

County Councillor Annual Report

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during 2019/20.

Name of Councillor

Lee Breckon

1) Electoral Division activities

Main Activities and the impact during the past year:

Planning applications, both full and outline have again kept the division busy and we have been working with many residents on helping to represent their concerns and views.

Residents in Kirby Muxloe have been supported regarding the HGV traffic from the Poundstretcher site in Desford. This is ongoing but support opposing this scheme to vary the opening conditions have been given by myself and Richard Blunt as Joint divisional Members. Traffic calming and supportive measures for Desford Road and Ratby Lane have been a priority this year as well as getting support to obtain suitable funds from new housing developments to improve the busy road infrastructure around the village.

Glenfield has seen an increase in speeding related issues along its main roads and these have been reported and passed on to the officers.

I attended all parishes this year talking to either the Parish Council or to residents directly who have issues and again I am impressed by the passion that the Division has as a whole and the knowledge that people accrue when they have issues.

Watery Gate Lane ford has been a constant source of correspondence and a scheme has been designed, and we were pleased to secure the final funding needed from LCC to ensure that gates and signage can be installed and managed by trained wardens to prevent future risks.

The issue of traffic calming schemes for LFE and Kirby Muxloe from the s106 mitigation funds for the new Lubbethorpe development continue at a slow pace. This work is continuing and we push for movement to provide the traffic calming needed.

I have signposted many individual resident's issues across the four Parishes and maintain the excellent working relationship I have with Richard Blunt. We try and keep up to date with and for input into the local publications to ensure we are able to give a local update to our workloads, if and where possible.

Priorities for the immediate future are:

To continue to support the Division, and its parishes and its residents and to ensure all opportunities are taken to promote the County Council and what it offers. There is so much on offer and it is making sure the community is aware of all that is out there in all its forms.

In these current Covid-19 times, to offer signposting to all of the key support services that have

supported the initial 12-week lockdown period so fully and to now help the Community start to reintegrate itself.

2) Council Activities

Committees you serve on at County Hall

This year my role as Lead Member for Health as Cabinet Member has been a full and varied one.

Health deals with so many aspects of public life and the Director of Public Health and his team of professionals have delivered not only the statutory services which are funded through the Public Health grant, but have taken ownership of the Covid-19 pandemic and supported so many strands of support that needed Public Health expertise and intervention.

With sometimes having daily briefings over the last three to four months, it has made me appreciate the systems that have been introduced across the County so quickly so as to support all groups of residents. It has also made me very proud to be Lead Member for Health at Leicestershire County Council and represent the professional team in Public Health.

I was honoured to open the Suicide Awareness Conference last September as part of the Councils commitment to support World Suicide Prevention Day. There we launched the Suicide Bereavement support service to help support families left behind after suicide occurs.

Campaigns have been launched to highlight Warm Homes, Quit smoking, Weight Management programmes and so many more key services have been highlighted and promoted so that people can choose to become healthier and get full support to do so.

We have just joined forces with all the major health care providers to support mental health which in the last three months that cover this report has become so important to so many people of all different ages.

Local committees/Outside Bodies

As Lead Member for Health, I chair the Health and Well Being Board and also represent County on many other bodies and also attend forums where Lead Member input is required.

I am a Member of the LCC Recovery Member working group looking at how services and the Council is shaped going forward following the Covid-19 pandemic.

3) Learning and development:

I have continued training as offered to ensure I understand how all of the County Council works and the services it has to offer.

I am happy to learn to allow me to perform my role as County Councillor and Cabinet Member to the very best of my ability for your benefit.

4) Other Matters:

Once again, I would like to thank my fellow Divisional County Councillor Richard Blunt who has continued to support me with his wisdom and knowledge of local government.

The residents of Glenfield, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester Forest East and Thurlaston have been very supportive and are always happy to raise issues. A lot of these, I signpost to the departments that can then get resolutions in place, or they are passed to other authorities / utility companies who are responsible for the issue raised to again get the matters raised resolved.

Over the last three months, I have been humbled by the actions and spirit of the community I serve. I hope that a large part of that spirit will continue when a “new normality” returns to our parishes, our county, our country and our world.

As Winston Churchill said - “Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, it’s also what it takes to sit down and listen.”

Thank you for reading this report. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any thoughts, experiences or issues that you wish to share as I enjoy listening.

Lee Breckon

Signed by Councillor

Date 25th June 2020.