

Dear Colleagues

Now, more than ever, the role played by Parish and Town Councils is vital, a situation I fully appreciate as Chair of my local Parish Council. At a local community level, Parish and Town Councils often provide the first point of contact on many issues of local concern, along with involvement in planning decisions, representing communities and general management of town and village centres.

I therefore wish to continue the development of the relationship the County Council has with Parish and Town Councils, building upon the good work that I know already exists and utilising local skills and knowledge to deliver better services for our communities.

Following on from previous successful events, I would like to invite you all to the next meeting of the Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum which will be taking place on:

Date: Tuesday 16 April 2024
Time: 5.00pm–8.00pm
Location: County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG

The event will begin with a Marketplace event which will provide the opportunity to liaise with officers about County Council services, as well as representatives from a number of other organisations. A list of those who have already agreed to participate is also attached for your information and the list will be updated as others confirm their attendance.

The main Forum meeting will include presentations by:

- Remedi: Restorative Justice Scheme
- DCC Planning / Highways Development Control
- DCC Finance and Budget

You will also have the opportunity to participate in a general Question and Answer session, to be held towards the end of the meeting.

As you will be aware, Derbyshire County Council implemented cost control measures in September 2023 and as the financial situation continues to be challenging, unfortunately the food provision at this event has been ceased on this occasion.

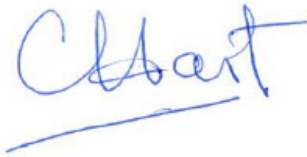
However, it was felt important that the opportunity the Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum event provides to meet and share information was important and therefore the event will continue. Please note that drinks will still be provided, along with space away from the marketplace and meeting room to sit, relax, network, etc.

Further meetings of the Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum are scheduled over the coming 12 months, the next one in October 2024 on a date as yet to be confirmed, so if you have any suggestions for agenda items for future meetings, please let us know.

Suggestions are very welcome and can be forwarded along with confirmation of your attendance by emailing policy@derbyshire.gov.uk or calling 01629 535561.

I look forward to seeing as many Parish and Town Council representatives as possible on the night.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "CHart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Councillor Carol Hart
Cabinet Member for Health and Communities