



County Councillor Rosita Page Annual Report 2021-22

It has been another eventful year with increased responsibilities

As I am a district and county councillor it is very difficult to separate the two. Working for my residents is to me about delivering services and a holistic, wrap around support to my residents.

The pandemic is still affecting all council services but we still continue to do our very best for residents

I have and will always make sure our voices are heard.

As the County Councillor for the Lutterworth division I have ensured that all my emails and phone calls, requests, moans, groans and complaints have been dealt with.

Believe me, this is a never ending task taking up a lot of time.

I have continued to take part in on line learning and endless briefings to ensure I am/was well informed of all the continual changes

At the council we are back to some face to face contact but most of my meetings take place by TEAMs and Zoom I got the bad back to prove it .

I attend all parish meetings whenever possible, meet with residents and I am happy to say there has been a start back to community 'get togethers'. This is invaluable to network, establish contact with residents again and recreate those missed social interactions

It is good to get out and back to a 'normal' life!



As the vice chair of the Scrutiny Commission I was involved in policy development, pre decision scrutiny, performance monitoring and providing assurance that risks were properly analysed.

Budget monitoring was and remains a priority because of increasing general cost, cost of increasing care, pressures and inflation whilst the Leicestershire County Council remains underfunded which is not long term sustainable anymore

This year for the first time I have been working with the Local Area Co-ordinator (LAC) to address serious issues like providing homecare, school admission, dementia support etc. It has been very valuable to work in tandem for a fast effective outcome.



I had great support from the Early Learning team to get our volunteer led play school in Ullesthorpe back on its feet. Now there is a waiting list .

There is the general issue about parking around schools and there is nothing much that can be done to influence irresponsible drivers and irresponsible parking but I managed to get white and yellow lines by my schools and secured random enforcement checks

There have been some speed reduction measures installed on some village roads but they were secured from the developers via s106 agreements.

I managed to get a 20mph speed limit introduced on some roads in Lutterworth and I supported the reduction from a 60 mph to 50 mph speed limit on some chosen roads



Roads remain a constant strain on the budget and I am forever chasing Highways matters

Health raised concerns of patients and sadly I received many complaints from residents about not being able to access GP services but this is not in our remit. GP's are private businesses. I have voiced my concerns with the commissioners on behalf of many residents

Armed forces support is well signposted now and officers at county and district work together to do their best to support veterans. At Lutterworth we have provided a free venue at the leisure centre for veterans to meet .

I am very pleased that with my help we secured additional burial ground for the Claybrooke's and Ullesthorpe . With grant funding from county and district we managed to update a walkway in Claybrooke Magna to encourage a better walking experience

Both authorities provided for local businesses, ensured grant funding and there was lots of help for local businesses. There are job clubs, business newsletters, apprenticeship schemes and many other initiatives to help, support and promote

The school meal service improved even more and LCC provided extra meals by committing extra funding to the service

The war in the Ukraine had an impact on council services and on already very strained finances. Thanks to our generous residents we have already been able to welcome the highest number of Ukrainian guest into the Harborough District. We are all in unchartered territory but thanks to the county and district council working closely together we are trying to overcome hurdles and are actively looking at ways



on how to improve the stay of our guests. There is a very active action group working in Lutterworth with their own Facebook page for additional support. So far we are doing very well .

The Harborough fly tipping campaign is going from strength to strength and reports have fallen for the third year in a row but we are most grateful to our 'wombles' who are relentlessly out there picking litter to ensure a clean environment to enjoy. Most of the litter picking equipment was provided by LCC.

Volunteers in general have played a continued valuable role in our communities and I am very thankful

District Councils have been administering the Government energy bill rebate of £150 from May onwards for households CT band A to D. If you paid by direct debit it will go straight into your account everyone else will get a letter with a barcode that enables them to pick up the cash from a post office but needless to say that has caused quite a few additional emails

Park and Stride is a new partnership that encourages parents to park their cars and walk their children to school. This initiative is run by Everyone Active and there was a great turnout at the Lutterworth Sport Centre for the launch.

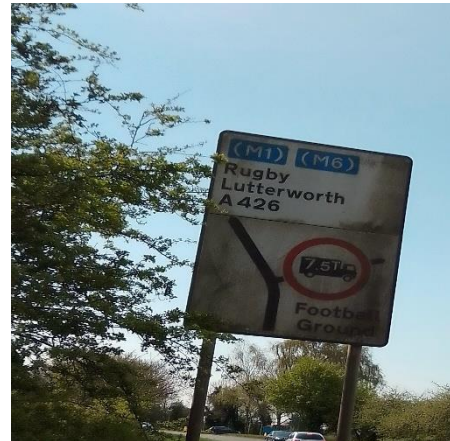
HDC is joining other councils in Leicestershire to offer residents and businesses the opportunity to buy solar panels at the best price. This proving very popular .

I provided information, enabled and I have worked with my parish councils and the Lutterworth Town council to ensure provisions and better services for our residents



Among many things, far too many to remember I have worked relentlessly to secure grant funding to improve our village halls, footways, signage, roads.

I have support public realm projects, environmental projects like tree planting and wildflower verges.



I have worked on the Lutterworth Masterplan and helped to secure serious money towards the delivery of this project. The present funding stands at around half a million pounds plus further s106 monies from the Lutterworth East development to come. That is besides new schools, specialist housing, affordable homes and many more things to come. I worked with partners on the s106 agreements as best as I could to get the best deal for Lutterworth and surrounding areas

I have supported the independent Lutterworth Town Estate charity to secure over £330 000 funding towards their new building which will home the museum.

The independent museum has also benefited from a lot of help from the LCC museum service and I walked about every footpath in my division to chart diversions and report irregularities

There was a 2 year only commitment to allow councillors a fund of £25,000 each year for 2 years running. This year every elected member of the county council has already received their £25,000 from this fund, called the Member Highways Fund to enable them to put forward projects of their choice that would /could not be delivered otherwise. I supported some minor projects in my villages which really have gone unnoticed but I spend £21 000 on purchasing half an electric bus. The other half was

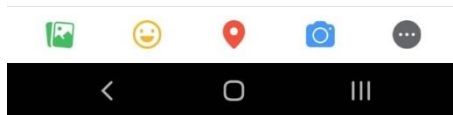


funded by The Magna Park Community Fund. This was a first for me and a first for the Lutterworth Community Transport. This environmentally friendly 5 seater bus with wheelchair access does not only lower the carbon footprint but it is easier, cheaper and more sustainable to provide transport and it meets the needs of all the



residents of are very large area for many years to come. I am extremely proud of recognising the opportunity and being the first to provide something long lasting and valuable.

This little bus is so busy delivering for food banks, taking people shopping, to hospital and to work that - providing I can secure the difference I will fund a second bus this year.



This summer will be remembered in history as we join our Queen in celebrating her Platinum Jubilee.

To mark this event HDC awarded every parish council a grant of £250 towards celebrations and there is a further grant of £500 available for initiatives to mark as a lasting commemoration of Her Majesty The Queens historic 70 year reign which was well received and many residents will enjoy a free hog roast or a free cream tea.

Onwards and upwards.

I am not sure what the next year will bring. I am sure there will be many new challenges but a lot of the work going forward will be a continuation of the aforementioned.

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