



Councillor Mike Sole's monthly report

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*Working for you all
all year round*

All of Kent's district councils, Kent County Council and Medway unitary council have now submitted details of their preferred options for setting up unitary councils in Kent – and a range of options that have been submitted. Government will now access the various options and decide which one we will have to work with. It's my view that the single Kent unitary proposed by KCC will be swiftly discounted as it fails to meet so many of the criteria set by government. I suspect that the most likely scenario is that Canterbury will form a unitary council with Thanet, Dover, Ashford and Folkestone & Hythe, but it may be a smaller unitary of just Canterbury, Thanet and Dover. We will have to wait and see.

At KCC full council I asked why the proposed new primary school at Thanington had been postponed and I was informed that lower numbers of young children did not justify it being built at this time. This is terrible news for the many young families in the area, many who have only recently moved into new homes. I shall continue to ask for this decision to be reviewed.

At KCC I attended meetings of Council, Economic Growth & Communities and Local Government Reorganisation committees.

With many of the KCC Reform councillors elected in May no longer in Reform, it has caused a number of issues with council committee players, and especially the Kent Fire Authority which found itself without either a chair or vice-chair. That will now hopefully be resolved at an extraordinary meeting next week – most likely a trip to Maidstone for a five minute meeting that must take place in person!

I'm pleased to see that progress is being made on the Patricxbourne 20mph limit – hopefully it this will go in early next year.

I've been chasing up several highway issues such as overgrown hedges, street lights, missing white lines and blocked drains.

Unfortunately, a number of dead wild birds have been found in the Chislet area and Canterbury City Council have issued advice about not touching dead birds and keeping pets away as it is suspected avian flu.



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