**Monthly Report to Parish Councils – August 2023**

**Financial Situation**

You will no doubt have seen the press details about the Council having to work hard to balance the budget. We will be working, for the most part, behind the scenes and we will limit the impact on residents for as long as we can. We will support our most vulnerable residents, continue delivering our frontline services.

**Newbury Lido**

The Lido in Newbury has now opened – transformed into a brilliant place for the whole family. A little later than we had hoped, but the wait seems to have been worth it.

**Exam Results**

Young adults across the district received some excellent results in both GCSEs and A Levels – they have all come through a difficult period and we should be celebrating their successes.

**Community Forum**

The first Community Forum was held in the Council Chamber and online – the discussion was the proposed sports facilities at Faraday Road. It was a positive and engaging experience – if you are interested it is on YouTube.

**Fostering Opportunities**

Following my report last month – we now have partnered with Hungerford Football Club who have “Foster Now” on the front of their football shirts – great promotion.

# Football at Faraday Road

Work is still progressing – and we are hopeful of this being in use in the next few weeks.

**Household Recycling Centres**

Additional booking slots have been made available so there are more opportunities to take your waste.

There is also coming up a compost giveaway – weekend of 23-24 September, this is on the same basis as before.

**Annual Electoral Survey**

All households will shortly be receiving the annual Electoral Survey – this will be via email where possible, otherwise by post. This gives everyone a chance to check their entry on the electoral register.

On a personal level: as part of the executive team we have been working a new strategy for the council – this will be published soon.

I’ve also been supporting a number of residents with queries around planning enforcement, and some planning applications, as well as (more so at the moment) hedge cutting and of course dog bins!

Please feel free to pass on my contact details to any residents who may need to get in touch.

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