

John Cooper
County Councillor for Bradwell, Porthill and Wolstanton

Annual Report 9 May 2017 – 31 March 2018

Introduction

I was first elected as County Councillor for the Bradwell, Porthill and Wolstanton electoral division in May 2017.

My division lies in the north west of Newcastle-under-Lyme borough and includes the wards of Bradwell and Porthill and part of the ward of Wolstanton and covers approximately 637 hectares with a population of 13,666.



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	3	0	0
Planning Committee	4	3	0	1
Total	15	14	0	1
Percentage		93%	0%	7%

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

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

My attendance at Fire Authority Meetings is shown below:

Meeting title	Possible attendances	Actual attendances	Apols	Absent
Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority	8	7	1	0
Audit Committee	3	3	0	0
Human Resources and Ethics Committee	3	3	0	0

Scrutiny and Performance Committee	5	2	3	0
Member Development/Training	5	5	0	0
Totals	24	20	4	0

Schemes supported under the Staffordshire Local Community Fund

Applicant	Project	Amount
Porthill Residents Association	Funding towards public liability insurance, leaflets & website for the quarterly forums and St John ambulance and netting for the annual Fun Day	£998.40
Staffordshire Adults Autistic Society	Funding towards room hire, telephone broadband, mobile phone, stationery and volunteer expenses to access information through newsletter on autism and networking	£800.00
Wolstanton Residents Association	Funding towards Stoke radio presenter, selection boxes, tombola prizes, glitter tattoo artist and food vouchers towards the Christmas in Wolstanton event	£750.00
Alice Charity	Funding towards food, baby food, nappies, wipes and toiletries to help families in crisis with food and living essentials	£500.00
University Hospital of North Midlands Charity	Funding of room and band hire and promotional printing as part of a concert at Wolstanton, to raise funds towards specialist medical equipment	£950.00
Newcastle Food Bank	Funding towards racking for a new warehouse	£500.00
Wolstanton Bowling Club Ltd	Funding towards the refurbishment of snooker tables, lights and new iron to keep the cloth in good condition	£946.80
Porthill Cricket Club	Funding towards groundworks and installation of bollards to protect the Marsh and prevent illegal encampment	£1,500.00
St. Mary's PTA	Funding towards playground markings, shuttle run, skipping circles, golden mile, long jump, and exercise wheel	£554.80
Total		£7,500.00

Councillor Development

- 27/03/2018 - Members Spring Event
- 07/03/2018 - Word for Members
- 26/02/2018 - Assertiveness/Self Confidence
- 19/01/2018 - Dementia Awareness for Members
- 18/01/2018 - Level 1 Child Protection Training
- 30/11/2017 - How ICT works in Staffordshire
- 13/11/2017 - Connecting with your Communities - Social media training for members
- 07/11/2017 - Members' Autumn Event
- 12/10/2017 - My Staffs App Training for Members
- 11/09/2017 - Finance Training for Members
- 30/08/2017 - Members Claims Training
- 11/07/2017 - Planning for Personal Safety
- 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
- 27/06/2017 - Managing Files
- 20/06/2017 - Word Essentials
- 14/06/2017 - People Helping People
- 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
Mileage	£669.60
Total allowances cost	£9,031.45

Mileage from my home to County Buildings, where many meetings take place, is 40 miles return.