

District Councillor's Monthly Report
Mike Rice, Liberal Democrat District Councillor
29th June 2023

Contacting your Councillor

I shall be holding a 'Meet your councillor' event on Saturday, 1st July 2023 at the Memorial Hall, Henley, between 10.00am and 12 midday. This will be the first of a series of regular events to be held on the first Saturday of each month at the same time and place.

Should you be unable to attend or you to contact me for any reason on Council-related business, please email me at Mike.rice@stratford-dc.gov.uk.

For more informal matters, please use: Mike.rice4henley@outlook.com.

Community Infrastructure Projects

Project submissions to the District Council for funding under the Shared Prosperity Fund/Rural Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund must be received before the closing date of Friday, 14th July 2023.

This is the second year of the three-year Shared Prosperity Fund and the first year of two for the Rural Shared Prosperity Fund. The link to the online application form is [Shared Prosperity Fund Application 2023-2024 Page 1/9 \(snapsurveys.com\)](https://snapsurveys.com/Shared Prosperity Fund Application 2023-2024 Page 1/9)

Year two's themes for the Shared Prosperity Fund include projects for Community and Places as well as the other major theme of Support for Local Business. Additionally, this year sees the launch of the first year of a two-year programme Rural England Prosperity Fund, with capital grants for small scale intervention in micro- and small- enterprises in rural areas, investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities and capital grant funding for rural circular economy projects.

Submitted SPF projects will be assessed and recommendations presented to the Local Prosperity Advisory Group later in the summer. It is intended that SPF funds will be allocated and contracts issued during September 2023.

The details of the funding opportunity and accompanying documentation can be found on our website at [UK Shared Prosperity Fund \(UKSPF\) | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#) and also [Rural England Prosperity Fund - Call for projects | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

CIL Project submissions are invited for consideration for inclusion in the 2022/23 version of the [Infrastructure Funding Statement \(IFS\)](#) and possible CIL funding. The application form is available at <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/sdcccil>. CIL is intended to fund infrastructure that will support new development within the area.

This year £1.3 million is available for projects. The income is generated from a levy on new development. Applications are expected from statutory infrastructure providers and not-for-profit organisations such as state schools, community groups and registered charities for

projects that demonstrate a wider community benefit. Projects must relate to infrastructure and meet six other mandatory criteria.

Pensioner Parking Permits

The Cabinet meeting on Monday, 3rd July will consider the reintroduction of Concessionary Parking Permits in certain central Stratford-upon-Avon centre car parks for local residents of pensionable age. Other items on the agenda include sub-letting of the second floor of Elizabeth House, the Council's headquarters in Stratford-upon-Avon.