

District Councillor Monthly Report

Lawford, Manningtree & Mistley – June 2023

NEW LEADER CHOSEN AT COUNCIL MEETING

A new Leader has been elected at Tendring District Council (TDC) after the authority's annual meeting and following local elections.

On Tuesday 23rd of May at full council meeting Mark Stephenson was elected by the councillors to be Leader for the next four years.

Cllr Stephenson appointed Cllr Ivan Henderson as his Deputy Leader, and unveiled the new Cabinet as:

- Cllr Mark Stephenson, Leader, and portfolio for Finance and Governance
- Cllr Ivan Henderson, Deputy Leader, and portfolio for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism
- Cllr Andy Baker, portfolio holder for Housing and Planning
- Cllr Mick Barry, portfolio holder for Leisure and Public Realm
- Cllr Gina Placey, portfolio holder for Partnerships
- Cllr Peter Kotz, portfolio holder for Assets
- Cllr Mike Bush, portfolio holder for Environment

The composition of the new administration is as follows, Tendring Independents (11), Labour (8), Independents (5) Lib Dems (4) and 1 Independent (not aligned to a group) (Total 29) Number of Councillors in total = 48.

Outgoing council Chairman Peter Harris also handed over the chain of office to newly-elected chairman Cllr Gary Scott, who was also voted in by councillors during the meeting. Cllr Dan Casey was elected as deputy chairman.

Two new Blue flags for Tendring beaches as Essex Sunshine Coast holds four top awards.

Tendring District now has 4 Blue Flag beaches. Brightlingsea and Dovercourt Bay retained their Blue flag status. Frinton and Walton-on-the-Naze – (Albion Beach) gained the prestigious award.

In addition Brightlingsea, Harwich, Frinton, Walton-on-the-Naze's Albion and Naze beaches, and Martello Bay in Clacton have all been given Seaside Awards in recognition of their quality.

Seaside Award beaches have amenities at a high standard where they are provided, and a Blue Flag is an even higher globally recognised accreditation for quality beaches, taking into account factors such as water quality and availability of nearby facilities.

Have your say on Garden Community Development Plan

Members of the public and stakeholders can have their say on the submission version of the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community (TCBGC) Development Plan, during a six-week consultation running from Monday, 15 May to Sunday, 25 June.

The submission version of the Development Plan contains policies, visions, and a preferred masterplan layout option that will shape growth of a planned new settlement between Colchester, Ardleigh and Elmstead Market, which forms part of the adopted Local Plans for Colchester and Tendring.

Residents and stakeholders are being invited to comment on the soundness of the Draft Plan during the consultation period. Once the consultation ends, all responses will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate. A Planning Inspector will then consider these and assess if the Development Plan is sound and compliant with local and national planning policy.

To view the Submission Version and comment online, visit

<https://talk.tcbgardencommunity.co.uk> For anyone without internet access a Freepost address is available. Residents should write to **Freepost TCB GC** for more information.

Media reports of Asylum Seeker barges to be moored at Harwich

TDC have had a number of media enquiries asking to comment on the rumour that Harwich is being considered as a location to moor barges that will be housing asylum seekers. We have responded to say that **we have had no communication about such plans.** Ian Davidson (Chief Executive at TDC) “If these proposals do materialise then we would expect early and thorough consultation to ensure we have time to properly consider them, apply our local knowledge and expertise, and have any concerns addressed”.

Support for young people during peak exam stress period

TeenTalk is a Harwich based support network for young people 11-25 in the Tendring area. Parish Councils may wish to signpost their contact details during the peak exam stress period over the Summer.

TeenTalk contact number: 01255 504800

Website: www.teentalkharwich.co.uk

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