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WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of your council's magazine. We all want to live in an area where we feel safe and we are fortunate that Basildon is a very safe area to live. However, I know that it may not always feel like this, especially when we read and hear of events that are happening elsewhere in the country. This is why I made the decision to start a new committee called Enforcement and Public Order, which is dedicated to continue to make the borough a safe place to live. The first decision of that committee was to continue to fund three additional police officers dedicated to Basildon.

We have also started our £100million estate renewal programme, which will deliver clean and safe estates for our residents. The first phase of the programme will focus on Brooke House and the Felmores estate. These policy decisions all contribute to keeping Basildon safe and driving out crime.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our contributors to this issue. From our large businesses, small businesses, park wardens and our own Basildon District Commander, all of whom work tirelessly to keep the borough safe and prosperous.

Stay Safe!

Councillor Andrew Baggott
Leader of Basildon Council



BASILDON TOWN CENTRE EARLY ENGAGEMENT EXERCISE RESULTS REVEALED

The results of an early engagement exercise into the regeneration of Basildon town centre highlighted that residents want a secure, safe and green place to shop and spend their leisure time.

Earlier this summer, the Leader of Basildon Council Councillor Andrew Baggott commissioned the early engagement exercise as a way of listening to the thoughts and opinions of those who will be affected the most by future plans.

Chairman of the Regeneration and Economic Development Committee Councillor Anthony Hedley said: "We have listened and will continue to give residents the opportunity to give us their opinions so that we can regenerate our town with their views in mind.

"Residents have told us that high rise housing is not what they want for our town centre so we will put in place a new regeneration strategy for the town centre to reflect these views."

Cllr Baggott added: "I think we can all agree that the town centre needs to adapt and move with the times, but there are a few key areas like housing that need some further attention. We will look at the results of the early engagement exercise and formally consult to get more detail and listen to those who have put us here."

The results of the early engagement exercise will inform the new regeneration strategy that will be formally consulted on following September's Regeneration and Economic Development Committee.

To view full results of the early engagement exercise visit www.basildon.gov.uk/regeneration



NEW TOWN COUNCIL ESTABLISHED FOR WICKFORD



A new Wickford Parish and a Wickford Town Council is to be established after the findings from a Community Governance Review for the area were recently approved by Basildon Borough Council.

The review was considering whether a new parish should be created for the Wickford area and what the electoral arrangements would be for a new parish council. The public consultation included a letter being sent to all households in the area of the proposed parish, and an online survey was further promoted through the council communication channels to gain further feedback and enhance awareness and engagement.

A parish council's role falls into three main categories: representing the local community; delivering services to meet local needs; striving to improve quality of life and community wellbeing.

Wickford Town Council elections will take place every four years, and the first of these will take place on the same day as borough council elections in May 2022. The decision to create a town council will be coupled with a Shadow Wickford Town Council, who will assist in laying the foundations for the new council. A grant of 10k has been provided by the borough council to support the shadow council up to those first elections.

It has been agreed for there to be 20 councillors, with the name and number of councillors for each town/parish ward being as follows:

Wickford Castledon – 6 councillors

Wickford North – 7 councillors

Wickford Park – 7 councillors

PARKRUNS SUCCESSFULLY RETURN TO THE BOROUGH

The brilliant Parkrun events successfully returned to the borough in July, having been suspended since the start of the Covid pandemic.

Parkruns are a 5-kilometre event for walkers, runners, volunteers and spectators, that take place every Saturday morning, for free, in our parks.

The three established Parkruns that have returned to the borough every week are at: Northlands Park, Lake Meadows, and Wickford Memorial Park.

A keen runner, The Mayor of Basildon, Cllr David Dadds, ran in the opening parkrun at Lake Meadows, where the inclusive community of participants included pushchairs, kids, adults, and baby bumps.

Chairman of the Leisure and Environment Committee Councillor Craig Rimmer said: "Parkruns are such a great thing for our borough, and I'm delighted that they have been able to return. They keep residents active and get them out in our parks, allowing them to experience all the benefits that spending time in the outdoors can bring.

"I encourage all residents to take part; adults, families, whether you're a keen runner or just fancy a social walk with friends, family, or other friendly participants, it's a really inclusive environment that you'll be fully welcomed into."



7,000 RESPOND TO FOOD AND GARDEN WASTE CONSULTATION

More than 7,000 borough residents responded to a consultation to seek views on proposals for separate food and garden waste collections.

Basildon Council sought the views of residents following a successful trial of separate collections which concluded at the start of the year. Of those who took part 88% said they would be happy for it to be introduced.

The results of the consultation are being discussed by the Leisure and Environment Committee this month.

The formal consultation on the proposals took place from Monday 12 July until Sunday 22 August and early analysis of results shows that the majority of residents strongly supported the proposed size of food waste containers and that the provision of biodegradable liners were strongly supported by residents.

In terms of garden waste collections, residents strongly supported a free fortnightly service in March to November and were against charging for weekly collections.

Chairman of the Leisure and Environment Committee Councillor Craig Rimmer said: "We have been set clear targets by The Circular Economy Package, which commit the UK to achieve a recycling rate of 65% by 2035, an ambition we have adopted in Basildon.

"Nationally, the revised Waste Strategy for England and the Environment Bill are also aiming to radically change how waste is reduced, reused and recycled.

"This will affect the way in which local authorities collect and treat waste. The forthcoming Environment Bill states that food and garden waste must be collected separately from homes and businesses from 2023. Because of this, there are fewer places which will be able to accept mixed food and garden waste in the future. Over a third of what goes into our black sacks is food waste – this is environmentally damaging, and we must all do our bit to make a difference.

"I would like to thank everyone who took part in the consultation."

NEWS



£1MILLION INVESTMENT INTO REOPENING LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE



Laindon Community Centre is being brought back into use after a £1million investment for the works to refurbish and reopen the popular community hub were agreed.

Councillors have committed to reopening the facility by the end of September this year subject to the availability of materials and reconnection of utilities.

Leader of Basildon Council Councillor Andrew Baggott said: "We have listened to the views of residents who spoke overwhelmingly in favour of refurbishment and reopening the centre and we have put up the money to make it happen.

"I stated right from the start that this is one of our key priorities for this administration this year and we will support the residents by getting the centre reopened and fit for public use as soon as possible.

"We are committed to seeing this hugely valuable community asset back on its feet again and being run by the community it serves."

Basildon Council took over the existing Laindon Community Centre site from the Laindon Community Association after it handed over the keys in October last year.

The programme of work to bring the centre up to a condition where reopening is possible includes: Fire, water and electrical safety, new toilets and reconnection of utilities.

GAS INCIDENT AVERTED THANKS TO SAFE AND WELL OFFICER

Safe and Well Officer Peter Glover from Essex County Fire and Rescue Service has been praised for preventing a potentially dangerous gas incident at a home in Pitsea.

Peter was fitting smoke alarms and carrying out safety checks as part of the fire service's free Safe and Well visit at a home when the incident unfolded.

He said: "The occupant told me she could smell gas from time to time. I couldn't smell it but the whole point of Safe and Well visits is to listen to what people are telling you so you can help them.

"I found the gas meter on a wall outside and showed her how to turn off the supply. It's surprising how many people don't know where their gas meter is or how to turn off the supply to their home in an emergency.

"Then I encouraged her to call Cadent (the national gas emergency service) on 0800 111 999."

The emergency gas engineer found a leaking gas pipe in the living room, part of an old fireplace, and made it safe.

Peter said: "This could have led to a build up of gas with potentially deadly consequences and shows why it's so important you know what to do if you smell gas."

Chairman of the Housing and Estate Renewal Committee Councillor Andrew Schrader said: "Peter's actions potentially averted disaster and are to be commended. We must all be more gas aware and ensure our appliances are well serviced and maintained."

To book a safe and well visit go to www.essex-fire.gov.uk/book



COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR PITSEA

The gateway from Pitsea railway station to the town centre is set to benefit from community safety and environmental improvements.

Councillors on the Leisure and Environment Committee agreed a £100,000 investment in community safety and environmental improvements this summer.

It will include the restart of a project aimed at delivering improved safety and cleanliness to reduce the fear of crime and provide an attractive route from the station to the town.

Chairman of the Leisure and Environment Committee Councillor Craig Rimmer said: "We will work with our partners to assess the key priorities to make this part of the borough safer and more attractive. We will look at issues like lighting in the subways, CCTV coverage and overgrown shrubbery and hedges. The overall effect will be to make the entrance into Pitsea much more welcoming to visitors and returning residents alike."

A walkabout including both borough and county members and partners including London and Cambridge Properties Ltd, the Police and officers from both Basildon and Essex County Council took place recently to look at what changes can be made.

IMPROVING YOUR COUNCIL SERVICES

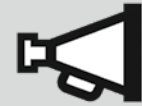
Basildon Council is undergoing a huge period of change, focussing on improvements to the way it provides services and modernising ways of working.

The council recently approved a new organisation strategy – a framework for the type of council Basildon needs to become in order to provide the best service to customers in an increasingly digital world.

Over the next few years, the council will review key service areas, including how customer contact is managed and how payments are processed. Customers will be invited to share their views along the way, making sure that services are inclusive and accessible to all while providing better value for money for residents of the borough.

Councillor Andrew Baggott, Leader of Basildon Council, said: “Everything we do is driven by our customers. Often that means adapting the way we work to meet customers’ needs. We know that we can simplify some of our services and make them more efficient using technology. But we also know that one size does not fit all. We will continue to review our services with our customers to make sure everyone can access our services in the way that best suits them.”

NEWS



BOROUGH RECOGNISES MAX WHITLOCK'S INCREDIBLE OLYMPIC EXPLOITS

A homecoming event took place at Basildon Sporting Village and the Basildon sign was lit gold, in recognition of Max Whitlock's fantastic Olympic exploits in Tokyo.

The Team GB gymnast returned home after retaining his Olympic title to win a gold medal in the Pommel Horse, to bring his total Olympic medals to six - being the most decorated British gymnast of all time.

Max started training at the Basildon Sporting Village gymnastics centre when it opened in 2011, before going on to win his first two Olympic medals at London 2012. He has been training with South Essex Gymnastic Club at the world class facilities ever since.

At his celebratory return event at the Basildon Sporting Village, Olympic hero Max swapped gold with The Mayor of Basildon Cllr David Dadds, and there were hundreds of residents who attended, including lots of local children inspired by the gymnast's achievements.

Chairman of the Leisure and Environment Committee Councillor Craig Rimmer said: “Max Whitlock will go down in history as one of the very greatest Olympic athletes that GB has ever produced.

“For our facilities in Basildon to have played a part in his achievements is fantastic for our borough. It also shows how great the world class facilities at the Basildon Sporting Village are.

“What a brilliantly inspiring role model for our borough's youngsters - congratulations to Max on all your incredible achievements so far.”



SMALL BUSINESSES PRIORITISE OUR SAFETY

TWO COUSINS KEEPING OUR BOROUGH SAFE

JJ surveillance are a family-run business operating in our borough, who specialise in all things home security.

The two J's stand for John and Jon Mimms, the two cousins who own and operate the business on a day to day basis from their shop within Basildon Market, where they've been since the market's inception in 2019.

"Working with my cousin is great, because we both have the same goals in life, and we both love seeing our customers smiling," said John.

The two cousins sell and install top of the range CCTV systems in all types of houses and businesses, to any specification, as well as selling DIY kits that are easy to self-install.

"My favourite product at the moment is our colour night vision cameras. They have a wide range, with built-in microphones and can be viewed both day and night on your tv and on your phone, whether you're at home, in the supermarket or away on a holiday."

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Chigwell Windows and Doors specialise in, well, the clue's in the name.

Based out of their showroom in Radford Way, Billericay, they host an extensive range of home improvement products in an array of materials, styles and designs, in various colourways to cater for individual tastes.

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The team of 13 are full of passion for the industry, none more so than Managing Director, Paul Salmon.

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“Feeling safe in your home or business is of paramount importance and we’re lucky to have reputable businesses locally, including the ones mentioned here, who work tirelessly to ensure residents feel as safe and comfortable as possible in theirs.”

Councillor Anthony Hedley

Chairman of the Regeneration and Economic Development Committee



SAFETY FIRST FOR NEW HOLLAND

At the Case New Holland (CNH) Tractor Plant in Basildon, safety is their highest priority. Here, one of the borough's biggest businesses tells us what they are doing to keep their staff safe at work.

From the moment new employees join us, along with existing employees that have been with us for many years, we ensure that they continuously receive a high level of safety training.

We have selective operators that have been trained in health and safety to become safety captains for their production teams. They audit and report issues in their working areas to be resolved and improved, with the support of the health and safety team, management, and area process engineers.

We keep improving to maintain Case New Holland Basildon as a safe working environment for all our colleagues, who in turn look out for each other and keep each other safe.

“Be Safe, Work Safe”

As for many businesses, this year has been challenging with Brexit and Covid-19. By working together we've overcome many obstacles, through the implementation of face masks, temperature testing, social distancing and providing sanitising products at workstations and offices. We have been able to keep our employees safe from the spread of Covid-19 and safeguard employment within the plant by keeping the plant running safely throughout this period.

New Holland Basildon holds the globally-recognised ISO 45001:2018 standard for Occupational Health and Safety. We are proud of this accreditation, as well as CNH Industrial being the leader in the Machinery and Electrical Equipment Industry Group in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI), World and Europe, for the tenth consecutive year. We constantly evolve and improve our working procedures, providing a safe and secure working environment using the latest advances in safe working practises. We ensure our team at CNH not only work safely but take the same standard of safety back to their homes.



“It's great to see our biggest businesses take safety seriously. It is so important that we look after people who work in the borough and part of that is providing a safe working environment for them.”

Councillor Anthony Hedley
Chairman of the Regeneration and Economic Development Committee



A CONVERSATION WITH...



CHIEF INSPECTOR CHRIS BRADFORD, BASILDON DISTRICT COMMANDER

Tell us about your role:

I oversee uniformed policing in Basildon, which includes managing the response and community policing teams – the people you’ll see out on patrol or attending incidents. We’re there to help the public, investigate crimes and build strong relationships with the local community.

I’ve been with Essex Police for 15 years and have been in a variety of roles both as a uniformed officer and a detective.

Before you became a police officer, did you have a perception of what the role would involve?

I thought that policing was about helping the people in society who most need help and catching criminals. When we had to choose our work experience at school, my first three choices were working with the police. Today, young people can get a really good insight into policing by joining our police cadets.

Has that view changed at all?

I didn’t appreciate how much wider issues in society such as drug and alcohol misuse or mental ill-health affect policing. My perception of a criminal has changed. Many of the people we deal with are in need of help and my view is that there is more that can be done to provide support to stop them becoming criminals in the first place.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

I am lucky to work in a very diverse district and I enjoy leading a team of fantastically committed, passionate and hard-working people who genuinely want to do their best for their community. We get positive feedback from the public in Basildon, and we know that people’s perceptions of us have improved dramatically in recent years.

Since becoming District Commander what are you most proud of?

We ran a long-running project aimed at reducing community violence. We got back to basics by increasing patrols in designated areas and we worked with the council to improve the look and feel of areas by reducing fly tipping and holding pop-up community events. That ran last year for six months and we reduced community violence by 45%.

I’m also proud of improving the visibility of the force. We can’t have a police officer on every single street corner at all times, but we’re patrolling in the areas that need it most whilst making sure that all parts of the district see a uniformed presence.



CINEMA BRINGS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN CENTRE

As the new Empire Cinema development and restaurants scheme continues to move towards completion in Basildon's East Square, safety measures in the area are also set for an upgrade.

The development, which is scheduled to open early next year and includes a 10-screen cinema and six restaurant units, will also include new CCTV cameras, lighting and public realm areas. Public routes in and out of the town centre are being identified to ensure safe access as well as improvements to Car Park 1 during the regeneration activity. This will include better lighting, electric vehicle charging points, refurbished lifts and internal and external decorative works.

Chairman of the Regeneration and Economic Development Committee Councillor Anthony Hedley said: "This is an exciting development that will increase footfall to this part of the town especially at night where it will become the focus of Basildon's new night-time economy.

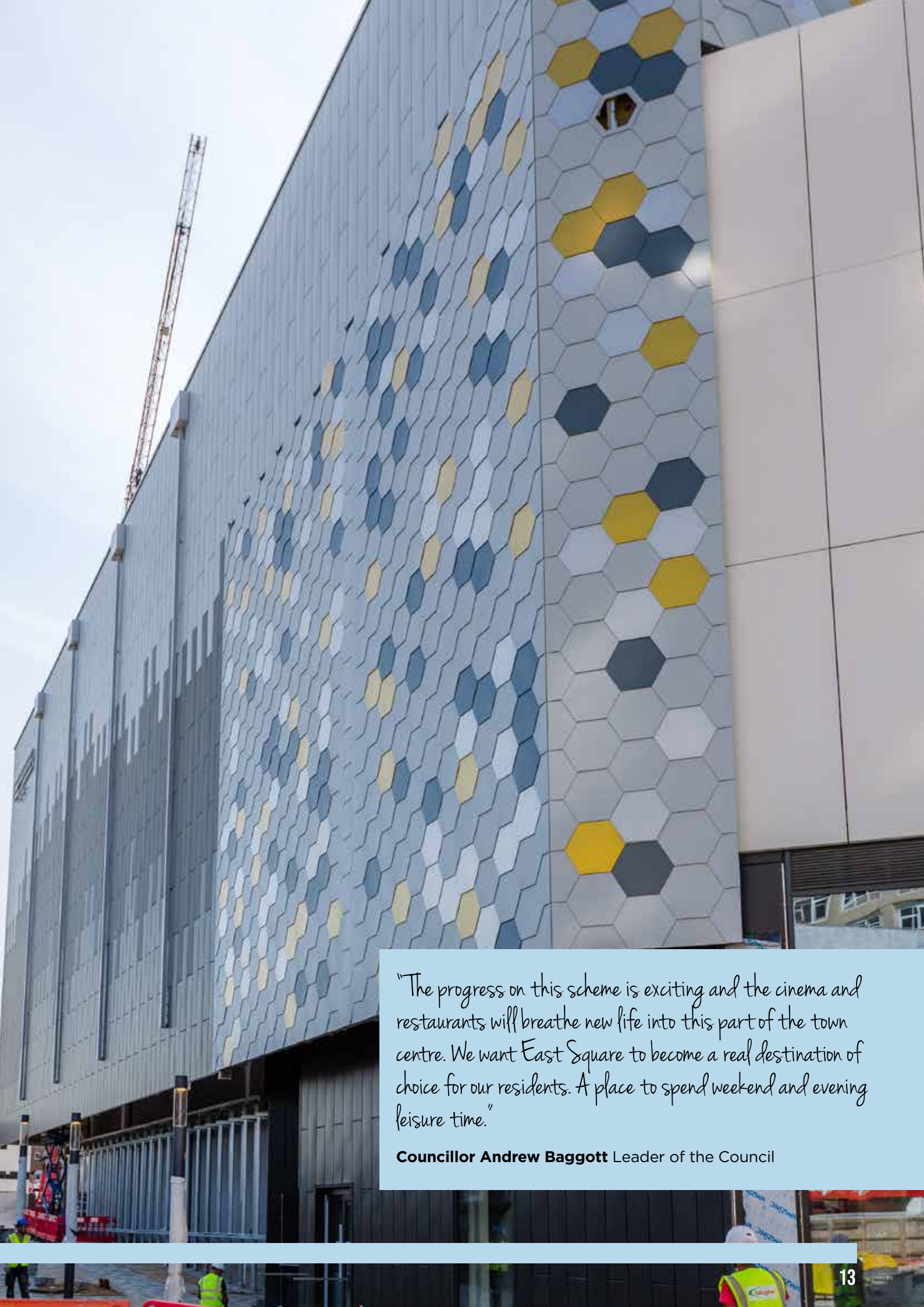
"It is absolutely vital that the safety of visitors to the town is built into the proposals. These measures will help to prevent crime and make people feel safer."

The overall development is set to kickstart Basildon's night-time economy, boasting the biggest screen outside of London's Leicester Square and a range of new cinema units. Popular café/bar chain Loungers became the first to sign up for one of the six new restaurant units this summer.

Property Manager for Loungers UK Hux Norman added: "We are excited to be an anchor tenant for the East Square scheme in Basildon. We think that this scheme will be a great addition for the town centre, and are looking forward to welcoming customers to our Lounge here."

Loungers is an operator of 172 café/ bar restaurants across England and Wales. The company operates successfully in a diverse range of different sites. Hospitality, comfort and familiarity remains at the core of the company, driven by an independent culture and focus on the local community.





"The progress on this scheme is exciting and the cinema and restaurants will breathe new life into this part of the town centre. We want East Square to become a real destination of choice for our residents. A place to spend weekend and evening leisure time."

Councillor Andrew Baggott Leader of the Council

£100 MILLION INVESTMENT IN BASILDON ESTATES AND NEW HOMES

One hundred million pounds will be invested in creating clean and safe estates and building more homes for borough residents.

A proposal was agreed this summer to develop a 'Safe and Sound Estates' Estate Renewal Strategy and an extra 200 homes as part of the housing development programme.

Basildon Council is committed to building thriving communities and creating places people are proud to call their home.

Chairman of the Housing and Estates Renewal Committee Councillor Andrew Schrader said: "Tackling estate renewal is my top priority and we are committed to providing more much-needed Basildon homes for Basildon people.

"We have made significant investment in previous years and we stand ready to invest even more to ensure our tenants have decent homes that meet the new standards as well as contribute to our carbon net-zero target.

"We are also helping the most vulnerable through Discretionary Housing Payments."

"Throughout, we will remain committed to listening to residents and their priorities will guide everything we do."

Leader of Basildon Council Councillor Andrew Baggott added: "We are committed to creating safe and clean estates and building thriving communities that feel connected to their local council.

"We are listening and want to hear from residents about what we can do to help improve local areas for future generations."

It is anticipated that this programme of estate renewal will require an investment of £10million a year for four years.

In terms of the Housing Development Programme there is currently £59million in the HRA capital programme for this. Funding for an additional 200 homes would be in the region of £54million.



The first phase of the programme will focus on the Felmores estate and Brooke House in Basildon town centre.

Further consultation will be undertaken with residents on the Felmores estate to gather their suggestions for improving the estate's social, environmental and physical infrastructure.

A project team is also in place to handle the refurbishment of Brooke House after £5million was invested to deliver the programme of works next year.

Further estates will be identified with a view to improving the housing stock, surrounding environment and other local amenities.

Repairing communal areas, improving waste and recycling facilities, open spaces, landscaping and fencing will also be included as well as safety improvements like lighting and CCTV.

If you have any suggestions around what could be improved in and around your local area email leader@basildon.gov.uk

Spot an issue in our parks? Report it anonymously by texting 60060, starting your message with AIB, then your location plus details of the incident. A team of wardens will then be dispatched to come and deal with the situation.

KEEPING OUR PARKS SAFE

LIGHTING UPGRADE

A full lighting upgrade has taken place within Northlands Park to switch all the existing lighting over to improved LED lighting. The LED lighting is stronger and longer lasting as well as requiring less maintenance and using less electricity than the previous conventional lamps.

HEDGE REDUCTIONS TO IMPROVE VISIBILITY

Hedge reductions and removal are taking place across our borough's parks in areas such as bends and known areas of concern for residents. This is to reduce the fear of crime and improve visibility for residents when walking around our parks.

INVESTMENT IN SAFE PLAY AREAS

We've committed to investing in play areas across the borough with seven major investments in play areas scheduled to be completed by the end of 2021 and £9million of investment over the next 10 years. This includes the burnt down Swan Mead play area, where all the remaining equipment had to be removed following an arson attack, and £150,000 is being spent on a brand new play area to open before the end of the year.

Chairman of the Leisure and Environment Committee, Councillor Craig Rimmer, said: "Park wardens are one of the measures introduced to improve community safety across our borough's parks, with them being active and visible from morning and late into the night.

"Our £9million investment commitment in play areas, coupled with our newly introduced Park Safety Officers, will help to make sure our play areas are safe to enjoy."



"We're blessed with fantastic parks and open spaces in the borough, and we want our residents to feel as safe as possible when they visit them."

Councillor Craig Rimmer
Chairman of Leisure and Environment Committee

OUR TEAM OF PARK WARDENS

We've recruited dedicated safety officers strictly to operate in our parks and open spaces. The officers will perform regular inspections in all our parks and play areas across the borough to check for hazards and any issues. As well as reporting these, the officers will have a mobile workshop in their vans, being equipped to be able to undertake repairs themselves. This move will mean that repairs can be done more quickly to ensure that these spaces stay functioning and safe for residents.

Wesley Bowen, Park Warden said: "My favourite park in the borough is probably Gloucester Park or Lake Meadows. I really like the atmosphere. I like how busy and lively they can get and I like how you see a lot of families in them enjoying their day out in the park.

"My favourite part of the job is the interaction I get to have with the community, talking to people and getting to meet new faces every day.

"I particularly enjoy the interactions I have with the elderly, getting to build relationships with them out in our parks. It's really nice to speak to them and hear that they can feel more comfortable coming out in the evenings knowing that our presence is there.

"We're not the police we're just friendly members of the community, trying to support the local community and make our parks that little bit safer for everyone."





REDISCOVERING WICKFORD

The name Wickford is of Saxon origin. Wick means either a winding river, village, habitation, castle or dairy farm. The name Ford means shallow river crossing, or as it has been suggested a 'sheep farm' or river crossing.

The earliest reference of Wickford we can find is in 980AD, when Queen Æthelflæd, widow of King Edmund, gave Wicforda to her kinsman Sibriht. However, we know that the town of Wickford was inhabited in prehistoric times and there was a considerable amount of Roman activity in the area. The town's name has been written as Wic forda, Wickeford, Wyckford or Wygford.

THE VILLAGE OF WICKFORD IN RHODE ISLAND, USA, NAMED AFTER OUR TOWN

Elizabeth Winthrop (nee Reade) (1614-1672) was born in Wickford, and married John Winthrop Jr in July 1635. They sailed for America on the 'Abigail' in August of the same year. A spring (a place where water or oil wells up from an underground source, or the basin or flow formed in such a way) on the outskirts of East Greenwich in Rhode Island, United States was named for her by Roger Williams (1599-1683), the founder of Rhode Island. Elizabeth's Spring was first used by the Native Americans who travelled the Pequot Trail.

Elizabeth's niece, Hannah Lake, was the 7th great-grandmother of George H. W Bush - 10th Generation. There are currently talks to place Blue Plaques somewhere in Wickford High Street to recognize Elizabeth Winthrop and Hannah Lake.

WICKFORD WAR MEMORIAL

In January 1947, the organisers of the War Memorial Fund Committee purchased the land that is now known as the Wickford Memorial Park, to commemorate the lives lost in Wickford during World War II. Works have recently taken place at the Wickford Memorial Park, to ensure that it remains a poignant, fitting location to honour our fallen soldiers.





THE FLOODING OF 1958

Over the autumn of 1958, water engulfed the town of Wickford within just a few minutes. What started out as a normal trickle of rain, turned into a flood that made headlines across Europe, with parts of the town under eight foot of water. Fortunately, no one was killed but the event of the flood impacted the lives of the residents and left a huge mark on the shape of Wickford itself.

The River Crouch is a small river that flows entirely through the English county of Essex and was to blame for the four separate floods of Wickford that year. Soon after these events, the River Crouch was encased in a concrete drain to ensure that the flooding was not repeated.

"Wickford is a town steeped in history with a strong sense of community spirit. It boasts some of the borough's most picturesque parks and has so much to offer residents and visitors alike."

Councillor David Dadds, Mayor of Basildon

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A CONVERSATION WITH FORD

SMALL CHANGES BIG IMPACT

We all have a responsibility to do something about climate change. From global brands, to family homes, we can all make changes that have a positive effect on the world around us. We recently spoke to Simon Palmer, Chief Engineer for Commercial Vehicles based at the Ford Britain Dunton Campus to find out how they are making significant changes to the way their business operates in an effort to reduce emissions.

Simon, tell us a bit about Ford at Dunton.

Globally, Dunton is Ford's centre of excellence for commercial vehicles. It's also where we develop powertrains for passenger vehicles. We are really focussed on sustainability, always thinking about how we do business and tackle climate change at the same time.

More and more people are switching to electric vehicles. How is Dunton involved in that?

One of our main priorities right now is the transition from the internal combustion engine to electrification and battery power. The team at Dunton really are at the forefront of that change. We have invested more than \$100 million onsite in the last three years to support the development of powertrains for Ford vehicles with new equipment, new ways of testing and a huge push on training for our colleagues.

What about the site itself? Are there initiatives to tackle climate change?

Absolutely. Ford have been in Dunton for more than 50 years and the site continues to evolve. We recently changed the name to the Ford Britain Dunton Campus. It's a campus headquarters for many of Ford's operations, so we're looking to constantly modernise the business and the site.



We are committed in the quest to become carbon neutral globally by 2050. Recently we have started to develop and test prototypes virtually, reducing our reliance on valuable resources and allowing us to share results and react more quickly. We have installed more electric vehicle charging points for staff and we are encouraging colleagues to car share wherever possible. We are always looking for new ways to reduce our emissions and our impact on the environment, locally and globally.

What can we expect to see in the future?

At Dunton, we're working on the development of more electric and hybrid vehicles. Next year we are introducing a fully electric 2-tonne E-Transit, and by 2024 all of our new commercial vehicles will be zero emissions capable, with hybrid and / or all-electric versions available. By 2030, all of our passenger vehicles will be all-electric in Europe.

Locally, we have a strong collaborative working relationship with Basildon Council, meeting regularly to look at mutual opportunities to build our green credentials. We are working together to increase the availability of charging points, vehicle sharing schemes, cycle lanes and more efficient bus routes. And at the Ford Britain Dunton Campus, we are developing recruitment opportunities for local people to develop their skills and share in this exciting journey.

You can learn more about Ford's sustainability initiatives at <https://corporate.ford.com>



Are you paying too much for your energy?

Energy costs are expected to increase this winter, but the Essex Energy Switch can help you get a better tariff.

Essex households saved an average of £160 in the last Energy Switch. You'll get a personal offer and there's no obligation to switch.

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WHAT'S ON...



BARLEYLANDS SPOOKY FEST

Looking for a hauntingly good Halloween evening? Come along to Barleylands Spooky Fest during the October half-term, there's something fun for all the family to enjoy.

Saturday 23 October - Sunday 31 October

Book at: www.barleylands.co.uk



SPOOKY NIGHTS AT BARLEYLANDS FARM

2021 will see the return of the very popular Spooky Nights at Barleylands Farm! Running the event over 3 nights, enjoy the brilliant Skittleman disco, toddler fairground rides, spooky walks and safe trick or treating around The Village.

Friday 29 October - Sunday 31 October

Book at: www.barleylands.co.uk



DRIVE-IN TODDLER FIREWORKS AT BARLEYLANDS

Enjoy an evening of entertainment from within your car at Barleylands Drive-in Toddler Fireworks display! The event will kick off at 5pm with the host Bam Bam (you may recognise him from the Britain's Got Talent semi-finals) - the little ones just love him! The evening will end with a stunning, child-friendly Firework Display.

Thursday 4 November - Sunday 7th November

Book at: www.barleylands.co.uk



OPEN DOOR - CREATIVE BASILDON

Are you already working on a creative project that you'd like to share? Open door is a chance for artists, creatives and community members to ask any burning questions about Basildon CPP/Basildon Creative People and Places and find out about upcoming opportunities.

Join us the second Wednesday of every month, 6pm - 7pm.

Contact Sammy, Program Manager, email:

sammy@creativebasildon.co.uk

www.creativebasildon.co.uk



TOWNGATE THEATRE

Towngate Theatre is back and ready to entertain you with drama, musicals, classical concerts, comedy, panto and so much more. A night at the theatre on your doorstep!

To browse the upcoming shows, please visit:

www.towngatetheatre.co.uk



OKTOBERFEST AT THE PLACE

Come along to Oktoberfest at The Place in Pitsea! Have fun with live music from The Stein Meister's band, selection of German beers and a night out with friends! Tickets priced at £10 – Adults only event.

Saturday 23 October 2021. From 7pm - 11.30pm
01268 205284

www.basildon.gov.uk/theplace



PARK RUNS

Every Saturday at 9.00am - A weekly free 5km timed run for adults and 2k timed event for juniors at Northlands Park, Basildon, Wickford Memorial Park and Lake Meadows, Billericay.

Visit www.parkrun.org.uk for more information



WAT TYLER COUNTRY PARK

Head down to Wat Tyler Country Park this October half term and enjoy fun filled activities with the children.

To find out more visit **www.wattylercountrypark.org.uk** for more information.



HEART OF PITSEA

Heart of Pitsea run regular weekly clubs and projects in Pitsea. Join in with the free and friendly Community Connect Club which runs every Wednesday, 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Offering a great opportunity to meet new people, enjoy activities like playing cards, board games and arts and crafts, or to simply sit and have a chat with a free cuppa...

Find out more about the Heart of Pitsea at www.heartofpitsea.co.uk



WILLOWS PARK SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Come along to Willow Park Short Mat Bowls Club - new players are welcome. Janet Duke Primary School, 105 Markhams Chase, Basildon SS15 5LS. Every Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 7.15pm - 10pm.

Please call either Alan: 07423479510 or Carol: 07930323514 before coming to avoid any disappointment.

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Frame colour	Political group	Number of seats
	CONSERVATIVE	25
	LABOUR	11
	INDEPENDENTS	4
	WICKFORD INDEPENDENTS	2



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INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL VACANCIES

The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003 require the council to have an Independent Remuneration Panel to assist the council in regularly reviewing its Allowances Scheme and making recommendations on the nature and level of allowances to be paid to councillors. **The council are appointing three new members to serve on the panel.**

We are looking for applicants who can communicate effectively with a wide range of people; are able to look at issues objectively and make informed judgements; and are able to analyse complex information, ask pertinent questions, maintain confidentiality and reach conclusions with a view to making recommendations to the council as a whole.

If you wish to apply, you must be aged 18 or over, ideally live or work in Basildon Borough and understand the area and some of the issues facing it. You need to be able to demonstrate independence from the council and cannot be a member of the panel if you are disqualified from being a member of a local authority.

If you are interested in these vacancies, please phone (01268 206835) or email (committee&memberservices@basildon.gov.uk) for an application pack, which will contain more information and details of how to apply. You should complete and return the application form by 20 October 2021.

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COMMITTEE DATES (all meetings start at 7pm unless stated otherwise)

Planning Committee

Wednesday 6 October,
20 October, 3 November
17 November &
1 December

Leisure & Environment Committee

Thursday 23 September
& 24 November

Audit & Risk Committee

Wednesday 29
September & Thursday
2 December

Communities & Wellbeing Committee

Tuesday 5 October &
30 November

Regeneration & Economic Development Committee

Thursday 18 November

Licensing Committee

Thursday 11 November

Enforcement and Public Protection Committee

Tuesday 12 October

Resources & Commercial Committee

Wednesday 13 October

Policy Executive Committee

Thursday 14 October

Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 16 November

Full Council (starts 7.30pm)

Thursday 21 October

Strategic Planning & Infrastructure Committee

Thursday 30 September
& 25 November

Housing & Estate Renewal Committee

Tuesday 28 September
& 23 November

Have you witnessed Anti-social Behaviour in your area?

Please get in touch and report this confidentially to the council's Anti-social Behaviour team by either:

- Calling **01268 533333** option 4 then option 2
- Emailing a report to: asb@basildon.gov.uk
- You can also log a report at:
<https://www5.basildon.gov.uk/report/AntiSocialBehaviour>

Have you witnessed or been a victim of crime?

Report it as quickly as you can by:

- Calling **999** in an emergency or by calling **101** for a non-emergency; or
- Reporting it anonymously via Crimestoppers by calling **0800 555 111** or by doing so online at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, Basildon Borough Council has adopted a revised scheme of allowances following recommendations received from the Independent Remuneration Panel.

Details of the Members' Allowances Scheme, and details of the allowances and expenses paid to each councillor, can be inspected at the offices of Basildon Borough Council, The Basildon Centre, St Martin's Square, Basildon during normal office hours and on the council's website www.basildon.gov.uk. The main features of the scheme, reflecting the adopted recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, are set out below:

Type of Allowance	Level of Allowance p.a. (unless otherwise stated)
Basic Allowance	£6409
Special Responsibility Allowances	
Chairman of the overarching Service Committee: Chairmanship of Committee Leadership responsibilities	£9613 £8011
Vice-Chairman of the overarching Service Committee	£5768
Chairmen of Other Service Committees	£5768
Vice-Chairmen of Other Service Committees	£1923
Chairmen of Service Committee Sub-Committees (does not apply to Urgent Decision and Staffing Sub-Committee or where the Chairman of the Sub-Committee is also the Chairman of a service committee)	£641
Chairmen of Scrutiny Committees	£4807
Vice-Chairmen of Scrutiny Committees	£1602
Chairman of the Planning Committee	£11215
Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee	£1923
Each other voting member of the Planning Committee	£641
Chairman of the Licensing Committee	£9613
Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee	£1602
Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee	£4807
Mayor	£9613
Deputy Mayor	£1602
Chairman of the Joint Standards Committee	£2564
Independent Persons and Local Councillors on the Joint Standards Committee; Independent Member of Audit and Risk Committee	£1282
Group Leaders (total amount shared proportionally amongst all Group Leaders, according to number of Members in their Groups)	£9613
IT Allowance	£450.00
Carers Allowance	Care of children under 14 - Actual amount up to the equivalent of the national living wage
	Care of direct dependants requiring the presence of a carer - Actual amount up to twice the hourly allowance for childcare

In addition, the council will reimburse each member for the cost of an annual basic level DBS check (£23). The scheme provides for an annual increase in the basic allowance in line with the national pay award for Local Authority staff and, apart from that, the scheme for 2021/22 is unchanged from the 2018/19 scheme, which was agreed at the full council meetings on 24 May 2018 and 19 July 2018.

Scott Logan
Chief Executive, Basildon Borough Council



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