

## **Report from Chris O'Donnell 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Malvern Wells Parish Council**

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### **Telephone services to be brought back to Malvern**

Notice has now been given to Civica who handle our face to face and telephony service. The notice period is up to one year. These services will be brought back into the new council house reception area once it opens.

### **Waste bin collection**

The alternate weekly bin collection service commences on 2nd April. We are confident that the transition will be smooth due to the enormous amount of work undertaken by our Portfolio Holder, officers and depot staff. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April is a bank holiday, but if resident's normal collection day is on a Monday, then their black bins WILL be emptied on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

### **SWDP Review**

The review of the SWDP is underway which will be extended to 2041.

### **MHDC Peer Challenge**

The Council's Peer Challenge took place on 5<sup>th</sup> March for 4 days with a total of nine Peers from all over the country. The Peers consisted of Council Leaders, Chief Executives and LGA officers. Their initial findings were very favourable. The Peers full report will be made available during April and the Council will publish their findings.

### **5G coming to Malvern Hill's District**

We have received confirmation from the government that we have been successful in attracting the 5G test bed to Malvern Science Park. This is extremely good news for the Malvern Hills District and for Worcestershire as a whole. With economic development, growth and job creation at the heart of the Council's policies this is very good news for both our current business base and our aspirations to attract new business to the district. Worcestershire is now on track to be one of the first counties in the country to roll out 5G.

### **Local Enterprise Partnership moving to Malvern**

Following the government's announcement that the 5G test bed will be based at Malvern Science Park, the Worcestershire LEP have now confirmed that they will move their offices to the Science Park. Again, this is excellent news for MHDC and the business community located here.

### **Democratic Day at Chase High School**



Enjoyable and successful day held at the Chase High School to talk to Councillors and their role in the community. Groups of students from years 7 to 9 sat with a councillor and then the councillor moved to the next table. The students stayed in their groups. Councillors present were; Chairman of the council Chris O'Donnell. Leader of the council David Chambers and West Malvern councillor Natalie McVey.

### **Syrian Refugees**

Worcestershire council leaders have agreed to take an additional 50 Syrian Refugees between now and May 2019. The previous 50 refugees have been housed in Worcester City, Wyre Forest and Redditch.