

## **Stratford on Avon District Councillor's Monthly Report for June 2024**

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### **NDP Referendum**

I'm writing this report before the important referendum on the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). I sincerely hope the aspirations of the JPC are met with a representative turnout and an overwhelming majority in favour of the Plan.

### **Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund**

Congratulations to The Hub on its successful grant application to the Shared Prosperity Fund. Under the heading of social action projects, it will receive nearly £7,500 for additional staff to support a new youth session as well as prevent existing sessions from being closed due to staff shortages.

### **Digital newsletter**

The District Council intends to launch a regular digital newsletter for residents and other stakeholders. Called The Online View, it will send Council news directly to residents' email addresses.

The Council is currently collecting email addresses from residents interested in receiving the newsletter and testing the format internally. The newsletter should go 'live' soon.

Details of how to sign up to the newsletter are on the District Council website here <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/#news>. Alternatively, select 'News' on the 'Home' page and go to 'Subscribe to The Online View'.

### **First Phase of the Community Climate Change Fund (CCCF)**

The first successful projects benefitting from the District Council's new Community Climate Change Fund have been announced.

Established last November to aid initiatives from community groups, charities and Town and Parish Councils that address climate change, the projects cover a wide range.

Great Alne PC is getting £4,000 for community flood-prevention work as well as £10,000 for a feasibility study to create a Greenway from the village to Alcester. Snitterfield Village Hall will receive nearly £5,000 to install an air-source heat pump and Napton Parish Council has £10,000 to fit LED bulbs in existing floodlights.

Nearly £45,000 has been earmarked for 10 projects, with £55,000 available later in the year for further initiatives.

More information about the Community Climate Change Fund can be found at: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/news/press.cfm/current/1/item/138247>

### **Cabinet changes**

Deputy Leader of the Council, Nigel Rock, has stood down from his leadership role and has been replaced by George Cowcher, who retains his responsibility for planning. Mike Rice is now a Portfolio Holder and Cabinet member.