



## County Councillor Jewel Miah Annual Report 2020/21

Supporting the Community through tough times

2020-2021 Year was the toughest and most involved I have been as an elected member. The Covid 19 and the subsequent lockdowns and uncertainty around health, wellbeing and the economy pushed many to the forefront of our communities and divisions.

Like all councillors I was briefed on a weekly basis as to the effect of the pandemic on Leicestershire, council service provisions and our residents. These were led by the Director of Public Health and service Directors.

In Loughborough East I was supporting residents, businesses, and community organisations on a near daily basis. Fielding questions from those that had either been furloughed, closed their businesses or community facilities or had been impacted directly by contracting the illness.

I was active and involved in the area in getting the message out to all residents to keep safe and to get tested and then eventually vaccinated.

Council scrutiny meetings resumed part way through the year, and I continued my role on Adults and Community where I kept abreast of developments at Care homes and the impact the pandemic was having on them.

These meetings and other information is recorded and [webcast](#) for you on YouTube channel Leicestershire County Council.

### **Local bodies and groups with which I am connected:**

***I attend residents' organisations, community groups and schools when I am invited or offer to attend for a specific local matter. These are:***

*The Sidings Area Residents association primarily around the train station area of town.*

*Hastings Community Association located at the Carillon cricket club off Empress Road. However, this year most of the meetings were held via Zoom*

*Bangladesh Social Association where I am the General Secretary and help in running the organisation on a voluntary basis.*

*Fearon Hall Community Association as an appointed observer I oversee the running of the organisation to ensure its aims and objectives are being fulfilled.*

## Activities I've been involved in

### **Coronavirus: Covid-19 Emergency.**

**Food Parcels:** I created and organised the BSA Food parcel project to get much needed food to those that needed it at the beginning of the pandemic.

**Communities Together:** A meeting held via zoom with the heads of all local community centres and organisations. Supporting, advising, keeping touch, and sharing best practices during the pandemic.

**Business Support:** I created a WhatsApp group of local Loughborough East businesses or local residents who owned businesses and the self-employed, to keep them informed of business grants and self employed grants that they may be entitled to and how to access them.

**Bell Foundry People Zone:** Supporting this great initiative around the Peel Drive estate, which is helping residents fight crime, anti-social behaviour and supporting them to lead a better quality of life.

**New Drains:** Got the County Council to resolve a long-standing issue of surface flooding around Moira Street / King Street with installation of new drains.



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### Priorities for the future:

- To minimise the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic and build back better in the aftermath.
- Ensure Social Care services are at their best and have the staff they need to care for vulnerable people under the pandemic.
- Promote the Loughborough Growth Strategy and redevelopment of the High Street.
- Enough high-quality school, pre-school, and childcare places.
- Promote carbon zero measures beyond internal operations.
- Explore new ways to mobilise street wardens to control parking and improve safety outside schools.



- Disseminate the messages of county's public health work especially around Coronavirus.
- Support voluntary organisations and try to ensure that grants and participative budgeting is directed towards social priorities.
- Campaign for better funding for the NHS. Never take great performance from our acute services in UHL, mental health in LPP and GP services for granted.
- Keep supporting our local Schools - Limehurst High, Rendell Primary and Cobden Primary to achieve the best outcomes for our children.
- Enough high-quality school, pre-school, and childcare places in the area I represent.
- Work with the Police and Crime Commissioner and local Police Inspector and his team to deliver a safer area for all of us.



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