

## **County Councillor Annual Report**

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during 2017/2018.

## **Dean Gamble**

## 1) Electoral Division activities

## Main Activities and the impact during the past year:

I have pleasure in presenting my report for 2017/18 as one of the two elected County Councillor for the Oadby Elecoral Division.

My main concern during the year has been the difficulty in getting school places for children moving to Oadby during the school term(midterm school admissions)I have encouraged parents to appeal and have attended the appeals panal hearing when requested by parents. It is very difficult for parents to comprehend a system which doesn't seem to cater for children moving into Oadby mid term. The LEA has ensured that there are enough places for all Oadby children at the start of the new academic year but the vacant places are usually taken up by children from the City causing the problems parents are now facing. I find it unacceptable that Oadby kids are being sent to schools right across the County with the ensuing difficulties over transport etc.

The second major issue in Oadby over the last year is the rise in burglaries. I have attended public meetings regarding the issue with residents expressing their concern with their perceptions that part time street lighting was part of the problem. As a result of this and the intervention from the local police full time street lighting was reintroduced last December. I hope this will be a permanent decision.

Another concern of residents was the difficulty in obtaining GP doctors appointments. With this in mind I helped to arrange a public meeting which has resulted in changes at some on the GP surgeries making it a lot easier to get an appointment.

Locally I attended the OWBC Residents forum, stakeholders Group and the Multi-Cultural group. I have also worked closely with the local police on anti social issues.

Finally together with my fellow Oadby County Councillor Jeff Kaufman in the last year we have distributed our "FOCUS" newsletters quarterly to nearly 9000 Oadby homes which doesn't include numerous street letters all at no cost to the public purse

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