

# County Councillor Amanda Hack Annual Report 2017/18

Please contact me if I can be of any help

## Formal Council Committee Work

### **Council Committees I have served on at County Hall**

Full Council \*

Health Scrutiny\*

**Child Protection Panel** 

(\* meetings recorded on webcast)

#### **Local committees:**

Attendance at the Poppies Local Committee

#### Other relevant bodies

Braunstone Town Council, Deputy Leader

- Policy and Resources Committee
- Community Development Committee

Shakespeare Park redevelopment group

#### Main Activities during the past Year

- Worked with local people to manage the impact of industrial use of the residential part of Hazel Drive. Worked with the District Councillors and District Council on a planning enforcement process. I held a dedicated Councillor Surgery and fact-finding session.
- Met with Audi, Ford and Slater and wrote to Next on the issues we had been having on Narborough Road South and Kingsway.
- Worked with Braunstone Town Council, Health Scrutiny, East Leicestershire CCG and other local County Councillors to expand the GP services in the Braunstone Town Parish.
- Worked with the local beat team on crime issues across the beat.
- Worked with County Colleagues on the part-night lighting solutions locally.

- Working with Social Services on specific pieces of localised casework.
- Worked with the District Councillors on Environmental enforcement casework.
- Met with Braunstone Town Sure Start Services supported the case to keep Braunstone Sure Start open, attended the consultation session at Countesthorpe and completed a formal consultation response.
- Raised a question on the Braunstone Town Library at Full Council and worked with colleagues at County Hall on the long-term future of the Library. The Braunstone Library will now be transferred into the management of Braunstone Town Council, supported by SOLAG the local community group.
- School Places support for appealing families
- Visited the Co-located Social Services and Police Department on combating and supporting the victims of Child Sexual Exploitation.
- Challenged the consultation route used by Leicester City Council and the Environment Agency on the Flood Alleviation works that impact Braunstone Town. This was only raised with me by a concerned member of the public, but this at least raised it with Braunstone Town Council and allowed me as a local member to put forward a consultation response.
- Working with the local community as the impact of the Clear Zone around Millfield continues to be consulted on, with an aim to ensure that the best possible solution for residents and parents can be reached. I have held 2 dedicated Councillor Drop in Sessions on this matter.
- Many one-to-one sessions with local people on individual casework.

#### **Priorities for the future are:**

- Working to minimise the impact on Braunstone Division of local cuts placed upon it by the Conservatives at National, County and District Level.
- Ensure that the level of school places required by my Division continue to be managed, the pressure on primary places is still there and will continue for the foreseeable future.
- Monitor detailed plans as they emerge on the road network impacting Braunstone.
- Continue to work with highways to manage the ongoing safety around our schools in the area, but also those that provide places to our young people from Braunstone Town.
- Disseminate the messages of county's public health work.
- Better information to families about services for elderly people and people with learning difficulties.

- Campaign for better funding for the NHS and great performance from our acute services in UHL, mental health in LPP and GP services under our CCG.
- Continue to ensure that the local bus services and the two Park & Rides on the edge of my patch continue to provide appropriate levels of service to local people.
- Introduce road safety improvements and community speeding interventions.
- Continue to campaign with others to reduce casualties involving cycles and pedestrians. Support safer cycle routes.
- Monitor new arrangements and appeals system for Personal Transport Budgets for pupils with severe educational needs and disabilities.
- Oversee changes and appeals to Personal transport budgets for SEN pupils.

It has been an exciting first year as your County Councillor and I'm pleased at some of the progress that has been made. At the beginning of the year my casework was full of difficulties we have had with the GP Services across the area. I was supported by my Town and District Colleagues to work with the Surgery and local NHS to see an increase in the amount of local GP capacity across the parish but also it was great to see that after 4 years of working (3 as a Town Councillor) we were able to expand the capacity of Kingsway Surgery to ensure that local patients can be seen at the facility most suited to their needs.

The year has seen another year of cuts planned to some of the most vulnerable people in our County, with cuts to SEN transport and the planned cuts to Sure Starts. It is my view that preventative services are a valuable part of the County provision and should feature in services.

I will continue to work with local people on what is important to them in our community. Please do get in touch.

Signed:

Amanda Hack

Amanda Hack CC, May 2018.