

Title	District Councillors' Report
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Annual SODC Council Meeting 16th May – some changes in responsibilities

At last month's meeting the following councillors were elected or appointed to new roles:

- Chair of Council – Cllr Kellie Hinton (Henley Residents' Group member)
- Vice Chair – Cllr Katherine Keats-Rohan (Wallingford member)
- Cabinet member for the Environment – Cllr Sam James-Lawrie
- Cabinet member for Corporate Services - Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye
- Cabinet member for Communities - Cllr Georgina Heritage

There were also some adjustments to some of the cabinet portfolios. For details see <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/local-democracy-and-elections/council-meetings-and-decision-making/council-cabinet-and-committees/the-cabinet/>

Great Big Green Week

This is taking place between 8th and 16th June. On Saturday 8th we will both be taking part in the Benson Big Green Week event at St Helen's church, from 10am to 4pm. We will have a range of materials on display from South Oxfordshire District Council to highlight how we are taking our responsibilities seriously about reaching our impact on the environment and protecting nature for current and future generations.

General Election information

We've now published new General Election 2024 pages; everyone can access these by going to [southoxon.gov.uk/GeneralElection2024](https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/GeneralElection2024)

Nominations commence on Monday 3 June. Those wishing to stand for election will then have until 4pm on 7 June to submit their nomination forms - for more information see our South and Vale pages for candidates and agents.

After the nomination period has ended, SODC will publish the names of the candidates on our General Election pages, and will also let people know via social media accounts.

Here's a reminder of the key dates residents will need to know in the run up to polling day on 4 July:

- You must be registered to vote by midnight on Tuesday 18 June 2024.
- Postal vote and postal proxy vote applications – by 5pm on Wednesday 19 June 2024. Everybody who applies for a postal vote should receive their ballot pack by 28 June and we are not able to issue replacements before then.
- Changes to existing postal and proxy vote arrangements – by 5pm on Wednesday 19 June 2024.
- Voter Authority Certificate (voter ID) applications – by 5pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024.

New proxy vote applications – by 5pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024.

SODC Grant Schemes

Now that we are well into the new financial year, the various grant schemes for 2024-25 are opening up in the coming months. For example the “Everyone Active” fund opened at the end of May with a total pot of £50k and the Councillor Grant scheme will open in August (usual £5k per Councillor). It’s worth keeping an eye on <https://southoxon.gov.uk/grants> to see what schemes have been included in this year’s budget and what the eligibility criteria are.

JLP Consultation shortlisted for a Planning Award!

We were delighted to learn that the Preferred Options consultation on the Joint Local Plan has been shortlisted for an award in the Planning Resource Awards in the Stakeholder Engagement in Planning category. Full details can be found on the Awards website - [Shortlist 2024 - Planning Awards](#).

Riverside Pool and Splash Pad

Riverside Park and Pools in Wallingford opened for the summer season in time for the half-term holiday on 25th May. Thanks to the hard work of our leisure team and Better UK the site is ready for visitors on time despite the damage caused by the flooding at Riverside earlier this year.

The splash pad and pool will be open every day throughout the summer until early September, and the pool is bookable via the Better UK app [and website](#).