

## **County Councillor Annual Report**

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during 2017/18.

**Name of Councillor     Mrs Rosita PAGE**

**Representing the LUTTERWORTH Division**

### **1) Electoral Division activities**

**Main Activities and the impact during the past year:**

I spent most of the last year researching logistics, organising opposition and establishing a sound, sustainable basis to secure grounds for refusal of the major Magna Park application.

The threat of developers demand determining our future is a frightening aspect.

However for now with a big help from all my friends we have put a hold on proceedings.

I am sure there will be another fight to come - but for now thank you all.

Thank you all for your support, your efforts and your communications.

I know it took 20 years but we have a very effective community working for the benefit of our residents.

This electoral division is second to none, demonstrating that working collaboratively is effective.

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

I have been working very close with the Lutterworth Town Council and indeed all my parish councils. There have been a lot of changes and the enthusiasm is commendable.

We must remember parish councillors are volunteers and I thank them for doing a marvellous job and for supporting me.

I have tried to attend as many parish meetings as possible.

**Priorities for the immediate future are:**

After many years of holding influential positions at Harborough District Council (HDC) I have tried to cut down on my meetings and I am not in any major position at HDC anymore. I hold the role of Chairman of the Performance Scrutiny Panel but besides that I backbench now. The internet will give you an update on who does what and where.

I took part in the Local Plan process and the Development Framework Task Panel which was a long process requiring much involvement and heartache over the previous year!

I spend a lot of time during the year – as always on the telephone phone, chasing up issues and talking to residents. I have met with residents and other councillors to address concerns.

I spend endless hours reading council paperwork, and I research and reply to endless emails.

I communicate with my parishes on a regular basis but my most favoured 'duty' is to attend local events and interact with residents. I haven't attended as many as I would like in the past year but I have been to dinners, church services, tea parties, Age Concern events and supported charities.

## **2) Council Activities**

### **Committees you serve on at County Hall**

At LCC after many years of being the Adult Social Care Support Cabinet Member, I now share with Simon Galton the overall scrutiny function and I have a few added committee positions.

Everything is listed on the respective websites.

### **Local committees/Outside Bodies**

### **Other bodies – School governors/community and charity organisations etc**

## **3) Learning and development:**

I still take part in some ongoing choice refresher training, anything from planning issues to equality training to keep abreast of things, but in nearly 20 years as a councillor I think I have done most everything

But there are always changes taking place

#### **4) Other Matters:**

I still have plenty of administration to do and meetings to attend.

There is still not enough time in the day or - perhaps age is rendering me slower.

But I still put my residents first and I still spend as much time as I can dealing with matters of concern and attending events.

Things have very much changed over the time I have been a councillor. Aspirations maybe, but no more big ideas as there is no money in the kitty to go around.

Leicestershire is still the lowest funded council despite years of fighting for additional money to support the requirements set out by Government alone, not forgetting the rising and changing needs of the community.

We meet our challenges; make intelligent resource cuts whilst still delivering services.

The need for more social care, rising costs of wages and services.

The apparent need for better technology, job creation and housing developments, traffic congestion, air pollution are only a few issues facing us.

Setting budgets is soul destroying with shrinking funds, high demands and having a lot of the cost burden passed on to us – the rate payer – by Government.

Still it is not all gloom, our local authorities perform well in these difficult times.

There are many success stories, far too many to mention, but they are all listed on the respective websites of the individual councils where annual reports and budgets are listed.

But, as always, if you require any detailed information, help or advice please get in touch.

You know where I am 😊

Thank you again, and upwards and onwards into a new council year.

#### **Social Media**

**Signed by Councillor Rosita Page**

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