pa.
- Maximum fares for licensed taxis and other requirements, such as vehicle age and emissions were reviewed. Public notices will be published.

- Funding was allocated for play areas around Stratford Park. The committee also recommended a 5 year capital investment program for Stratford Park Leisure Centre and Lido of £2.7m.
- **Video recording**

### **Other news**

- People of all abilities and mobilities are invited to take part in The Lock Challenge, a fully accessible day to encourage people to enjoy canals in the Stroud district.  
<https://thelockchallenge.co.uk/>
- Stroud District Council is looking for two tenant representatives for council tenants.  
<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/news/become-a-tenant-rep-and-help-shape-the-councils-housing-service/>
- Public Notice - Audit of Accounts 2023/24. <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/about-the-council/public-notices/public-notice-audit-of-accounts-202324/>