

COUNTY COUNCIL – 3rd JULY 2024**POSITION STATEMENT FROM THE LEAD MEMBER FOR
COMMUNITY AND STAFF RELATIONS**

I am very pleased to have this opportunity introduce the 2024 Communities Annual Report. The Report brings together and celebrates work within my portfolio that has been carried out with communities in the County over the past financial year. We have a lot to be proud of in Leicestershire, and the Annual Report brings to the forefront some of the very many ways in which the Council is collaborating with communities to bring forward some great initiatives, with a focus on people coming together to support each other, building on the strengths of people, places and local institutions.

The Council's Communities Strategy: Our Communities Approach continues to set the context for our engagement with communities centred on partnership and developing solutions based on the assets, priorities and aspirations of our different communities. This approach is well illustrated by our collaborative support for parish and town councils, neighbourhood planning groups and the Leicestershire Rural Partnership. We have also helped to support and strengthen communities over a wide range of themes, including working towards net zero, community resilience, health and wellbeing, neighbourhood planning, equality and diversity, employment and training and volunteering.

There are many inspiring examples of our work within the Report, and I would urge Members to continue to link with and support social action and collaborative grassroots initiatives in our role as Community Leaders and Champions.

The Annual Report was circulated you yesterday in the Members' Digest. It is also available on the Leicestershire Communities website and on the Members Hub.

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