

Report to Hadleigh Town Council

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To the Mayor and Councillors,

The last few weeks have been very busy and eventful; a challenge to Conservative leadership, which led to Jennie Jenkins being re-affirmed in that role. BDC has now adopted the Cabinet model. I have taken on the role of portfolio holder for the Environment.

On Monday I attended the Waste Management Board meeting; Oliver Faiers reported that the collection routes are to be revised. I informed the board that Bill Newman's team at BDC are currently working on electronic mapping of the area, which will be of vital importance to many aspects of work, Serco having quoted £ 62,000, to do this.

I am pleased to report that given the sheer quantity of waste collected in the district, the efficiency level is extremely high. Of course, missed bins do gain a dis-proportionally high profile. The main problem is the recruitment and retention of staff. The team do an excellent job, in difficult circumstances, and are at the mercy of public perception that "all the council do is empty the bins".

Also, I have attended my first Environment portfolio meeting with my counterparts at MSDC. We fully intend to raise the profile of the Environment. Its coverage encompasses most other portfolios to varying degrees. I believe that during the recent years of the predominance of austerity it has assumed a low profile. This is something we will be working to change.

Bill Newman is looking into the five year land supply, along with local plans. Councillors Burgoyne, Grandon and I have been informed about this, and have given our input into the unique architectural character of Hadleigh. This will be used to aid future developments, and planning.

Locally, I have tried to help out a resident of Bell Mews whose residence backs onto Bradfield Avenue, where the building is not in accordance with the plans passed by the planning committee.

Whilst I was attending meetings a call came in from a Mr Jouet, a resident of the Angel lane bungalows regarding the grass cutting, this has now been resolved. Other comments have been addressed to the appropriate individuals.

Cllr. Christina Campbell