

County Councillor Annual Report

This report summarises the activities of Lee Breckon and Nick Chapman, Joint Divisional Members for Glenfield, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester Forests and Thurlaston for the County Council during 2021/22

Lee Breckon



&

Nick Chapman



1) Electoral Division activities

This year saw us coming out of the Covid Pandemic. We resumed face to face meetings at Council towards the end of Summer 2021 which was good to resume some sort of business normality.

The work has continued in dealing with residents' concerns, and grant funding for many businesses were dealt with. If not directly involved, it was signposting and guiding people to get the answers they needed.

Issues reported and progressed included litter, road signage, vegetation, speeding, traffic calming, block gullies and drains. This last year, where possible, we tried to get residents to log the issues themselves as it makes it more personal and the responses and actions taken are reported back directly to them.

We both attend as many Parish Council meetings as often as possible. Nick, as a Member of Glenfield Parish Council, attends all of their meetings. He has also spent

his first year visiting Kirby Muxloe, Leicester Forest East and Thurlaston Parish Councils and getting to know them and the issues they have. It is good to have two divisional Members who can visit, report and listen to residents and Parish issues.

We have dealt with many residents directly as well. We signpost many individual resident's issues across the four Parishes to the right authority to get the problems sorted. We also take enquiries from our District Councillors, to ensure progress is made.

We also keep up to date with the local village publications to try and ensure we can give a local update on our workloads, if, when and where possible.

Nick and Lee have a clear mandate to support the Division, its parishes and its residents. We are enjoying the challenges of doing this and we are working well together.

We meet on a very regular basis to discuss divisional issues and share ideas and best practice.

We were allocated £25,000 each as part of the Members Highways Community fund to use across the division on highways improvement schemes. We submitted £49,000 worth of schemes which are currently in progress. We have a similar amount allocated this year, so we will add this to any underspends from this year and add value to the division by improving the area.

2) Council Activities

In the year this report covers, Lee has completed his first year as Lead Member for Resources, with responsibilities for the County Councils Financial position. Lee ensures that we are spending responsibly and also prudently. There is a lot of pressure on the finances due to the effects of coming out of the pandemic, and more recently the Ukraine conflicts

Lee sits as Chairman of the Corporate Asset Investment Fund and the Employment Committee, as well as a Member of the Cabinet ,the Constitution Committee and represents LCC on the East Midlands Shared Services Joint Committee of which he is currently Chairman.

Lee reinforces key messages across the division and county with endorsements on press releases, content for Leicestershire Matters, radio and TV interviews and Member briefings.

Nick dived straight into the role of a County Councillor and certainly hit the ground running. He is Vice Chairman of the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and is a member of the newly formed Environment and Climate Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Nick is also making himself available as a “stand in” on many other committees so that he gets a fuller understanding of how the Council operates and more importantly what it delivers.

3) Learning And Development

In his first year. Nick attended all training aimed at newly elected Members. This is a very full programme which covered all aspects of what a Members duties and responsibilities are.

We have both continued with ongoing training to ensure we understand changes in the law and services that the County Council offers. This includes regular Member briefings.

4) Other Matters:

Nick brings with him local knowledge and brings much needed “youth” and enthusiasm for the job that we do as your elected County Councillors.

We will continue to support all residents of Glenfield, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester Forest East and Thurlaston.

Thank you for reading this report.

Please do not hesitate to contact us by email or by phone with any thoughts, experiences or issues that you wish to share as we both enjoy listening and learning.

Signed by Councillors

Lee Breckon & Nick Chapman

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