

County Councillor Annual Report 2010/11

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during 2010/11.

Name of Councillor Mr R Shepherd

Council Activities

Committees you serve on at County Hall

I have served on the following committees

- Scrutiny Commission
- Employment Committee
- Corporate Governance Committee
- Children's Community Homes and Service Teams Monitoring Panel
- Secure Accommodation Review Panel
- Admissions Forum
- SACRE (Leicestershire Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education)
- Scrutiny Review Panel on Winter Maintenance
- Scrutiny Review Panel on The Big Society

I have also assisted by serving as a substitute or temporary member on other committees

Local committees – Highway Forums and Community Forums etc

I have served on the following committees

- Leicestershire County Council Highways Forum for Charnwood Quorn, Barrow, Sileby and The Wolds Area Forum
- Bradgate, Rothley, Mountsorrel and Birstall Area Forum (as a Borough Councillor)
- British Gypsum (Barrow Project) Liaison Committee
- Cossington Sand and Gravel Liaison Committee

Other bodies – School governors/community and charity organisations etc

I am a Governor of Burton on the Wolds Primary School and a Member of the Governors' Pupil, Personnel and Curriculum Committee

Electoral Division activities

Main Activities during the past year:

Continuing activities are to respond to requests from constituents, Parish Councils and other local organisations for information and assistance with a variety of matters, and to work with local police officers and Borough Councillors jointly to address issues.

I have also been monitoring and dealing with the local consequences of the County Council's need to find savings whilst keeping the impact on services to a minimum, and of the Council's response to the policies of the Coalition Government.

To turn now to specifics, my work has included the following topics:

The state of the roads in winter. My knowledge of local matters assisted me in my work on the Winter Maintenance Review Panel. I checked with Parish Councils on the quality of work last winter so see if the Panel's recommendations had any effect and was pleased to receive favourable reports, including some warm praise from some for the gritting operation.

The impact of heavy goods vehicles on safety and the quality of life. I continue to encourage the reporting of possible infringements of weight restrictions. An element of continuing work is to find a long-term solution to the number of HGV movements. Keeping the issue of Mountsorrel Lane on the radar, in co-operation with Sileby Parish Council and interested members of the public.

My work on the Big Society Review Panel enabled me to develop understanding of how that policy of the Coalition Government may affect constituents. Similarly, keeping abreast of the emerging LTP3 (Local Transport Plan Number 3) and planning policies has enabled me to brief Parish Councils.

I have had the pleasure of visiting local groups – Sileby Youth Club and Sileby Neighbourhood Watch.

As a Governor of Burton Primary School I have contributed to the school's governance and development, especially in my role as Literacy Governor. As a Charnwood Borough Councillor, serving on a Borough Council Scrutiny Review Panel, I have contributed to a piece of work concerning The Oak Business Centre in Sileby.

Priorities for the immediate future are:

- Keeping up the pressure for a solution to the problem of the number of HGV movements
- Supporting the campaign by parents about the safety of the walking route from Sileby to Humphrey Perkins High School in Barrow upon Soar
- Monitoring the creation and effectiveness of mitigation measures for the impact of development at Seagrave Road, Sileby.
- Working with the Burton on the Wolds Parish Council Working Party on traffic issues, and with any other working parties or similar groups which request my input.
- Supporting work to improve broadband speeds in my Division
- Addressing the problem of traffic in Mountsorrel Lane, Sileby
- Monitoring the development of the Academies programme and its outcome for local schools
- Working with Borough Councillors to advise on how the Borough Council's development policies may affect my Division
- Continuing to be watchful for the as yet unknown

Learning and development:

I attended courses and briefings at County Hall on the following subjects during 2010/11:

- Climate Change
- Programme and Project Management
- Local Transport Plan 3 (two briefings)
- MTFS (Medium Term Financial Strategy) two briefings
- Three Budget briefings
- Equality, Diversity and Human Rights in Leicestershire (three workshops)
- Policing Issues
- Environment Agency's Role in Permitting and Regulating on EPR (Environmental Permitting Regulations) Activity
- Census 2011
- I have also attended school governor training and training in my role as a Borough Councillor

Other Matters:

Signed by Councillor:

Date: