

## **District Councillor Report September 2023**

### **Possible Industrial Action**

HDC is preparing for planned industrial action by all UNISON members employed by the council. Late Tuesday afternoon, HDC was informed that members of the UNISON union intend to take strike action on Friday 6 October in relation to a pay dispute relating to the pay award for 2023/24. If the issue is not resolved, they then intend to pursue a period of industrial action in the form of an ongoing period of work to rule from Monday 9 October.

In line with these timeframes, we have further talks scheduled with UNISON on Wednesday 4 October, to discuss the results of the all-staff ballot and to seek a resolution to this year's pay dispute. Work will continue to resolve the dispute, and the session already in the diary offers the opportunity to do exactly that. However contingency planning is underway to seek to limit the impact of any industrial action on residents if the action goes ahead.

Once contingency arrangements are in place, the HDC website will be kept up to date with the latest information about any disruption to services.

### **Cycle September**

HDC are promoting #CycleSeptember, a biking challenge hosted by Love to Ride.

You, your family, and friends can take part and ride anywhere, anytime in September to participate. You can log your bike trips on Love to Ride or by using an app and track how much CO2 you've saved on each cycle.

Find out more: <https://www.lovetoride.net/uk>

### **A New Vision for Huntingdon, Ramsey, and St.Ives**

The Vision documentation for Huntingdon, Ramsey and St.Ives are now finalised.

The aim of these documents is to set out the context and socio-economic case for change in the towns, including a vision, illustrative Concept Plan, and individual projects to help each town realise their full potential.

These documents were previously branded as Masterplans but have been updated in response to feedback received during the consultation process.

The Visions are available on: [Vision Documents - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

## **HDC First to launch Dedicated manufacturing Fund**

Huntingdonshire District Council has successfully awarded £280,000 of funding to the manufacturing sector via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

A contract has been awarded to Oxford Innovation Advice to design, mobilise and deliver a unique business support and capital funding package for manufacturers in Huntingdonshire. Oxford Innovation will work alongside local businesses to help them gain a deeper understanding of their competitive standing, acquiring transparent and practical insights to propel their sustainability, productivity, and efficiency through the integration of digital technologies.

For more information: [HDC First to Launch Dedicated Manufacturing Fund - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/2023/09/20/hdc-first-to-launch-dedicated-manufacturing-fund)

## **HDC YouTube Channel**

Why not subscribe to HDC's own YouTube Channel? You can find out about projects that are taking place across Huntingdonshire and watch recorded Council Meetings.

All council meetings are live streamed through our YouTube Channel, see HDC calendar of meetings which will direct you to the live stream link.

[Monthly meetings calendar - September 2023 - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/calendar)

## **Meet Your Councillor Sessions**

We understand that sometimes it is easier to talk to someone face to face, rather than send an email or make a phone call. To help, we have scheduled some dates where residents can come and meet their District and County councillors face to face.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 14.30-15.30 Judith's Field, Godmanchester

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 14.30-15.30 Offord Village Hall

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 14.30-15.30 Town Hall, Godmanchester

As always, we work for you year-round. Should you need us, please contact us on:

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