

**County Councillor Annual Report 2013/14** *This report summarises the activities of County Councillor Betty Newton*

**Council Activities**

**Committees I am serving on at County Hall**

- Adults & Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- Member Conduct Panel
- Transformation Board

**Local Committees:**

- Charnwood Highways Forum
- Loughborough North West Area Forum
- Shepshed and Hathern Area Forum
- Loughborough Campus and Community Liaison Group

**Other relevant bodies**

- Combined Fire Authority
- Charnwood Borough Council
- County Council Network of Councillors
- John Storer Charnwood
- Assist where required the following resident's groups
- Storer and Ashby Residents Group (SARG)
- Three Closes Resident's Association
- Warwick Way Action Group
- Work closely with Hathern Parish Council on activities that affect Hathern

## **Electoral Division Activities**

### **Main activities during the past year**

- ✓ Attendance: I've attended all County Council meetings, Adult and Communities Overview and Scrutiny meetings, Member conduct meetings. Regular attendance at Combined Fire Authority Meetings and Fire Policy Meetings. Attended Scrutiny Commission meetings and Employment Committee meeting when colleague couldn't attend. Was on the interview panel that appointed the Director of Children and Young People's Services as well as the panel that appointed the Director of Public Health.
- ✓ Attend Hathern Parish Council meetings and work with them on a range of issues affecting Hathern. On-going work on local flooding issues in different parts of Hathern, especially the A6 where there was a burst watermain. Also consulted with Severn Trent and officers at the County Council re flooding at bottom of Alan Moss Road and Tyler Avenue
- ✓ Working with the residents of top end of Maxwell Drive and Stonebow to ensure that their poor broadband connectivity issues are dealt with.
- ✓ Spoke to local bus companies regarding the delays in public transport
- ✓ Supported successful funding applications for HR&EC, Three Closes Residents Association and Home Start.
- ✓ Supported Residents calls for Safer Space for Cyclists
- ✓ Attended Public meetings in Hathern on Core Strategy
- ✓ Advised Hathern Parish Council re cuts in Library Services
- ✓ Spoke with officers regarding Speeding on Knightthorpe Road
- ✓ Meeting with Officers re Inner Relief Road
- ✓ Presented concerns re markings on Warwick Way Roundabout
- ✓ Meeting with local neighbourhood watch on parking on speed bumps on Maxwell Drive. Liaised with the police on this issue
- ✓ Met with police officer re low level crime in division
- ✓ Meeting with Highways officers on inner relief road
- ✓ Meeting with Highways officers re town bus stops
- ✓ Supported John Storer House bid for additional funding to improve disabled access

- ✓ I produce regular newsletters to residents, hold monthly street surgeries, ward walk and have visit residents when requested

### **Matters Raised at Full Council**

I have raised questions on careworkers on Zero Hours Contracts and the living wage. Have also put question to Scrutiny Commission on Supporting Leicestershire Families.

### **Priorities for the future**

- Will continue to campaign to protect Garendon and Hathern from encroaching development.
- Ensure that that effective Broadband is delivered to those with poor connectivity
- Ensure that there is an adequate home to school transport system in place for all pupils
- Continue to support voluntary organisations and community group, try to ensure that that grants and participative budgeting is directed towards social priorities
- Monitor the delivery of Social Care to ensure that it is person centred care that meets the aspirations of service users
- Campaign for improvements in Road Safety across Loughborough North, especially in the Gorse Covert area
- Monitor NHS Services to ensure that the right Health Care Services are being delivered to our area. Robustly challenge any financial cuts that will impact on service delivery



### **Some Briefings, Workshops, Training and Conferences attended:**

- 29 May 2013: Code of Conduct Training-County Hall

- 15 July 2013: Safeguarding Training
- 3 October 2013: Meeting on Loughborough Transport Plan
- 7 October 2013 All member Briefing on the Dilnot Report
- 5 November 2013 MTFS Briefing
- 17-20 November 2013 County Council Network Conference, Chester
- 3 December 2013 Big Health Care Conversation workshop
- 7 January 2014 Ofsted Briefing
- 16 January 2014 Workshop on unmet Health Needs
- 10 February 2014 Better Care Briefing
- 11 March 2014 Briefing on Pedestrianisation
- 24 March Briefing on Corporate Parenting
- 27 March All day event on Health Issues
- 11 April Better Care Funding Briefing
- Other Briefings: Health Care structure Briefing, budget briefing with Director Adults and Communities.

Signed:



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