



Annual Report by Trevor Pendleton for 2020 – 2021

Being asked to Look after Transport Highways and Waste as Cabinet Lead Member as Covid 19 took over the UK was a challenge and immediately focussed the teams minds (now all working from home thanks to an enormous initial push by IT) on how to maintain services as we went in to the unknown.

As the need for Social Distancing became understood and demand to re-open Residual Household Waste Sites became a clamour (since the District and Borough Kerbside Household Waste collections had initially faltered) the Cabinet Decision was to commission an on line booking System. Delivered in short time by IT - Leics stood out as an exemplar as other large Councils who didn't do the same suffered bad press on TV news. The system has stood the test of time protecting our employees and the public by limiting the number of people at our waste sites and will only be stood down on July 19th as National restrictions are lifted.

With all but essential workers confined to home and traffic levels down to 50% making sense of the Governments Temporary Cycling monies and implementing pop up cycle lanes on major routes was the next challenge and which caused much debate. This also fed in to developing the Cycling and walking Strategy for County....still on going.

As we await the Government placing the HS2 hybrid bill before parliament it has been necessary because of its nature and the necessity to aid Parish Councils in its wake at Cttee stage to lobby for any losses so caused to set up a County Dedicated Team to advise and co-ordinate such mitigation. We initially held public meetings but inevitably had to suspend these under C19 legislation. We await the publishing of the Independent Rail Plan as well as the Hybrid Bill timetable in the 'New Normal' as we go forward.

Re-furbishing of one Melton RHW site and commissioning of a new Household Waste site at Bardon were all undertaken as well as commissioning the re-surfacing of three major bypasses with a 'new surface' made partly from tyre waste. The completion and commissioning of extensive roadworks at J23 M1 to enable better traffic flows on Ashby Rd to LUSEP and enable the delivery of a large SUV for Charnwood BC were also overseen. This along with other work as MAG Chairman to enable the District and Borough Councils to bring forward their Local Housing and Commercial Developments will be one of the strategic tasks that I have taken most seriously.

Attendance (virtual) at various Cttees on HS2 Education and Skills provision, Bus electrification as well as Parish Council monthly attendance which concerned themselves largely with Village Centre enhancement, playing field and Pavilion provision were the order of the day this year.



One large and on going fly in the ointment in my Division has been the shepherding of HGV's away from the villages here in spite of bypasses. Watercourse pollution from SEGRO and the Airport is another consequence of development, yet to be properly handled by the Environment Agency.