

Committee	COUNCIL MEETING
Date	13th January 2020
Agenda Item	10

District Councillor Report

I attended the Full Council Meeting on 16th December 2019. The main points related to Halstead were,

- 1 Council received a recommendation from Cabinet that £21,040 of the Council Tax Collection Fund surplus is passed to and shared between Town and Parish Councils based upon their precept values.

This resolution was passed by Council.

A sum of £2,383 will be paid to HTC in April 2020 – this is already included in the HTC budget for 2020/21.

- 2 During Portfolio Reviews at the meeting I raised two questions relating to Halstead.

a. Town Centre Regeneration

Some time ago BDC launched an initiative for the regeneration of the main towns in the district including Halstead. Work has been done in Braintree and Witham but so far the early development work for schemes in Halstead has stalled.

I asked the Cabinet member for Economic Development, Cllr Tom Cunningham, if some priority could be given to re-energise and refreshing this work for Halstead.

I received a positive and supportive response and he agreed to meet the Halstead District councillors early in 2020 to discuss a way forward.

b. Section 106 for Open Spaces

I asked the cabinet member for planning, Cllr Mrs Gabrielle Spray, for support from her and officers to make progress with spending the outstanding balances held by BDC for Open Spaces projects in Halstead. The current balances have not moved for some time and progress will for sure benefit the residents of Halstead.

I received a positive and supportive response and Cllr Mrs Spray committed to ask officers arrange a meeting to discuss the subject as soon as possible.

Subsequent to this an initial meeting has now been arranged for 27th January at BDC offices in Braintree. I've invited Cllr Mrs Atkinson and Cllr Fincken to attend as HTC champions.

Recommendation: that HTC members note this report.

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