

County Councillor Annual Report 2022/23

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during 2022/23

Name of Councillor Cllr Phil King

Division Represented: Market Harborough West & Foxton

Electoral Division activities

Main Activities and the impact during the past year:

During the last 12 months, I have continued to ensure that I responded promptly to resident and parish council concerns. After further resident representations I decided to allocate the 2nd tranche of the members highways fund towards parking restrictions on Walcote Road, Market Harborough which has been blighted for a number of years with all day commuter parking. In addition I have worked with officers to see how we can ensure that the cycle lanes on Coventry Road and Fairfield Road can be used by cyclists instead of being parked on by cars.

Continued to work with various stakeholders, parish councils, district cllrs and local MP and county officers on the Gartree Prison application which went to appeal. Now subject to a call in by the Secretary of State.

Public transport both along the A6 and A4304 and around the local villages of Foxton and Lubenham are an ongoing concern. A number of meetings have been held with bus operators along with LCC officers to explore how we can ensure that the bus timetables more appropriately meet the needs of service users.

A further issue that I have received a substantial amount of case work on is related to SEND and home to school transport provision. These have resulted in me submitting questions to the appropriate scrutiny committee on their behalf to obtain further clarifications and this has helped myself and other colleagues have a better understanding of the contractual arrangements that are in place for these services.

In addition to this I have been working on the Health Scrutiny and Oversight for the past year to ensure greater transparency by the local NHS services to their plans, success and how they intend to improve delivery across LLR.

Flooding- championed the review of the surface water flooding issues in my division

Delivery of infrastructure- roads, schools etc – working with parishes and local residents to understand when delivery will happen.

Neighbourhood Planning- supported the creation of the Market Harborough Town Forum by Harborough District Council to create multiple neighbourhood plans for the unparished areas of my division.

Worked with my neighbouring CC member and officials re the revised Market Harborough Transport Strategy

I have continued to ask questions at Committees and Council, that are relevant and topical to my division.

Community Leadership Role

As above

Engagement with the Council, other statutory bodies and public utility companies (Water, Gas etc) about services in the area

As above, and also attended various briefings by LCC and other providers about services in the locality. Responded to and publicised via my social media channels various Council consultations for local residents to respond to

Priorities for the immediate future are:

Continue to be an active advocate for local residents and businesses within my division, regarding services provided by the County Council. I will also continue to explain to residents about Council decisions, actions and policies that are likely to have an impact within my division.

Council Activities

County Council Committees You Served On

For the year 22/23 I have served on:-
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee- Vice Chairman
Leicestershire Pensions Committee

Local Committee/Outside Bodies

Joint City/County/Rutland HOSC
Foxton Locks Partnership- dormant

Learning and Development

I have attending training re Pensions committee and the member role and responsibilities.

I have attended regular training/briefing sessions organised by LCC
I receive and read East Midlands Councils briefings

Other Matters

I was the Leader at Harborough District Council 22-23, Chairman of the Leicestershire District Councils Committee, along with being Chairman of the A5 Partnership and Vice Chair of the Trans Midlands Trade Corridor (southern section). This means that I had a lot of interactions with LCC as part of those roles. I have also in my district capacity been a member of the LGA Resources Board and also on the Executive Board of the District Councils Network, where I was the lead member for Levelling Up. I was also on the Regional Employers Board and Joint Council at East Midlands Councils. I attended various conferences/seminars and lobbying events in that capacity and undertaken a great deal of media work also.

Communications

I attend Foxton and Lubenham Parish Council meetings when I am able. Specific queries are responded to. I liaised closely with the district council ward members in my division.

I have social media accounts on twitter and Facebook which I post to and follow/repost LCC messages on.

I also communicate via leaflets delivered via political party.

Signed by Councillor:- Cllr Phil King

Date:- 12 July 2023