

**Keith James**  
**County Councillor for Perton**

**Annual Report 9 May 2017 – 31 March 2018**

**Introduction**

I was first elected as County Councillor for the Perton electoral division in May 2013.

My division lies in the centre of South Staffordshire district and includes the wards of Perton Dippons, Perton Lakeside, Perton East and Pattingham and Patshull and covers approximately 3454 hectares with a population of 12,718.



**Committee Membership and Attendance Record**

My committee membership and attendance record can be seen below:

| <b>Meeting title</b>                                | <b>Possible attendances</b> | <b>Actual attendances</b> | <b>Apols</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>In attendance</b> |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Countryside and Rights of Way Panel (Substitute)    | -                           | -                         | -            | -             | 1                    |
| County Council                                      | 8                           | 8                         | 0            | 0             | -                    |
| Local Member Priority Meeting – South Staffordshire | 6                           | 4                         | 2            | 0             | -                    |
| Planning Committee                                  | 4                           | 4                         | 0            | 0             | -                    |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>18</b>                   | <b>16</b>                 | <b>2</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>1</b>             |
| <b>Percentage</b>                                   |                             | <b>89%</b>                | <b>11%</b>   | <b>0%</b>     |                      |

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 listed below:

| <b>Meeting title</b>                  | <b>Possible attendances</b> | <b>Actual attendances</b> | <b>Apols</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Fire | 8                           | 7                         | 1            | 0             |

|                                    |           |            |            |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Authority                          |           |            |            |           |
| Audit Committee                    | 3         | 3          | 0          | 0         |
| Scrutiny and Performance Committee | 5         | 5          | 0          | 0         |
| Member Training                    | 5         | 4          | 1          | 0         |
| Appraisal Committee                | 2         | 1          | 1          | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>23</b> | <b>20</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>Percentage</b>                  |           | <b>87%</b> | <b>13%</b> | <b>0%</b> |

## Schemes supported under the Staffordshire Local Community Fund

| Applicant                              | Project  | Amount           |
|--|--|------------------|
| Perton Art Group                       | Funding towards room hire and artist workshops for the group of retired and disabled members               | £500.00          |
| Perton Playing Fields Association      | Funding of electrical repairs to damaged wires, testing and certification of electrical circuits           | £750.00          |
| Perton Carpet Bowls Club               | Funding of 3 mat handling units to store and transport bowls   | £300.00          |
| Perton Gardening Club                  | Funding towards guest speakers, coach hire for garden visits and room hire                                 | £750.00          |
| Perton Village Show                    | Funding of 3 beach flags and 2 photo frames for the Perton Village Show                                    | £298.46          |
| Perton Christmas Fair Committee        | Funding of insurance for lights and the event, maintenance of lights, event leaflets                       | £1,000.00        |
| Perton First School PTFA               | Funding to supply and fit a set of bookcases, upholstered seats, pads and furniture for the school library | £1,500.00        |
| Pattingham and Patshull Parish Council | Funding towards 8 Christmas trees and festoons of lights in Pattingham                                     | £750.00          |
| Perton Youth Club                      | Funding towards a 40inch TV and X Box for the start-up of Perton Youth Club                                | £579.54          |
| St Chad's C of E (VC) First School     | Funding towards 4 mobile display Tri-screens   | £772.00          |
| <b>Total spend</b>                     |  | <b>£7,200.00</b> |

## Councillor Development

- 15/03/2018 - Cyber Security
- 07/09/2017 - Members Claims Training
- 14/06/2017 - People Helping People

- 15/05/2017 - Getting to Know your Computer
- 11/05/2017 - Welcome Day

## **Remuneration**

### **My Allowances and Expenses**

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Basic allowance</b>       | <b>£9,462.24</b> |
| <b>Mileage</b>               | <b>£135.00</b>   |
| <b>Total allowances cost</b> | <b>£9,597.24</b> |

Mileage from my home to County Buildings, where many meetings take place, is 38 miles return.