



Annual Report 2021/22

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My committees were full council and DCRB. Full council now meets only 5 times a year and the DCRB meets once a month. The agendas for both are getting lighter and lighter, understandable for DCRB as the economy is stalling, but full council should be addressing in more detail the economic impact of the recession on Leicestershire communities. All we seem to hear from the Tory administration is how tight things are financially and that fairer funding will solve all the counties problems. The Tories have refused to join with Notts and Derby in bidding for a level 3 mayoral deal with the government (they probably wouldn't want us anyway the way we have treated them over the past few years), Neither Rushton or Soulsby want to give up their power, they are happy to be big fish in a small pond.

Getting ward things done is becoming increasingly difficult with finances being the regular excuse not to do anything, works that have needed doing for years are being put back again and again. These are mostly highways related in some way, very little casework comes from the other services provided by the county council.

The Lib Dem group is performing its opposition role well, in stark contrast to the Labour group who seem a little lost.

The vast majority of my time is spent with resident issues and concerns, for me this is the best part of being a councillor. I do regular walks through my ward and get to know the residents and the geography very well. Regular newsletters are hand delivered by me to several thousand homes across the ward. The future is concerning because of the economic crisis and the Tory administration is being watched very closely by everyone