

Jeremy Oates
County Councillor for Bolebridge

Annual Report 9 May 2017 – 31 March 2018

Introduction

I was first elected as County Councillor for the Bolebridge electoral division in May 2017.

My division lies in the north west of Tamworth district and includes the wards of Belgrave, Bolehall, Castle and Mercian and covers approximately 651 hectares with a population of 10,078.



Special Responsibilities

I am the Community Cabinet Support Member for Tamworth.

Committee Membership and Attendance Record

My committee membership and attendance record can be seen below:

Meeting title	Possible attendances	Actual attendances	Apols	Absent	In attendance
Audit and Standards Committee	5	2	2	1	-
Corporate Review Committee	8	5	2	1	-
County Council	8	7	0	1	-
Joint Informal Session – PCC Business Case Consultation	1	1	0	0	-
Local Member Priority Meeting - Tamworth	5	4	1	0	-
Medium Term Financial Strategy Working Group	-	-	-	-	1
Total	27	19	5	3	1
Percentage		70%	19%	11%	

I was also appointed to represent the county council on the following outside body:

- Tamworth Strategic Partnership

Schemes supported under the Staffordshire Local Community Fund

Applicant	Project	Amount
Dig-it	Funding of workshops for individuals with dyslexia and other learning differences. Funding including: room hire, promotion banner and materials.	£160.00
St. Giles Hospice	Bereavement and loss training for 3 volunteers in supported care, and 2 extra family support groups, including volunteers for 5 families, expenses, refreshments, and equipment such as paint, paper and memory jars	£459.00
Community Together CIC	Funding towards the building a life size bronze statue of Sgt Watchman V, a mascot of the Staffordshire Regimental association, in Tamworth Castle grounds	£300.00
Tamworth & Lichfield Sea Cadets	Folding tables and chairs, storage unit, stackable chairs, paint, display boards furniture, radiators to make the space in the largest room more usable and multi-functional	£250.00
Tamworth Royal Naval Association	Funding towards advertisements, local church choir, St John Band, buffet and refreshments, orders of service for the annual and special 75 years commemoration service	£450.00
Tamworth and District Retired Members Club	Funding towards 40 Christmas meals for the Tamworth pensioners	£500.00
Mercian Ability Partnership	High speed broadband installation, firewall, router and 12	£237.00

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	months broadband fees to allow staff to access data at the main office in a secure manner	
Together 4 Tamworth Charitable Association	Funding towards insurance, hire of Tamworth castle grounds for the reinstated the former carnival	£500.00
Tamworth Pantomime Company	Funding towards the hire of the Big Top for the performance of Cinderella made up of volunteers a theatre experience for over 5,000 people at Tamworth Castle grounds.	£500.00
Heart of Tamworth Community Project	Replacement kitchen, kitchen units and a cooker at the Sacred Heart and St John's Church community centre which provide services for a wide range of residents	£2,000.00
The Coton Centre (Coton Green Church)	Funding towards window blackout blinds, speakers, amplifier, safety cables, system processor, connectors, consumables, access equipment, video switcher and installation engineer for the auditorium upgrade to provide an environment suitable for a community cinema and school and music concerts	£500.00
Tamworth BMX Racing Club	A new gazebo 6 x 3 with sided printing due to more riders at race meetings	£1,000.00
1 st Glascote Scouts Group	Trailer cover and 5 trailer tyres to enable the trailer to become road worthy for various Scout group activities	£500.00
Total		£7,356.00

Councillor Development

- 27/03/2018 - Members Spring Event
- 27/03/2018 - Cyber Security
- 10/11/2017 - LGA - Political Leadership Masterclass - New Conversations
- 05/10/2017 - Staffordshire Observatory Training

- 12/07/2017 - Level 1 Child Protection
- 04/07/2017 - Medium Term Financial Strategy Member Briefing
- 30/06/2017 - Infrastructure+
- 30/06/2017 - Infrastructure+ Operational Control Room Visit
- 28/06/2017 - Emergency Planning Briefing for Members
- 14/06/2017 - People Helping People
- 01/06/2017 - Overview and Scrutiny Training
- 16/05/2017 - Code of Conduct Training
- 15/05/2017 - Getting to Know your Computer
- 11/05/2017 - Welcome Day

Remuneration

My Allowances and Expenses

Basic allowance	£8,361.85
Special Responsibility Allowance	£3,023.03
Mileage	£829.21
Other	£12.30
Total allowances cost	£12,226.39

b) Mileage and Subsistence

Mileage from my home to County Buildings, where many meetings take place, is 60 miles return.