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Warwick District Council ('WDC') Report for KTC July 2024 - Cllr James Kennedy

	Issue/Portfolio Holder(s)	Current status
1	Arts & Leisure - Cllr Ella Billiald	• WDC were able to make the necessary changes to allow the Carnival and Fun Fair to go ahead successfully on the new site in Abbey Fields.
2	Climate Change Cllr Lowell Williams	• Cabinet approved on 10th July the Low Cost Low Carbon Energy Programme, which will go to full Council on 24th July. The programme aims to: 1. Deliver rooftop solar / low energy lighting in key WDC assets, alongside other decarbonisation works for WDC assets with the greatest potential to benefit from decarbonisation measures. It is not yet confirmed whether this will include Jubilee House. 2. Establish and agree a decarbonisation and energy reduction programme for the WDC housing stock to enable WDC housing to achieve EPC C (or beyond) by 2030 3. Bring forward proposals to deliver high quality, net zero carbon affordable housing on the Council owned sites. 4. Undertake feasibility and pilot work to establish a programme to enable householders and businesses to reduce carbon emissions and energy costs.
3	Governance - Cllr Ian Davison	• Agreement has been reached with the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) for the airport site at Baginton and two additional sites to become part of the West Midlands Investment Zone (WMIZ). This is a complex agreement but should help bring investment to support the development of the Gigafactory, benefit the economy locally and provide guarantees of funding for WDC from business rates for the next 25 years. It will also create investment for local growth initiatives which could include projects like the Abbey Fields Swimming Pools. • Council officers successfully managed the general election for both Kenilworth & Southam and Warwick & Leamington constituencies on 4th July.
4	Finance – Cllr Jonathan Chilvers	• The Council is continuing its programme of reducing costs and the burden on council tax-payers. With ever-increasing postal charges residents are encouraged to sign up for e-billing for their council tax payments here. This will save postage costs. https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/xfp/form/382. Of course residents can still receive council tax statements by post if they wish to.
5	Housing – Cllr Paul Wightman	• The Housing Team, in conjunction with the Climate Change Portfolio Holder, are working on plans to develop former Kenilworth School sites at Leyes Lane and Rouncil Lane in line with the Council's newly-adopted Net Zero Carbon DPD.

6	Neighbourhood services Cllr Will Roberts	• Following No Mow May this year residents are encouraged to submit their feedback to the Council using this form: https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NoMowMay2024/. Last year the equivalent survey had over 4,200 responses from residents across the District and WDC is hoping for an even greater response this year so that next year's programme will be even better. • Residents are also invited to sign up to WDC's Biodiversity Newsletter here: https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20855/biodiversity/1968/biodiversity_newsletter • WDC is launching this year's Biodiversity Photography Competition which will run until 8th September. Entry details here: https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/biodiversitycompetition