

General:

I have attended 23 meetings this month, not including Parish Council meetings. Throughout December I have received 477 e-mails that required responses and been involved in the aftermath of two serious case incidents involving looked after children in our Care.

The major meetings that I attended included:

Lead member meetings – 4th, 12th, 18th.

Strategic Cabinet Group meetings (SCG) 4th, 11th, and 18th.

Cabinet Briefing meetings on 4th and 18th.

Cabinet on 18th.

Full County Council on 5th December.

Special Educational Needs Board on 10th December.

I chaired the Safer Communities Partnership on 10th December. This meeting went into a private session for a police briefing on the intrusion into Leicestershire of the County Lines drug problem.

Transformation Board on the 13th.

Introduced the All Member briefings on the Medium Term Financial Strategy, and for the Health and Wellbeing strategy on 12th and 13th December.

Attended the media briefing on the Medium Term Financial Strategy. This focussed on the financial implications for the Children and Families Services budget and took place on the 12th.

On Monday 17th I attended a special meeting organised by Witherley Parish Council regarding police response to recent criminal and attempted criminal activity. This was attended by the Police and crime Commissioner, a Chief Inspector, and the Sargent from Market Bosworth Police Team. Around 20 parishioners were also present.

I attended both the Junior and Senior Children in Care council meetings on the 19th.

Thursday 20th I attended the agenda setting meeting for Overview and Scrutiny of children and family services.

On Friday 21st, I had a private meeting with the Chair of Market Bosworth Parish Council, followed by attending a partnership meeting with the Police and Crime

Commissioner, Rutland County Council, and Leicester City Council regarding the future development of Domestic Abuse services.

Confidential meetings took place on the outstanding dates.

County Council 5.12.18

I formally answered a question regarding the growth in Education Health and Care Plans.

The Leader gave a position statement.

I was also asked to provide a position statement.

A Report was received from the Corporate Governance Committee

This was followed by a Report from the Constitution Committee

The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health was approved

Also approved was the Annual delivery Report and Performance Compendium. The County Council has been listed first in England in terms of value for money.

A new Cabinet Support Member was approved.

There was a debate on a Liberal democrat motion regarding Police Funding. A joint Labour/Conservative amendment was moved that was successful.

Cabinet 18.12.18

Item 1 – Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019/20 – 2022/23.

Item 2 – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Provision – A High Needs block development plan.

Item 3 – Housing Infrastructure fund

Item 4 – Traffic calming scheme in Kirby Muxloe

Item 5 – Leicestershire Food Plan and Good Food Leicestershire Charter.

Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB)

The first report looked at strengthening links between the Health and Wellbeing Board and the LSCSB.

A Performance Report was presented for Quarter 2.

The Development of the Community Safety Agreement was discussed.

An update was received regarding the Hate Incident Strategy

The Police and Crime Commissioner presented a report.

The Hope Project was also discussed.

The Board then went into private session to hear a presentation from the Police regarding Serious Organised Crime.

(The papers for these meetings are available on the County Council website.)

Local Issues:

I attended Parish Council meetings for Market Bosworth, Stoke Golding, Carlton, Osbaston, Higham on the Hill and Witherley.

Individual constituent Casework in Parishes currently stands at 1 each in Stoke Golding, Witherley, Sheepy, Cadeby, and Odstone. The remainder have been resolved.

Last month I reported that I couldn't attend the switching on of the Christmas Lights in Market Bosworth on 2.12.18. due to an attempted burglary of our house the previous Thursday. I would like to thank all constituents for their support.

What will be a main focus of attention for 2019? At a local level it will be the proposals in the Local Development Framework and how each Parish responds to these. With Borough Council elections in 2019, I'm expecting this to be a contentious topic.

There is a very strong desire to maintain the rural areas as rural but this won't be possible with proposals for a new village settlement of around 1,500 houses set in around 300 acres of current countryside. I'm also concerned about business lead quangos talking about the A5 Development Corridor, and the M42 Development Corridor without reference to existing communities and residents. Time will tell but you must make sure your voice is heard.

Personal Note

I have received a number of congratulations from within the Division at the news that I was awarded the OBE in the New Year's Honours list for Services to Local

Government. These have come from individual constituents as well as some Parish Councils and I appreciate the comments made. The Award will not affect my commitment to the Division in any way.

In the meantime, can I wish you all a successful New Year and trust you enjoyed Christmas as much as my wife and I have done.

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