

**District and County Councillor Report to
St Briavels Parish Council
for 13th February 2023**

District Council

Electoral Services are to hold a briefing on the forthcoming elections for candidates and councillors later this month.

The need for photoID at the polling stations is a new change to the elections and it is important that the message gets out to everyone likely to vote that without such ID, electors will be turned away from the polling station. Postal voters do not need to provide photo ID but do sign and give their date of birth as proof of authenticity. A briefing for clerks is taking place on 16th February and for candidates and councillors around the first week of March.

At the Full Council meeting on 2nd February two main matters were discussed. The appointment of an interim Head of Paid service had been decided upon last October. However, a reminder of the remuneration of £1068/day created a lively debate. The exempt business involving an investment into property acquisition was defeated 14:13 votes.

County Council

A survey on the County Council's decarbonising transport is out until the 28th February. If you have time I would seriously recommend you fill it in and contribute to the response needed to make this meaningful.

https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/journey-to-net-zero?tool=survey_tool#tool_tab

The Highways Local Fund will be continued for the 2023-23 year, If you have any highway or footpath works you want me to support with your £5k please let me know. Some of the works for last year have been completed, others carried forward. Hopefully, Hilgay/Coldharbour road will be resurfaced this spring.

Always happy to answer your questions via email or by phone.