

Sandy Town Council

2015/16

Annual Report





Introduction

The Annual Report informs readers what Sandy Town Council has done over the past year, a summary of its budgets, details of Council Members and the wards they represent. The report is based on the financial year 1st April 2015 to 31 March 2016; however it may also include information based on the Civic year which covers the period May 2015 to April 2016.

The Council welcomes any views on this report and on the services provided by the Town Council. Members of the public are also invited to attend every Council meeting to ask questions, make comments and raise matters of local interest during the public session.



Mayors Report

On behalf of Sandy Town Council it is my pleasure to introduce our report to the electorate of Sandy and Beeston after a very busy and challenging year.

Once again we had a very successful day at the end of November when our Christmas lights were switched on. Many organisations had stalls at this event to raise funds and there was a very good selection of stage entertainment from around the area. The weather was rather windy but still approx. 3000 people turned out to support the event once again. What a wealth of talent we have around the town.

Sandy Town Council is committed to the continued support of this very successful event and providing the Christmas lights for the benefit of the local community and we look forward to doing it all again this year. This year's event will be on 4th December 2016. The Switch on Event is organised by the 'Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights' group, which relies heavily on volunteers. If you are interested in helping organise this event by joining the groups committee or volunteering on the day please contact the council offices, we would be very glad to hear from you.

I am pleased to report that we have a settled and hardworking council now and I would like to thank all councillors for the time they voluntarily give to our town.

For the third year Sandy Town Council received no mitigation funding from Central Beds Council which would have been in the region of £50,000 this year, but despite this we have managed to keep our precept rise to only 5.99% which has meant on a band D property an increase of £7.41 per year or 14p per week.

In agreeing the Budget for 2016/17 the Council reviewed and reduced budgets across the board wherever possible and we continue to look to lower costs across all cost centres.

The Town Council does not rely solely on its precept to fund projects and activities and actively pursues grant and support funding wherever possible. The Council is currently working on grant funding to refurbish the War Memorial and make it more accessible, support the cemetery archaeological costs, bring benefits to the high street from CBC's match fund and over the next year we will actively be looking to bring as much section 106 money back into Sandy as possible, via Council applications and supporting community groups.



Mayor's Report Continued

Our cemetery extension has received planning permission and we now await the start of the archaeological dig which is a planning requirement. Over the past year several paths have been completely re-laid and resurfaced in our existing cemetery, improving its look and accessibility. Work has also been carried out on the cemetery chapel to protect it from damage caused by nesting birds.

Our biggest disappointment has been the proposed allotment site, which has fallen through due to the potential short life span of the site. It was felt that it was a large investment to develop the site and condition the land so it was fit for purpose for potentially such a short time. The Council realises the benefits allotments offer to communities and the Council are committed to finding suitable land. We are continuing to work with CBC officers and the Sandy Allotment Association to explore all other possibilities.

In September we appointed a new Town Clerk who has been working with Council staff and Councillors to progress projects, get involved with the Sandy Community and continue to develop the Council and its services.

The Town Clerk and Grounds team have continued to work with Seetec in supporting and coordinating the work they do around Sandy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the work they do which has such a positive impact on our community.

The Mayors charity fund this year has been donated to Sandy Guides for new flags and equipment, Music for Memory (Bedford) to further their work with people who have dementia and the Eve Appeal for gynaecological cancer research. Over £1700 was raised and may I personally thank all those who attended the mayor's charity events or made donations. It is truly appreciated. May I thank all the organisations for the warm welcome my wife and I have received when we have visited them and thank them for all their kind invitations and hospitality. We have enjoyed meeting so many people on our visits.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Jackson'.

Councillor W Jackson, Mayor of Sandy





Sandy Town Council exists to serve and represent the interests of the whole community of Sandy and to work for provision of services for its residents. Sandy Town Council will work with organisations or people willing to improve the well-being and prospects of the community.

The Council has had a full schedule of meetings including

11 Full Council Meetings

16 Development Scrutiny Committee Meetings

8 Policy Finance and Resources Committee Meetings

7 Community Services and Environment Committee Meetings

These meetings were the forum for detailed discussion and strategic decision making. Members of the public attended many meetings and this is always welcome and leads to much more informed decisions being taken. Our local PCSO gave regular reports to the council and the officers of different public agencies and service providers gave presentations and reports to the council during the year.

Members have acted as representatives on a number of outside bodies:

Talk of the Town Transport Committee

Sandy Charities

Sandy Village Hall Management Committee

Sandy Walkers are Welcome

Sandy Twinning Association

Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights

Sandy Sports and Leisure Association

Sandy Chamber of Trade

22 Squadron Air Training Corps Parents and Friends Committee

SG19 Road Safety Group

Sandy Carnival Committee





Chaired by Councillor M Scott

The Town Council’s Policy, Finance and Resources Committee is authorised by the Full Council to take responsibility for the preparation of the Councils annual precept, ensuring the Council has sufficiently budgeted for its operations, implementation of annual grants system, review of the longer financial term strategy of the Council, the review and approval of Council policy and procedures, and the monitoring and scrutinising of the budget.

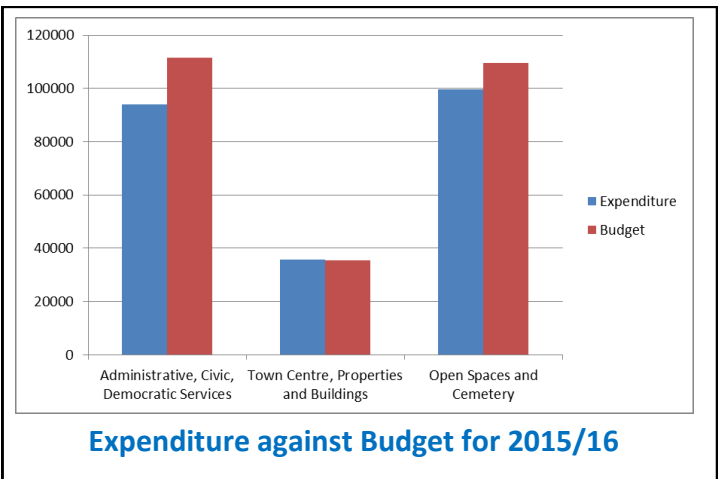
Policy, Finance and Resources Committee Report

It has been a busy year for the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee. Over the course of 2015/16 I have worked with the office to ensure the committee has carried out the review, updating and amending, where necessary, of our policies and procedures to ensure that all are up to date and effective. It is the responsibility of the committee to continually review all policies and procedures to ensure the council is acting with clarity and reacting in the most efficient and responsible way.

It is the role of the committee to review and approve grant applications. During the last year the committee agreed 6 grant applications for a variety of worthy community causes which carry out wonderful and important work within Sandy. The Council has increased its community grants budget for the next financial year as we look to support as many community initiatives as we can for the benefit of residents.

The Council Tax you pay helps towards a variety of services. The largest proportion is for those provided by Central Bedfordshire Council – education, roads, bin collections, health and social services, highways and planning right across the district. There is then a contribution towards Bedfordshire Police and Fire services. A small proportion of your overall council tax is for the running of your own Town Council which provides local services. The Town Council receives no direct grant from government and no share of business rates.

Over the past year we have worked hard to scrutinise budget lines and reduce our costs where possible. The committee continues to review service and utility agreements to ensure the Council is achieving best value for the tax payer. At the end of the 2015/16 financial year the Council was under budget by 38.2% due to efforts to reduce expenditure via sourcing best value products and services. This has allowed us to reduce some budgets for the 2016/17 financial year. However, there are costs over which the Council has little or no control, such as tax, superannuation, national insurance, utilities, business rates, etc. In common with many other Parish and Town Councils across the Country Sandy Town Councillors made the difficult decision to raise the local precept by 5.99% , equivalent to an overall increase of £7.41 per Band D Property.





Chaired by Councillor N Aldis

The Community Services & Environment Committee has a wide remit to discuss issues related to the open spaces, allotments, the cemetery, consultation with the community and many other items. Apart from consideration of planning applications, policy making, the finances and human resources it deals with practically everything else. The committee reviews work required to footpaths, pavements, cycle-ways, roads, waterways, horticultural and arboriculture works, street furniture (seats, planters, waste bins), play areas, and play equipment. Not all of this falls within the Town Council remit, however, so we try to liaise closely with our Central Bedfordshire Council partners on the maintenance of those items for which they have specific responsibility. In order to assist them, we reinstated occasional audits of all paths and kerbs in the town centre so that we could advise them of any defects requiring their attention.

Community Services and Environment Committee Report

The Council has not ceased its search for new allotment land and has continued to consult with Central Bedfordshire Council and landowners. During 2015 the Community Services and Environment committee believed it had found a suitable Central Bedfordshire Council owned site for our new allotments. The committee carried out investigatory work and negotiations with Central Bedfordshire Council in preparation for the Council to take a lease on the land for the use of allotment sites.

Unfortunately in February the Council was informed that the land for the proposed allotment site is to form part of a consortium of landowners looking to seek planning consent for development. Although any potential development, if approved, could be five year or more away it did place a short life span on the use of the land. The Council had to carefully consider whether the site was a workable option and if investing an estimated £35,000 - £40,000 in setting up the site was an appropriate expenditure given the potential development and short life span of the site.

As a result the Council unfortunately had to take the difficult decision that the site no longer presented a viable option for the financial investment and creation of an allotment site. The Council recognises its responsibility to provide allotment land and is dedicated to continue negotiations and searches to find a suitable site.

The council recognises the importance of the cemetery to our community. Many people visit it daily and every effort has been made to maintain the cemetery to the highest possible standard so we provide a pleasing and tranquil environment for mourners. During the past year there have been 18 burials and 14 interments of ashes. We are grateful for donations of benches and other memorials to the cemetery although at present there is no space for any additional seating. The committee approved work to the cemetery chapel during the year to ensure it did not suffer further damage from nesting birds.

The Cemetery Extension has now received its planning permission and following a tender process an archaeological contractor has now been appointed to carry the required archaeological excavation work.



This year the committee approved the submission of an application to CBC which will see up to £300,000 invested into our High Street, including pavement works, new signage, art work and street furnishings. The committee has also pushed for progress on the Sandy Green Wheel and Sandy to Potton Cycle way.

At Sunderland Road Recreation Ground the council continued to provide beneficial leases and subsidised pitch fees to several sports organisations. In return volunteers from the sports clubs contribute to the upkeep of the facilities which are also available for use by the public. The Jenkins Pavilion continues to be managed for the council by Stevenage Leisure Ltd and community use of this building has increased year on year.

Play equipment at Bedford Road, Sunderland Road, Beeston Green, the Limes Play area and Fallowfield Recreation Ground has been maintained during the year and inspected weekly. Residents should be mindful that not all the public open space in the estate belongs to Sandy Town Council and this accounts for some discrepancies in maintenance treatment.

Public open spaces at The Pinnacle Hill, Pinnacle Field, Bedford Road and Sunderland Road were maintained and made available for individual events during the year. Several “pop-up” events in the recreation grounds were held throughout the year as well as a fair on Pinnacle Field. On 21st April 2016 the Council arranged a beacon lighting event to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday. The event included community stalls and a procession from the market square to The Pinnacle. This successful event was support by the scouts, girl guides and the Sandy Reunion Band.

The Riddy Nature Reserve has been managed by the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire in conjunction with Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity. The reserve is a haven for native flora and fauna and visitors have enjoyed spotting different species throughout the seasons including a colony of water voles. Essential maintenance works have been undertaken and the area was grazed during the summer months.

The council continued to provide free public car parking in the town centre car park with the aim of supporting local businesses. The car park includes public conveniences which are owned and operated by the town council as are the public conveniences at Bedford Road Recreation Ground.



The Jenkins Pavilion at Sunderland Recreation Ground



Chaired by Councillor M Pettitt

This committee has three key roles: it reviews every planning application, considers tree applications, and takes part in various district and regional consultations where they may impact on Sandy. The Town Council is a statutory consultee, and reviews all planning applications and advises CBC should they not meet local requirements and aspirations. However, it should be noted that Central Bedfordshire Council makes the final decision on all planning applications, and does not always agree with the Town Council's comments.

Development Scrutiny Committee Report

Sandy Town Council (STC) is not a planning authority and has no direct powers to control the development of the town. Planning applications in Sandy are decided by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) which is the local authority empowered by law to exercise statutory town planning functions as well as the Local Development Framework and the key local planning policy documents which affect Sandy.

STC is entitled to see all planning applications which pertain to Sandy parish and to make comments on them which CBC takes into consideration when deciding whether to grant planning permission. This role is the responsibility of the Development Scrutiny (DS) Committee which consists of 10 members appointed annually at the Sandy Town Council Annual Meeting held each May and which has met on 16 occasions in the past year to respond to and comment upon around 100 planning applications. To effectively fulfil their role, to assist their understanding of particular applications and to aid decision making members have made a number of site visits during the past 12 months.

Members of the public with an interest in a particular application are encouraged to contact the Town Council to make their views known either in writing or to attend the DS Committee meeting when the matter is on the agenda to express them in person.

On 2 occasions in the past year members of STC have appeared before CBC's Development Management Committee (DMC). In late 2015 Members of DS resolved to object to CBC's own application for residential development on land in their ownership in Ivel Road. During January 2 members addressed the committee and set out the objections but none the less planning consent was granted. On a separate occasion a member of Town Council appeared before the DMC to present objections to a planning application which would have created a new gypsy and traveller site. This intervention almost certainly contributed to the decision by members of the CBC to refuse the application. Some you lose, some you win!

In order to gain a better insight and mutual understanding of how planning law should be interpreted and applied Members of DS Committee accompanied by the Town Clerk had a very useful meeting during the year with a senior officer from CBC Planning Department.



There have been a number of important and broader strategic issues which members of DS Committee have begun to consider during the past year. With CBC launching the new Local Plan pressures are growing for land to be made available for future development not only around Sandy but in the wider area. In addition therefore to its role set out above, with the recent news regarding the East West Rail link and studies still on going regarding the future of the A1 it will be important for this committee and indeed the Town Council as a whole to remain diligent and to try to ensure there is co-ordinated planning to help influence the way Sandy develops during the decade to come and beyond.



Human Resources Committee

Chaired by Councillor M Hill

The Human Resources committee, which meets about four times a year, has the major responsibility of trying to ensure the smooth and effective running of the Council through its paid staff, who operate as the office and outdoor teams. The committee is responsible for performance management, team-building and training as well as opening hours and work schedules. We must also do what we can to ensure the work-life balance of all the staff is

Human Resources Committee Report

I was elected chair of the Human resources committee last May, perhaps surprisingly, as I had only just joined the Council, but resources all round at that time were extremely stretched. The past year has seen two distinct phases;

From May to September the Council was operating without a clerk and had been since earlier in the year. Initial priorities were to improve morale among the staff after what had been a turbulent and disruptive period, introduce weekly briefings and address perceived current weaknesses. A temporary minuting clerk was appointed to ease the load and various attempts were made to ease tensions and improve the working environment.

Interviews for a new clerk were held in late July and, although the field was small, Chris Robson made an instant impact and was the unanimous choice of the panel. Chris joined us at the start of September and has proved 'a breath of fresh air'. The past six months have been devoted to;

The reestablishment of an annual appraisal programme for all staff.

The identification and enactment of training needs in line with new roles.

Team-building activities with the heads of the office and outdoor teams.

On-going review of opening hours.

Review of meetings' patterns, minutes deadlines etc.



Good progress has been made in all areas. The new clerk has really ‘set the ball rolling’ and we have already secured re-recognition for Quality Council status. Particular mention should also be made of Carol Baker- Smith, who did a sterling job keeping the ship afloat and more during the eight months the council operated without a clerk, Margaret Bracey who stepped in as temporary minutes clerk and greatly eased pressures all round, and all the staff who had to cope with a lengthy period of turbulence and stress.

The new structure and office roles have still another year to run. We need to try and establish the most appropriate office opening hours which suit the greatest number of Sandy residents and maximize the varied talents and experience of all our team members according to the needs of day-to-day efficiency. The appraisal cycle will be completed in the autumn and training needs on-going.



Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights

Chairman—Max Hill

The 2015 Christmas light switch on event was held on the last Sunday in November and the real challenge proved to be the weather on the day. Strong winds in the morning made setting up extremely precarious but fortunately the rain held off for most of the event itself. The lights had just been switched on at 16:30 when the heavens opened bringing proceedings to a premature end. The deluge emptied the town square in about 5 minutes flat.

Despite this, the event was judged another real success. Good numbers turned up, though not as many as the previous year, there was a full programme of stage events and Santa Claus was overwhelmed by the number of expectant children. Stalls of all kinds were very well received and the public generally felt that the lights themselves were a step up from the previous year. Almost all the feedback was positive and we look forward to a similar event in 2016.



Crowds gather at the Christmas light switch on



The Sandy Tourist Information Centre closed in the spring of 2015 and a brand new Information Point has been integrated in the Sandy Town Council Reception and was opened in April 2015. These changes have ensured that as many as possible of the tourism services previously provided have continued and where possible enhanced. The new Information Point has been refurbished to create a new and welcoming Reception area for the visitors to the Council Offices and telephone and email enquirers. The Information Point continues to provide information regarding local attractions, local walks, travel information and providing assistance and information about the locality to local residents.

The Council remains agents for Safford's Coaches, thus allowing local people to book holidays and day excursions within the office. A What's On section is kept updated on the Town Council webpage and posters are displayed in the Centre. Monthly articles continue to be written about the Centre and its services and news for publication in local journals.

The Centre holds a supply of Central Bedfordshire Council's green garden Bags, orange recycling bags, food bins and food waste bags for household waste thus allowing residents to collect these locally. A recent survey shows this is our third most popular enquiry at the Information Point.

The Centre has organised and led six local walks (although unfortunately one of the Walks had to be cancelled) during the year, in which over 160 people have taken part. Also during the winter three local talks took place (although unfortunately one of the Talks had to be cancelled) which were heard by nearly 120 people. These Walks promote access to the countryside in the area. Sandy's status as a Walker's are Welcome town has encouraged walkers to visit and participate in the guided walks and also individual, family and group walking.

The Town Council has hosted an increased number of visits from local schools to the Roman Sandy exhibition in the council offices as well as welcoming individual visitors to view the exhibits on display.

This year's Talks

OCTOBER

Bedfordshire Heroes by David Fowler

NOVEMBER

Concorde – an inside story by Colin McCartney

December

Training to be a Secret Agent by Bernard O'Connor

This year's Walks

JANUARY

Lowfields, Heath and Lodge Walk

MAY

Southill House Tour

MAY

Southill House Tour

JUNE

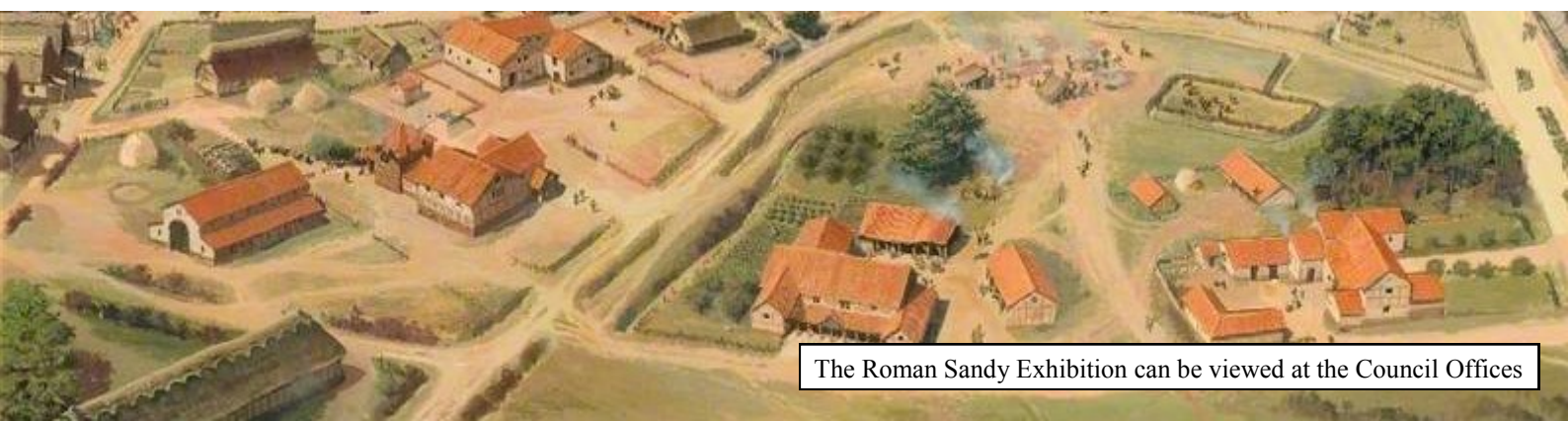
Coffin Walk

JULY

Tempsford Village Walk

AUGUST

Old Warden Village Walk



The Roman Sandy Exhibition can be viewed at the Council Offices



Every year the Town Council provides some funding for community groups and projects in the town. The Council has adopted a set of criteria which successful applications must meet and aims to support sustainable local projects that improve the quality of life for the residents of Sandy. The Council also makes donations to groups where appropriate.

In the financial year 2015/16 Sandy Town Council awarded grants or donations to:

Biggles FM	£250
Mid Beds CAB	£250
Sandy Twinning Association	£250
Sandy Community 1 st Responders	£446.31
Audrey Boothby Award	£25
Sandy Enhancement Group	£250
Sandy Scouts	£30
Sandy Royal British Legion	£55
Total	£1,556.31



Town Council Services

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| Cemetery Management | Town Centre Car Park |
| Church Yard Maintenance | Town Centre & Bedford Road Public Conveniences |
| Jenkins Pavilion & Sports Pitches | The Riddy Nature Reserve |
| Floral Displays | The Pinnacle Hill & Field |
| War Memorial | Local Information Point |
| Beeston Green | Roman Sandy Exhibition |
| Some Street Lighting and Furniture | Public Open Spaces |
| Christmas Lights | Play Areas, including Fallowfield, Bedford Road, Sunderland Road, Beeston and the Limes |
| CCTV | |



Harris's Fun Fair sets up at The Pinnacle



Financial Summary 31 March 2016

31 March 2015	Income Summary	31 March 2016
455,704	Precept on District Council	479,098
406	Capital Grants and Sale of Assets	4,361
4,770	Interest and Investment Income	3,559
7,057	Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces	4,466
26,051	Cemetery	18,535
10,344	Tourist Information Centre	2,181
1,478	Car Park and Market	1,460
7,639	Establishment/General Administration	1,788
-	- Civic and Democratic	50
5,660	Christmas Lights	2,099
-	- CCTV	833
1,509	Investment Sale Proceeds	-
-	- Outside Services	1,586
520,618	Total Income	520,016
	Expenditure	
278,430	Establishment/General Administration	316,504
-	- Election Expenses	421
30,253	Capital Expenditure	21,942
609	Loan Interest and Capital Repayments	608
	Operational Expenditure:	
47,100	Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces	54,345
2,688	Allotments	812
9,247	Cemetery	6,992
29,180	Tourist Information	4,246
4,470	Public Toilets	2,638
17,616	Car Park and Market	15,202
6,863	Lighting and Street Furniture	11,951
3,605	Civic and Democratic Costs	6,663
2,000	Grants and Donations	-
15,290	Christmas Lights	13,748
17,051	CCTV Fees	17,255
29,314	Outside Services	25,813
493,716	Total Expenditure	499,140



Financial Summary 31 March 2016

31 March 2015

31 March 2016

General Fund

20,764	Balance at 01 April 2015	80,106
520,618	Add: Total Income	520,016
541,382		600,122
493,716	Deduct: Total Expenditure	499,140
47,666		100,982
-	Transfer (to)/from Capital Receipts Reserve	15,083
32,440	Transfer from/(to) Earmarked Reserves	11,663
80,106	General Reserve Balance at 31 March 2016	127,728

Current Assets

2,556	Stock	-
7,303	Debtors and prepayments	15,968
546,593	Cash at bank and in hand	573,976
556,452		589,944

Current Liabilities

11,991	Creditors and income in advance	24,607
544,461	Net Current Assets	565,337
544,461	Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	565,337
544,461	Total Assets Less Liabilities	565,337

Capital and Reserves

72,795	Usable Capital Receipts Reserve	57,712
391,560	Earmarked Reserves	379,897
80,106	General Reserve	127,728
544,461		565,337



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Pinnacle Ward Continued

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Beeston Ward includes properties in:

Ash Close, Brook End, East Side, Elder Close, Girtford Bridge, Grange Gardens, Great North Road, High Road, Hillview, Lime Avenue, London Road, Nursery Drive, Meadow Close, New Road, Orchard Road, Tempsford Road, The Baulk, The Cloches, The Crescent, The Green, The Knolls, West View, Whitestones

Ivel Ward includes properties in:

Albion Court, All Hallows, All Saints Way, Bedford Road, Bickerdikes Gardens, Birch Grove, Brandreth Place, Braybrook, Carter Street, Cedar Gardens, Centurion Walk, Church Path, Coopers Close, Deepdale, Edgcumbe Court, Elm Tree Road, Filland Court, Foster Grove, Girtford Crescent, Greyhound View, Harvey Court, Heron Close, High Street, Ivel Road, Ivel View, Kings Road, Laburnum Road, London Road, Manor Road, Market Square, Mayfield Court, Mill Lane, Monoux Place, Ongley Court, Park Court, Park Mews, Park Road, Poplar Close, Potton road, Queens Road, Rivermead Gardens, Robert Hunt Gardens, Roman's View, Sandford Rise, Sandpiper Court, South Road, Spencer Road, Spring Grove, Station Road, Stratford Road, Swan Lane, Swansholme Garden Court, Swansholme Gardens, The Avenue, West Road, Western Way, Westfield Gardens, Willow Rise, Woolfield

Fallowfield Ward includes properties in:

Avocet Close, Brambling Close, Crow Hill, Cuckoo Close, Dove Close, Falcon Close, Fieldfare, Goldfinch Drive, Hawk Drive, Kestrel Way, Kingfisher Close, Larks Rise, Linnet Close, Merlin Drive, Osprey Close, Owlswood, Partridge Piece, Pipit Grove, Plovers Field, Robin Close, Rothbury Close, Starling Close, Swallow Crest, Swift Close, Tempsford Road, The Buntings, The Finches, The Harriers, The Jays, The Rookery, Weavers Green, Woodcock Close, Woodpecker Way, Wren Close

Pinnacle Ward includes properties in:

Abbey Grove, Alfred Cope Road, Alnwick close, Arran Close, Balmoral Close, Banks Drive, Belam Way, Berwick Way, Bidlake Croft, Brickhill close, Brickhill Road, Brindley Close, Bunyan Road, Cambridge Road, Carlisle Close, Cauldwell Court, Cherrycroft, Churchill Way, College Road, Cottage Road, Dapifer Drive, Deepdale, Delamare Close, Downing Court, East Road, Edward Close, Engayne Avenue, Everton Road, Faynes Court, Friars Walk, Handley Court, Havelock Close, Kingsley Court, Glebe Close, Glebe Road, Greens Close, Jubilee Close, Leeds Smith Drive, Lindisfarne Close, Longfield Road, Magnolia House, Malaunay Place, Maple Road, Market Square, Medusa Way, Middleham Close, Midland Road, Mills Walk, Moores Court, Newton Way, Northcroft, Oak Close, Peels Place, Pentland Close, Powers Close, Pickering close, Pleasant Place, Potton Road, Prince Georges Drive, Pym's Way, Quince Court, Rectory Court, Rowan Court, Rutland Gardens, Sand Lane, Sandon Close, Shannon Close, Skipton Close, St Neots Road, St Swithuns Way, Stirling Close, Stonecroft, Sunderland Road, Swaden, Talisman Close, Warkworth Close, Waverley Avenue, Wesley Road, Winchester Road, Windsor Way, Wynnefield Walk.



Town Council			
Councillors	Total No. attended	Total No. of meetings	% attendance
Cllr Aldis	11	11	100%
Cllr Ali	4	11	36%
Cllr Blaine ¹	7	7	100%
Cllr Cole	10	11	90%
Cllr Hill	11	11	100%
Cllr Jackson	11	11	100%
Cllr Leach	7	11	63%
Cllr Osborne	10	11	90%
Cllr Pettitt	5	11	45%
Cllr Quick ²	4	7	57%
Cllr Scott	10	11	90%
Cllr D Sharman ³	5	7	71%
Cllr P Sharman	11	11	100%
Cllr Sparrow ⁴	6	7	85%
Cllr Sutton	10	11	90%
Development Scrutiny Committee			
Councillors	Total No. attended	Total No. of meetings	% attendance
Cllr Aldis ⁵	5	5	100%
Cllr Ali	6	16	37%
Cllr Blaine	11	12	91%
Cllr Cole	15	16	93%
Cllr Hill ⁶	4	5	80%
Cllr Jackson	14	16	87%
Cllr Leach ⁷	4	5	80%
Cllr Osborne ⁸	3	5	60%
Cllr Quick	7	12	58%
Cllr Pettitt	14	16	87%
Cllr Scott ⁹	4	5	80%
Cllr D Sharman	8	12	66%
Cllr P Sharman	15	16	93%
Cllr Sparrow	12	12	100%
Cllr Sutton	13	16	81%

1 Cllr Blaine was co-opted on 17 August 2015
 2 Cllr Quick was co-opted on 17 August 2015
 3 Cllr D Sharman was co-opted on 17 August 2015
 4 Cllr Sparrow was co-opted on 17 August 2015
 5 Cllr Aldis came off committee after 7 September 2015

6 Cllr Hill came off committee after 7 September 2015
 7 Cllr Leach came off committee after 7 September 2015
 8 Cllr Osborne came off committee after 7 September 2015
 9 Cllr Scott came off committee after 7 September 2015



Policy, Finance & Resources Committee			
Councillors	Total No. attended	Total No. of meetings	% attendance
Cllr Aldis	8	8	100%
Cllr Ali ¹⁰	1	2	50%
Cllr Blaine	5	6	83%
Cllr Cole ¹¹	2	2	100%
Cllr Hill	5	8	62%
Cllr Jackson	6	8	75%
Cllr Leach	5	8	62%
Cllr Osborne	4	8	50%
Cllr Pettitt	7	8	87%
Cllr Scott	7	8	87%
Cllr D Sharman	0	6	0%
Cllr P Sharman	8	8	100%
Cllr Sutton ¹²	2	2	100%
Community Services & Environment Committee			
Councillors	Total No. attended	Total No. of meetings	% attendance
Cllr Aldis	7	7	100%
Cllr Ali	4	7	57%
Cllr Cole	7	7	100%
Cllr Hill	7	7	100%
Cllr Jackson ¹³	3	3	100%
Cllr Leach	6	7	85%
Cllr Osborne	6	7	85%
Cllr Pettitt ¹⁴	1	3	33%
Cllr Quick	2	4	50%
Cllr Scott	7	7	100%
Cllr P Sharman ¹⁵	2	3	66%
Cllr Sparrow	5	5	100%
Cllr Sutton	6	7	85%

10 Cllr Ali came off committee 7 September 2015

11 Cllr Cole came off committee 7 September 2015

12 Cllr Sutton came off committee 7 September 2015

13 Cllr Jackson came off committee 7 September 2015

14 Cllr Pettitt came off committee 7 September 2015

15 Cllr P Sharman came off committee 7 September 2015



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Stratford Road Depot

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Play Areas

Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Bedford Road, Sandy SG19 1EY

Beeston Green, The Green, Beeston, Sandy SG19 1PY

Sunderland Road Recreation Ground, Sunderland Road, Sandy SG19 1TH

The Limes, Elder Close, Beeston, Sandy SG19 1GF

Merlin Drive, Fallowfield, Sandy SG19 2UN

Jenkins Pavilion

Sunderland Road Recreation Ground, Off Medusa Way, Sandy SG19 1TH

Public Conveniences

Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Bedford Road, Sandy SG19 1EY

Town Centre Car Park, High Street, Sandy SG19 1AG