District Councillor Report

Covid Cases –

Stratford District 568 per 100,000 (was 1330 last time)

Warwick 542 (1440 last month)

Solihull 383 (1142 last month)

Redditch 541 (1231 last month)

People aged OVER 12 who have been vaccinated in the District :

1st dose numbers : 88 %

2nd dose numbers : 85 %

3rd dose number : 73 % No

Tax Council Tax Level for Stratford District has now been set

The Council Tax from Stratford-on-Avon District Council for residents for 2022/23 for each of the valuation bands is:

A £102.75

B £119.87

C £137.00

D £154.12

E £188.37

F £222.62

G £256.87

H £308.24

Anyone who thinks they could be struggling to pay their Council Tax is encouraged to contact the District Council as soon as possible by calling 01789 260990 or email revenues@stratford-dc.gov.uk, where the team will be able to advise what help is available.

Government Energy Prices Help

You will be aware of the statement made by the Chancellor regarding the help with Energy Prices and a £150 Council Tax Rebate for properties in Bands A-D. Councils will also be administering the rebate for eligible households in April.

Help for residents affected by Energy Price Increases Following the announcement of the price cap increase on energy charges which will impact millions of households, Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils are continuing to work with local charity Act On Energy to promote the grants, advice and support available to residents in South Warwickshire. Act On Energy can be contacted on 0800 988 2881 with a range of advice on their website <https://actonenergy.org.uk/>

Green Bins / Garden Waste subscription Garden Waste online subscriptions service for 1st April to March 2023 is now open - the link is www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/subscribe-for-garden-waste-service.cfm Information is being sent out to parishes re bin collection in the near future.

Venture House

After Covid if you are looking at changing / reassessing yourwork life balance / change of career your first port of call should be to visit the Venture House website – it offers a wide range of links for Business support, advice, business programmes, learning & skills opportunities. Go to : [www.venturehousestratford.co.uk/what-we-offer/business-support/](http://www.venturehousestratford.co.uk/what-we-offer/business-support/)

Local networking

Take a look at our list of local networking groups to see what you might like to get involved with. If you run an online networking group that does not appear on this list, please tell us about it and we can add your listing.

Overview and Scrutiny

At OSC on Wednesday we were asked to review the Cabinet papers on the call for sites in the district. Matters that came out of the debate were that the NPD where not going to be affected by the South Warwickshire Local Plan. Also, site within the AONB wholly and within the designate area are in the red zone for development.

The consultation will be evidence based. I raised the problem of lack of incubatory units within the district to support new business. The less driving to and from work will be better for the environment.