



**County Councillor
Max Hunt
Annual Report
May 2014-2015**
*A report summarising
my activities*



A Community Planning Exercise

Council activities

Committees I am serving on at County Hall

Scrutiny Commission and Labour Group Commissioner
Constitution Committee
Pension Fund Management Board
Transformation Board (to Dec 2014)

Local committees:

Charnwood Highways Forum
Loughborough North West Area Forum (ended 2014)
Loughborough Campus and Community Liaison Group
LANRAC (Leics & Northants Rail Action Committee)

Other relevant bodies

Ashby Road Estates Community Association (ARECA)
Thorpe Acre 2000
Charnwood Borough Council

Council wide activities

This has been a tough year for most County Councillors, and particularly those in the Labour Group. Why has that been? Together with nine other Labour members we have had to challenge £110m cuts in grant from the Conservative/Lib Dem Government. Local government has been hit more severely than any other public service. In many cases services have been lost and efficiencies have led to a reduction in delivery.

Our response has required in detail understanding of complex areas of service delivery and as Leader of my Group this has required my primary focus. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this and local matters with any constituent at any time.

Electoral Division activities

This year has seen work completed on the Inner Relief Road; town highways improvements, two safer crossings on New Ashby Road and drainage work on a cycleway – all of which I have campaigned for. I have visited all neighbourhoods and streets the Division. I have engaged regularly with residents across the Division and constituents on the University Campus.

Achievement of Town Centre Transport Scheme.

Main Activities during the past Year



Non Party Demo supporting Snibston Museum

- ✓ Attendance: All Council Meetings except one and many committee.
- ✓ Meetings, briefings and meeting with officers.
- ✓ Representing residents at the Planning Inspectorate's Examination in Public in December & January 2014/5 (my papers are available from me on request).
- ✓ Advising and assisting the campaign against two way bus traffic on Market Place pedestrianised area proposal.
- ✓ Represented residents of Crosswood Close and Clowbridge Drive over new Ashmount Special School construction and car parking, now complete.
- ✓ Liaising with LCC transport planning engineers and residents over traffic management plans for town related to current and future possible developments from CBC.
- ✓ Representing effects of Article 4 Direction (HMOs) on Ashby Road Estate.
- ✓ Representing technical case on problems with the Leicester and Leicester Integrated Traffic Model. (See also Question at July Council)
- ✓ Campaigning with colleagues against the closure of Snibston Museum

- ✓ Meeting representatives of the voluntary sector and representing all aspects of the cuts on most vulnerable people in Leicestershire.
- ✓ Representing concerns on the removal of bus services and replacement by demand response services.
- ✓ Monitoring and responding to OFSTED inspections in NW Loughborough, including the move to a sponsored academy at Charnwood College after Special Measures.
- ✓ Promoting the Science and Enterprise Park at Loughborough University and allocating funding to their new Innovation Centre.
- ✓ Supported the campaign to keep the ECMO Heart operations for children at Glenfield
- ✓ Regular newsletters to residents, surgeries and ward walks.

See also my various public questions to Council throughout year.

Priorities for the immediate future are:



Supporting Glenfield Hospital ECMO

- Detailed monitoring and intervention on anything to do with Garendon Park and countryside surrounding Loughborough.
- Stabilise school support services at County Hall and promote partnerships between schools and county council.
- More facilities for young people, particularly on the Thorpe Acre and the Poets estates.
- Better information to families about services for elderly people and people with learning difficulties,
- Ensure Home to School transport in place where required by pupils.
- Support voluntary organisations and try to ensure that grants and participative budgeting is directed towards social priorities.
- Monitor NHS services, especially Loughborough Community Hospital and UHL A&E and challenge where cuts bite.
- Introduce road safety improvements for pedestrians, including extension of work on New Ashby Road/A512 hazards.

- Campaign for electrification to remain in programme and for the Leicester Burton Line to be in next Control Period.
- Safer cycling and better bus services.

Matters raised personally in Council, Scrutiny and Questions:

Matters raised at FULL COUNCIL

For all meetings see: <http://council.webcast.vualto.com/leicestershire-county-council/home/webcast-archives/>

For text see: <http://politics.leics.gov.uk/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1>

Attended:

Remembrance Sunday Service in Queens Park
Queens Park Picnic in the Park

Visited

Thorpe Acre Residents Assn (TARA)
CASE-DA Co-operative and Social Enterprise
Development Agency
Leicester City Council Deputy Mayor
Loughborough Student Union
Loughborough University Chief Operating Officer &
Vice Chancellor
Loughborough Police Station, and with the two
Divisional Commanders in the year.



Our Labour Group communicates and keeps in touch at all times!

Presentations and Training:

Planning and the Planning Code of Good Practice	06/06/2014
Better Care Together	04/07/2014
The Care Act 2014	21/07/2014
Communities Strategy	07/08/2014
Affordable Rural Housing	03/09/2014
The Fire Service	02/10/2014
Better Care Together	10/10/2014
Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act	29/10/2014
MTFS and Transformation Programme	09/12/2014
Health and Care	12/01/2014
The Role of the County Highway Authority in Planning	28/01/2015
Health & Social Care	23/4/15

Also Pension Regulator Toolkit Certificate with Distinction and in house pension board training.

Other matters:

Significant casework load concerning parking, highways, countryside, planning, footpaths, traffic, schools, housing and including work with residents and students.

Supported Loughborough in Bloom and succeeded in my campaign with Betty Newton to get a Borough wide Parks Warden system,. This needs more development.

Responding to BBC Radio Leics, BBC East Midlands TV, and press enquiries and issuing of press releases and letters to Loughborough Echo and Leicester Mercury.

Please note also that the above campaigning work only covers that with the County Council.

I am giving up my place on the Borough Council in May 2015 in order to give more time to County Council work and work in the community.

Appreciation

With thanks to all the staff, colleagues and residents who have helped me throughout the year.

Signed: *Max Hunt.*

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Date: April 2015

