

County Councillor Annual Report

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during 2018/19.

Name of Councillor Mrs Rosita PAGE

Representing the LUTTERWORTH Division

1) Electoral Division activities

Main Activities and the impact during the past year:

During the year I have attended meetings of the County and District Councils to discharge my duty as a community representative in order to ensure services provided meet the needs of my residents.

As the deputy scrutiny chairman I was instrumental in many exciting projects which are listed in the annual scrutiny report and I am very proud of our achievements.

At Harborough District Council I am the Chairman of Performance Scrutiny and we have worked very hard to keep the Harborough District Council tax element at nil.

I have attended many charity events, garden fetes, coffee mornings, supported the old and young in some ventures and I have visited residents on regular basis.

I spend many hours evaluating the East of Lutterworth development proposal which is now a live planning application submitted to Harborough District Council.

I attend all parish council meetings and correspond with residents to discuss issues of concern.

My casework is very varied and ranges from complaints in regards of roadworks to fly tipping.

A lot of my time has been taken up with 3 major issues:

The Magna Park planning applications that have unfortunately been permitted by the Government inspector on appeal which rendered all the work on the HDC Local Plan allocation for 700 000sqm of large logistic floor space irrelevant. The planning permissions granted meet this allocation in full.

There has been some concern in regards of Community Safety in my division. In conjunction with the PCC and the Police I managed to increase police activity.

December to January saw 600 police patrols in my division. There were public meetings, there are regular news letters now and even the Chief Constable and the PCC Lord Bach have met with my residents.

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

This year utilities have caused a lot of upheaval. Roadworks and temporary traffic lights have given rise to many phone calls to me complaining bitterly that their street furniture were longer in place than necessary, roads were left closed with no activity and the temporary lights were not fetched back after completion of a project.

Roadworks in regards of developments and on the Whittle roundabout have been a subject to daily complaints being received but residents' concerns are very much secondary.

Whilst appreciating there is a need but actions should be carried out with due care to residents.

It is frustrating and very difficult to get any response from anyone to ensure the smooth running of a project to accommodate road users' needs.

Priorities for the immediate future are:

To work with the new leader at Harborough District Council to foster better communications and to restore some belief back into democracy.

To try to raise awareness of the services the two councils provide and what we actually do.

To work with the scrutiny commissions to decrease CO2 omissions in a sensible, sustainable manner.

To ensure Leicestershire County Council will evaluate investment in minor highways maintenance, i.e. white lines, pavement repairs, hedge cutting and sign cleaning.

2) Council Activities

Committees you serve on at County Hall

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Scrutiny Commission.

Local committees/Outside Bodies

Army Reserves.

Learning.

Other bodies – School governors/community and charity organisations etc

3) Learning and development:

I have attended briefings and information events by HDC and LCC.

I have received regular Pension Board training.

4) Other Matters:

Social Media

Signed by Councillor

Date 18/05/2019