

Ann Beech
County Councillor for Audley and Chesterton

Annual Report 9 May 2017 – 31 March 2018

Introduction

I was first elected as County Councillor for the Audley and Chesterton electoral division in May 2013.

My division lies in the north west of Newcastle-under-Lyme borough and includes the wards of Audley and Bignall End, Holditch and part of the wards of Chesterton and Halmerend covering approximately 3434 hectares with a population of 17,616.



Special Responsibilities

I was appointed as Shadow Cabinet Lead for Prosperous Staffordshire in December 2017.

Committee Membership and Attendance Record

My committee membership and attendance record can be seen below:

Meeting title	Possible attendances	Actual attendances	Apols	Absent
County Council	8	8	0	0
Local Member Priority Meeting – Newcastle	3	2	1	0
Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee	6	5	1	0
Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee	3	3	0	0
Staffordshire Local Government Association - Joint Waste Board	3	2	1	0
Total	23	20	3	0
Percentage Attendance		87%	13%	0%

I was appointed to serve on the following outside body:

- Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority

My attendance at Fire Authority meetings is listed below:

Meeting title	Possible attendances	Actual attendances	Apols	Absent
Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Fire Authority	8	7	1	0
Staff Consultation & Negotiating Forum	3	3	0	0
Member Development	5	5	0	0
Total	16	15	1	0

Schemes supported under the Staffordshire Local Community Fund

Applicant	Scheme	Amount £
Chesterton Community Forum	Funding towards a computer, printer ink and paper providing easier accessibility to websites to enable the One Stop Shop to cascade the information to the surrounding community	£1000.00
Halmerend CIC	Funding towards scarifying and hollow tining for the whole green, top dressing, fungal control, nitrogen feed, winter & spring feed and seed to improve the Crown Green Bowling Club	£500.00
Audley Parish Angling Club	Funding towards keep and landing nets for fish friendly matches for the under 16's junior matches which are required to prevent transfer of pests from other waters this is to commemorate the Centenary of the Mining Pit Disaster	£500.00
Audley Players Theatre Group	Funding towards a replacement door and double-glazed units to decrease noise pollution and energy consumption at the Audley Theatre to accommodate wheelchair access for the disabled and the elderly who also	£500.00

	attend the tea and coffee social mornings	
Scott Hay Welfare and Recreation Ground	Funding towards the upgrade of the toilet facilities in line with current regulations in the main clubhouse for the local community and visitors	£1,000.00
Wood Lane Community Centre	Funding to supply and install new toilets and accessories in 3 ladies toilets	£500.00
Audley Brass	Funding towards the specialist restoration of 3 Timpani drums	£500.00
Minnie Pit Centenary Commemoration Group	Funding towards community workshops, writing, training on research and recording audio stories, drama workshops delivered by the New Vic theatre, room hire in community venues, materials to create displays and exhibitions, printing, scanning of old letters, photographs and articles relating to the Minnie Pit disaster to create a community events	£500.00
Audley Resources and Information Centre	Funding towards poles with display boards, wall mounted and display boards to make the information centre and library accessible to the whole community	£500.00
Woodland Cricket	Funding of 3 months hire of training hall, coaching fees and advertising for winter training of the junior cricketer's fitness and commitment to the sport	£500.00
Audley Millennium Green	Funding towards materials and labour for the renovation of major path access from Old Road Audley to provide a safer and more pleasant route through the woodland area	£500.00
Bignall End Cricket Club and MW Club	Funding of a cricket boundary rope to enable cricket for the 50-strong junior section and senior teams	£500.00
Audley Local Action Group	Funding towards food for the Christmas lunch at Sir Thomas Boughy High School for the local elderly residents, the children will be involved in escorting, waiting, socialising and entertaining the	£250.00

	residents	
Chesterton United Reform Church	Funding of decorating for activities in school room used for a number of community activities involving children and vulnerable adults	£250.00
Total		£7,500.00

Councillor Development

- 27 March 2018 – Members’ Spring Event
- 21 March 2018 – Cyber Security (E-learning)
- 13 March 2018 – Public Speaking
- 13 February 2018 – Dementia Awareness
- 7 November 2017 – Members’ Autumn Event
- 12 October 2017 - My Staffs App Training
- 30 August 2017 – Members’ Claims Training
- 11 May 2017 – Welcome Day

Remuneration

My allowances and expenses

Basic allowance	£9,462.24
Special Responsibility Allowance	£539.07
Mileage	£262.80
Total allowances cost	£10,264.11

Mileage from my home to County Buildings, where many meetings take place, is 48 miles return.