

**Mark Sutton**  
**County Councillor for Brewood**

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

**Introduction**

I was elected as county councillor for the Brewood division in May 2013.

My division lies in the north of South Staffordshire district and includes the wards of Brewood and Coven and Wheaton Aston, Bishops wood and Lapley and part of the wards of Penkridge West, Penkridge South East (Gailey parish ward), Huntington and Hatherton (Hatherton Parish) and Penkridge North East and Acton Trussell and covers approximately 14480 hectares with a population of 12,625



**Special Responsibilities**

I am Cabinet Member for Children and Young People. I am also Chairman of Corporate Parenting Panel.

**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>
Cabinet	11	9	2	0	-
Children's Improvement Board	10	9	1	0	-
Corporate Parenting Panel (Chairman)	10	10	0	0	-
County Council	8	7	1	0	-
Early Years Advisory Board (Chairman)	3	3	0	0	-
Health and Wellbeing Board	4	3	1	0	-
Local Member Priority Meeting – South Staffordshire	6	4	2	0	-

Political Cabinet	10	6	4	0	-
Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee*	-	-	-	-	1
Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee*	-	-	-	-	4
Schools Forum*	-	-	-	-	3
Special Committee to exercise functions under the Officer Employment Procedure Rules	2	2	0	0	-
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education	3	2	1	0	-
Strategic Property Board	1	1	0	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Percentage</b>		<b>82%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>0%</b>	

\*Invitee/Observer

In addition to the above as part of my role as Lead member for Children and Young people I also have regular meetings with officers and attended the following regular committees;

Virtual School Governing Body.  
Staffordshire Families Strategic Partnership Board  
Education Standards Performance Board  
Staffordshire Children's Safeguarding Board  
Staffordshire Learning Infrastructure Board  
SEND Partnership Board  
All Age Disability Executive Board

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

- LGA General Assembly
- Local Strategic Partnership – South Staffordshire
- Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Archives Committee – Sub
- Four Ashes ERF Liaison Committee
- University of Aston (Convocation)

## Divisional activities

I have continued to work with the Parish Councils within my division and regularly attend their meetings to present a report on County Council activity and listen and respond to issues and concerns that are raised.

I have continued to volunteer at and support Brewood Community Managed Library doing sessions most weeks on Saturday morning and Tuesday evening.

I have continued to work with the County Council flood team on the flooding issues that occurred previously in Bishops Wood.

I regularly met with the Highways officers to highlight issues around speeding vehicles and as can be seen from my Local Members Fund support with grants two Community Speed Watch schemes.

## Schemes supported under the Staffordshire Local Community Fund

Applicant	Project	Amount
Friends of Barnfield Sand beds	Funding towards delivery and purchase of a second pond dipping platform at Sand beds site	£350.00
Bishops Wood Village Hall	Funding towards bouncy castle, face painting, rodeo bull, animal man, disco, balloons, decorations, refreshments, leaflet, crafts and activities as part of the Community Fun Day 2017	£500.00
Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Safer Communities CIC	Funding towards batteries, pads and battery operated heated boxes for the fitting of defibrillators	£385.00
April Lewis CIC	Funding towards home bike mechanics course, various workshops, venue hire, instructors' fees, handouts and posters to develop the skills of volunteer ride leaders	£835.00
Blymhill and Weston Village	Funding towards curtain poles, curtains, tables, chairs, sofa and relaxing chairs to furnish the extension to the village hall bar and lounge	£750.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Coven Scout Group	Funding towards tent, gazebo, name tags for uniforms, woggles and badges	£500.00
St Mary's Blymhill Garden Fete	Funding towards lottery tickets & licence PA system, St John Ambulance, children's carousel	£500.00

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	and food for the fete	
Friends of Mottley Meadows	Funding towards hire of toilets, marquee chairs and tables for the Hay festival	£750.00
Brewood Community Speed Watch	Funding towards Radar device, mobile sign and tuning fork for the community speed watch scheme	£354.48
Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston Parish Council	Funding of Radar device, mobile sign and tuning fork as part of the set up a community speed watch scheme	
Brewood Village Hall Community Council	Funding towards basic mechanical and electrical survey of the building for modernisation, replacement or refurbishment	£800.00
Brewood Scouts	Funding to prepare ground for paving slabs, supply and delivery of ramp components and assemble to position the ramps for wheelchair access at the scout HQ hut in Brewood	£400.00
Brewood Ringers	Funding of rings for birds, nets for site and refreshments for a bird ringing demonstration	£145.00
Brewood Music Festival	Funding towards website hosting, printing tickets and programmes, artist fees, signage and posters	£750.00
Brewood Community Managed Library	Funding towards metal framed kinder box for low storage for large picture books for younger children	£125.00
<b>Total spend</b>		<b>£7,498.96</b>

## **Councillor Development**

- 27/03/2018 - Members Spring Event
- 15/03/2018 - Cyber Security
- 24/01/2018 - Improving children's lives: what works with families?
- 06/12/2017 - Leadership Essentials: PREVENT
- 07/11/2017 - Members' Autumn Event
- 31/10/2017 - Leadership Essentials: Commissioning Academy for Elected Members
- 26/09/2017 - Chaining Skills
- 30/08/2017 - Members Claims Training

## **My Allowances and Expenses**

<b>Basic allowance</b>	£9,462.24
<b>Special Responsibility Allowance</b>	£18,063.84

<b>Mileage</b>	£1,708.20
<b>Other</b>	£2.00
<b>Subsistence</b>	£5.90
<b>Total allowances cost</b>	<b>£29,242.18</b>

Mileage from my home to County Buildings, where many meetings take place, is 24 miles return.