

County Councillor Annual Report

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

Name of Councillor Mr R SHEPHERD

Representing the SILEBY AND THE WOLDS Division

1) Electoral Division activities

Main Activities and the impact during the past year:

As always, a fundamental task is being available to residents and responding to their enquiries and concerns. This I have continued to do, covering a range of issues, including highway maintenance, traffic issues and planning. I keep closely in touch with the Parish Councils in my Division, through frequent communication with Parish Clerks and attendance at Parish Council meetings, where I report on LCC matters and receive requests for information and assistance. Similarly, I have a close working relationship with the Borough Councillors whose Wards are in or partly in my Division, liaising over issues, some of which may have Borough and County aspects.

I contribute articles to local magazines concerning a number of aspects of the Council's work. Examples have concerned trading standards and fostering. Now that a magazine covering Sileby has ceased publication, I am grateful to the Parish Council for allowing me to publish articles on their website.

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

I have acted as advocate for my Division by pursuing issues on behalf of residents and Parish Councils, following up if initial LCC responses have been insufficient. I have been explaining the financial constraints on LCC and the Council's efforts to achieve fair funding.

The volume and speed of traffic, the impact of development on traffic volumes, appropriate mitigation and the routing of HGVs continue to be matters of local concern, on which I continue to engage with the Council. Judgements about what is a "severe" impact of development on the highway network, and the Council's requirement for a risk-based approach to highway maintenance, are particular matters with which I have been dealing.

Priorities for the immediate future are:

Helping to achieve fair funding and a sustainable future for local government.

Gaining improvements to the highway network.

Developing the quality of LCC communication and accessibility.

Developing a blog which I have begun to write for the Sileby Parish Council's website, at that Council's invitation.

2) Council Activities

Committees you serve on at County Hall

The County Council

I serve on the Cabinet, which gives me the opportunity of input to all Council policies and initiatives.

I also serve on the Employment Committee, the Corporate Asset Investment Fund Advisory Board, the Member Learning and Development Working Party, and the Transformation Board.

Service on these bodies enables me to be actively involved in budget monitoring and setting, human resources, income generation and the Council's progress towards new ways of working.

I am also the Conservative Group's Chief Whip.

Local committees/Outside Bodies

East Midlands Shared Services Joint Committee

Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) Management Committee

British Gypsum (Barrow Project) Liaison Committee

Other bodies – School governors/community and charity organisations etc

3) Learning and development:

I have attended training events arranged by the County Council: All Member Briefings on Health and Care, Prospectus for Growth, Brexit and Prevention.

4) Other Matters:

I am also a Member of Charnwood Borough Council and have attended training events arranged by that Council.

Social Media

Signed by Councillor

Date 17.06.2019