

Welcome to the new clerk – Patrick Coffey

The council is delighted to confirm the appointment of Patrick Coffey as our new clerk to take over duties from Paul Tipple. Paul is able to continue from Brazil as acting clerk, to effect a smooth handover.

Patrick will start on Monday 1 August 2011 and is able to join the next council meeting the following Monday 8 August.

Patrick's background is very suitable for Kingston having been involved in local government for almost his entire career, with a particular specialism in planning. He lives in Heathfield and having retired from Wealden District Council is an advisor to the Surrey and Sussex Associations of Local Councils ("SALC") – clearly far from ready to "call it a day". Patrick is married with two children who are working/studying in Sussex and Kent respectively, and his wife Jenny is the local chiropodist

We invited applicants to make a short presentation on the localism bill - "the challenges confronting modern Parish Councils"; Patrick's focus was the Vision that a village like Kingston may have to develop the opportunities made possible by the act, assuming completion of its passage through Parliament.

Patrick can be contacted using the existing clerk's contacts: -

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