

County Councillor Annual Report

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during the last year.

Name of Councillor R Shepherd

Council Activities

Committees you serve on at County Hall

I have continued to contribute to the work of the Council and the development of Council policy by, among other things:

- Participating in debates at Council meetings
- Serving as a Scrutiny Commissioner and member of the Scrutiny Commission, of which I am Vice-Chairman
- Serving as Deputy Chairman of the Employment Committee and of the Corporate Governance Committee
- Serving as a member of the Secure Accommodation Review Panel
- Serving as a member of the Boundary Review Working Party

(A full list of the bodies to which I currently belong is available on the County Council website. I was also, for part of the time covered by this Report, a County Council nominated member of the Combined Fire Authority.)

Electoral Division activities

Main Activities during the past year:

I have attended meetings of Parish Councils as often as possible, which has also provided an opportunity to meet local police officers. I have kept in contact with Parish Councils between meetings

Something in particular which I have been undertaking is so much a continuation of what I wrote in my last Report that it seems pointless to vary the wording from what I wrote last year, so I will repeat it here: "Another task has been to communicate County Council policies and seek views on them. Increasingly it has become necessary to convey unwelcome news about the financial problems the Council faces and explain actions taken to provide the best possible outcomes."

I have also been reporting on such matters as the Council's Fair Funding campaign and proposals for a Combined Authority.

Turning to specific issues, it is pleasing to report that Council officers have undertaken a detailed piece of research about traffic movements through Burton on the Wolds and Wymeswold. Their work has been presented to the Parish Council concerned and others who are interested, and is indeed publically available. It has been valuable in informing thinking about traffic issues, especially HGV traffic.

Some measures to help address the long-standing traffic problems in Mountsorrel Lane, Sileby, are being implemented in September and October 2015.

I have continued to serve as a Governor of Burton on the Wolds Primary School. My particular roles there include being Literacy Governor and chairing the Pupil and Curriculum Committee.

Priorities for the immediate future are:

A priority continues to be dealing with issues raised with me by individual constituents and by Parish Councils

Learning and development:

As a Member of the County Council I attended the events listed below.

All Member Briefings on:

The LLEP, Child Sexual Exploitation, Better Care Together, Communities Strategy, SEND, Information Security and The Role of Members, The Fire and Rescue Service, Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Health Profiles, MTFS and Transformation Programme, and Boundary Review.

I have also attended events on LGBT And Straight Allies, and Health Care and Integration.

I attended the events listed below as a Member of Charnwood Borough Council. Technical Briefing – SHMA, Planning Training for all Councillors, Technical Briefing on the North East of Leicester SUE, Scrutiny Briefing for SMB, Training for members of the Personnel Committee, Member Training Day – Universal Credit, and Technical Briefing – Land West of Loughborough Sustainable Urban Extension planning application (P/14/1833/2).

Signed by Councillor: R Shepherd

Date: 28 September 2015