

From County Councillor Amanda Hack - Braunstone Division

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Annual Report 2019-2020

Review of the Year

I was pleased to continue in my role as Health Spokes for the Labour Group for 2019/20. It is a brief that I have held since May 2017, this consistency has ensured that I am able to take forward several concerns throughout this time. Health Spokes include a place on the **Joint Health Scrutiny** with Colleagues from Rutland and Leicester City.

I have spoken in many debates in Full Council and in July 2019 I put forward a successful motion on Secondary School Transport. This motion identified the costs of secondary school transport and asked the Council for the Government to consider the use of childcare vouchers to support families with the cost of this transport.

Proud Moments for the Community



There have been many proud moments for the community, but the highlight was the transfer of the Braunstone Town Library from the County Council to Braunstone Town Council. We were pleased to welcome Cllr Pam Posnett the Chair of the County Council to the event and Cllr Parminder Basra, the Mayor of Braunstone Town Council is pictured below having the job of cutting the ribbon and the cake!

The Library transferring to the community has taken a little longer than any of us would have expected, but on the 2nd of November 2019, 5 years after the initial consultation to close

the Library it has been saved and transferred over to Braunstone Town Council. The community have been fantastic with their unwavering support of our Library.



Main Activities throughout the Year

- Continued to work with local people to manage the impact of industrial use of the residential part of Hazel Drive. The Weight Restrictions applied for by the residents were implemented by the County Council in May of 2018.

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- Met the Police and the District Council on site to discuss the issues raised by the consistent use of this area by overweight vehicles
- Wrote/spoke to every company spotted by the residents highlighting that the area is weight restricted
- Wrote to Ford and Slater in January to thank them for patching the road on behalf of the residents
- There has been consistent casework around the concerns residents and the school have been having around the management of the school clearzone. The initial scheme provided complete restrictions across 5 streets around the school at peak times, this was amended in December 2018 to incorporate 21 parking spaces and stop the restrictions in the summer and Christmas.
 - I undertook a complete door knock of the area twice during 2019/20 and consulted with several people about the management of the area
 - I put forward questions to the September Council meeting
 - Met with Democratic Services and Highways to review the scheme

The Covid pandemic temporarily put a pause on the work on the zone, but has brought some new opportunities for local schemes through new initiatives called school streets. So I hope to work during 2020/21 with the residents, the school and highways colleagues on an alternative.
- Worked with the local beat team on crime issues across the beat.
- Working with Social Services on specific pieces of localised casework.
- Worked with the District Councillors on Environmental and Planning enforcement casework, this has been mainly due to the issues we have been having locally with Homes in Multiple Occupation.
- School Places support for appealing families
- Many one-to-one sessions with local people on individual casework.

Committees

As a member of the **Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee** I am involved in scrutinising a wide range of Health issues. This year we have looked at:

- All Age Mental Health Transformation
- The QIPP for the CCG, which outlines the efficiencies needed to manage expanded provision
- Several reports on the Primary Care Networks and the restructure of the Primary Health Services across Leicestershire
- The Public Health led support and restructure of Homelessness and Housing
- Reports through the year on Health Performance, which includes the nationally required performance, the hospital metrics and CCG performance
- Reports from Healthwatch including; annual report, hospital discharge, the LLR Long term engagement report and Medication Management. The report on Medication management was really useful as we also hosted the Head of Pharmacy for UHL and LPT.
- Strategy on Substance misuse
- Localised services reviews for Hinckley and Ashby.
- Report from the CCG single strategic commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.
- Dental Commissioning.

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In addition, we received a report on Medicine shortages, this was an issue that I raised with the Health Spokes and Chair, it was something that has been causing people across the UK some concerns. So it was useful to receive a report on how medicine in short supply is managed locally.

In 2018/19 when we received the annual report from the Public Health Director, we considered the impact of Air Quality on public health. In this financial year, this work was taken forward and we received the production of a plan on Air Quality, which was later considered by Cabinet.

There have been many elements of Health Services that have been presented to the **joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Joint Panel**, the major pieces of work included the reorganisations of the Hospitals in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The decisions taken by UHL was that there was some urgent work needed and whilst we were waiting for the outcome of the investment plan, there was a need to plan without it too. However, in the year we also had the successful out come of the bid which unlocks a £450m investment plan. So we have also seen several reports presented covering this investment, including the consultation approach needed now the money had been secured, maternity services redesign and a paper from Leicester Mercury's patient panel. We have also received reports on the Community services redesign, Better Care Together, EMAS and the CCG's response to the long term plan.

Communication

I continue to provide an update of activities to the Braunstone Life, our Community Newsletter and provide an update to Braunstone Town Council.

Through this year we have undertaken a full leaflet drop and significant door knocking. In addition, I have also been involved in the Police and Crime Commissioner Divisional walkabout which began at Gilly's café on Watergate Lane.

I have met with the community group based in Peverel Court and worked with the District Councillors, the Police and East Midlands Housing Association.

In 2020/21 I will continue to undertake special issue Councillor Surgeries/door knocking and leaflet delivery. I work with the local media and share press releases with all the local newspapers.

Alongside being a County Councillor, I am also Deputy Leader of Braunstone Town Council and attend, Corporate Governance, Policy and Resources, Community Development and Full Council. This enables me to be involved at a local level on our community, including the current community response to Covid.

Looking Ahead

As we reached the end of the financial year, we saw the initial impact on Leicestershire in relation to the Covid 19 pandemic. I would imagine the work the Council will focus on the impacts this will have on our population including our services.

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