

## **District Councillors' Report for 22 April 2024 Town council meeting Cllr Kim Bloxham, Cllr Kevin Blakey, Cllr Sam Hawkins**

### **PCC Election**

Police and Crime Commissioner elections are taking place in England and Wales on 2 May 2024. For those voting in person photographic ID is required.

### **Leisure Centre Update**

The Leisure Strategy Delivery Forum received an update on the progress of the leisure centre with a swimming pool in Cranbrook.

A community consultation in late 2023 identified that the community of Cranbrook views the delivery of a leisure centre with a swimming pool as its top priority for community facilities. The council is progressing with producing a master plan for the town centre, including identifying locations for critical facilities, including a leisure centre.

Current s106 funding is estimated at £4.6m, although this is significantly short of the capital required to deliver the project. However, the Council is implementing the project to ensure a "shovel-ready scheme," which Officers believe will be easier to apply to Sports England and similar organisations for capital funding.

To keep momentum, six monthly updates will be provided to the Forum.