

## " County Councillor Annual Report

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during

### Name of Councillor

Mr Blake Pain CC

### 1) Electoral Division activities

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

2017 began with new electoral boundaries for the Bruntingthorpe Division.

My new Division now has the following parishes: Arnesby; Bruntingthorpe; Catthorpe; Cotesbach; Fleckney; Gilmorton; Gumley; Husbands Bosworth; Kimcote and Walton; Knaptoft; Laughton; Misterton with Walcote; Mowsley; North Kilworth; Peatling Magna; Peatling Parva; Saddington; Shawell; Shearsby; South Kilworth; Swinford; Theddingworth; Westrill and Starmore and Willoughby Waterleys.

Although one of the largest geographic divisions in the whole County, I try to attend as many parish council meetings as possible throughout the year. I deal with a lot of issues raised by the parish councils and residents. The majority of these include planning and development control, speeding traffic, highways maintenance, superfast broadband delivery, passenger transport and social care.

I undertake meetings and/or communicate with the division's MPs or their staff as and when necessary. We work very closely to try and resolve the casework that is raised with us.

As the Lead Member for the Environment and Transport department at LCC, my role is to represent and lead the important functions of Highways, Passenger Transportation, Waste Management and the Environment on the Cabinet at LCC. We all use the roads, our rubbish needs disposing and recycling, we need to invest in our transport and infrastructure and we need to promote Leicestershire to the wider world as a great place to live, work, visit and bring up a family.

Austerity has not gone away and we still need to prioritise our finite resources. This means we have to make tough decisions and strike a fine balance between the council tax you pay and the services we provide or commission.

This is why we are collectively fighting for a fairer funding formula for Leicestershire. Despite being the lowest funded county council in the country, we continue to provide excellent services, and this can only be achieved by planning ahead and making the right decisions.

## Priorities for the immediate future are:

Leicestershire is one of the fastest growing areas in the country- in terms of economic growth, employment and in housing development.

All this growth puts extra demand on the services the County Council provide, so I am playing my part in helping the Council to plan ahead to make provision for the expected growth, working with our partners , not only in Leicestershire, but with neighbouring authorities and government agencies to provide funding for the infrastructure that will be needed to support all this economic activity.

Whilst this is welcome in terms of jobs and much needed new housing, we have to work with non-governmental organisations like the Midlands Engine for Growth and the Midlands Connect transport groups to make sure these plans are a success.

Despite the gloomy financial outlook for the Council, we have plans for £290M of capital investment in infrastructure. We will also invest in a corporate asset investment fund that will generate income to support service delivery and we have just signed up to the UK100 group of councils and businesses which promotes clean energy use and cleaner, greener communities.

## **2) Council Activities**

### **Committees you serve on at County Hall**

Cabinet- Lead Member for the Environment and Transport Department (E&T)

Cabinet Briefing- E&T lead .

Cabinet Strategy & Co-ordination Group- As and when E&T business is raised

The Environment and Transport Scrutiny committee as lead member to be scrutinised

### **Local committees/Outside Bodies**

Local Government Association – General Assembly.

Local Government Association- Economy, Environment, Highways and Transport Board member

Leicester & Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership- Substitute member.

East Midlands Councils- member.

Leicester and Leicestershire Transport Board- member.

Cotesbach/Shawell Liasion Committee- member.

HS2 Mitigation sub-committee- LCC lead.

**Other bodies – School governors/community and charity organisations etc**

N/A

**3) Learning and development:**

I always look at ways to better my understanding and appreciation of issues and the people affected by the decisions we take at the County Council.

**4) Other Matters:**

A new role I was appointed to earlier in the year was the Local Government Association's Economic, Environment, Housing and Transport Board (EEHT) As suggested, this body looks strategically, on behalf of all local government at all the issues that relate to the board's title.

**Social Media**

**Signed by Councillor Blake Pain**

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