

" **County Councillor Annual Report**

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during

Name of Councillor - Terence John Richardson

1) Electoral Division activities

Main Activities and the impact during the past year:

During the past 12 months I have assisted numerous residents across a wide range of issues such as highways, parking, school admissions and transport to school.

Whilst it has not always been possible to resolve the issues raised, I do believe that in those cases I have fully explained why this has not been possible and the reasons behind the decisions that have been made. This process has necessitated working with officers and fellow members especially portfolio holders which has further increased my breadth of knowledge which will assist in providing speedier responses to residents where similar situations occur.

In my Division I have two Parish Councils one of which I have been a member for thirty years and the other which I attend on a regular basis. I use these meetings to bring members and residents up to date with current issues and to seek feedback. There is a very positive relationship which ensures residents know both how to contact me and what the role of a County Councillor entails.

In addition as Leader of Blaby District Council representing a ward which is 90% within my County Division Boundary I am able to differentiate between the three tiers and ensure that questions and feedback from residents is disseminated to the right body.

A major topic of discussion in the past year has been the Strategic Growth Plan and I have been able to use the composite knowledge I have gained to provide information on what is trying to be achieved at all levels.

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

This has largely been covered in the previous section but during my time and through my role on the Scrutiny Commission I have been able to engage with utility companies, faith bodies and a wide range of other organisations especially across the Charitable sector. This has resulted in a useful two-way dialogue to more appropriately ensure that services meet the needs of residents and to ensure that residents understand what they might be entitled to.

Priorities for the immediate future are:

To carry on with the work I am already doing which does make a difference to people's lives and which strengthens my resolve to demonstrate that politicians are just ordinary local people who share the same concerns as our residents and who are just seeking to improve all our lives

2) Council Activities

Committees you serve on at County Hall

I am currently the Chair of the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Group, Deputy Chair of Corporate Governance and a member of the Scrutiny Commission.

Local committees/Outside Bodies

Leader of Blaby District Council
Member of Narborough Parish Council
LLEP Board member

3) Learning and development:

I have attended almost all of the learning and development opportunities within the last year on such disparate topics of being a Corporate parent and looking at the effects of poverty and how to mitigate them. There are too many to list but all have increased my effectiveness for the task I have been elected for.

Social Media

I use where appropriate.

Signed by Councillor – Terence Richardson

Date 15th May 2018