

Natasha Pullen
County Councillor for Lichfield City North

Annual Report 9 May 2017 – 31 March 2018

Introduction

I was first elected as County Councillor for the Lichfield City North electoral division in May 2017.

My division lies in the centre of Lichfield district and includes the wards of Chadsmead, Curborough and Stowe and covers approximately 434 hectares with a population of 13,601.



Committee Membership and Attendance Record

I am Vice-Chairman of Corporate Parenting Panel, and I am Community Cabinet Support Member for Lichfield.

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My committee membership and attendance record can be seen below:

Meeting title	Possible attendances	Actual attendances	Apols	Absent	In attendance
Corporate Parenting Panel	10	4	6	0	-
County Council	8	7	1	0	-
Joint Informal Session – PCC Business Case Consultation	1	1	0	0	-
Local Member Priority Meeting – Lichfield	4	3	1	0	-
MTFS Working Group	-	-	-	-	1
Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee	7	3	3	1	-
Total	30	18	11	1	1
Percentage		60%	37%	3%	

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

- Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership Trust – observer
- North Lichfield Initiative Board

Schemes supported under the Staffordshire Local Community Fund

Applicant	Project	Amount
Lichfield District Council	Funding towards sound, stage, lighting, orchestra, performers, Lichfield City concert band, toilet facilities, fireworks, security, first aiders, promotion & printing, equipment hire & PRS licence for the Lichfield Proms	£1,000.00
Lichfield Arts	Funding towards Fuse Festival community event at Lichfield's Beacon Park	£350.00
Lichfield Chamber of Trade & Commerce	Funding towards entry fees, marketing, banners, flyers, plants, room hire, additional planters around city centre and skip hire as part of Blooming Lichfield	£350.00
Lichfield Talking News	Funding towards 20 media players and 80 USB sticks to meet the needs of new listeners	£300.00
Donna Louise Trust	Funding towards art and design, supply and printing of 6 external display boards with vandal proof film to display pictures with stories completed as part of the art therapy programme undertaken by the counselling and bereavement team	£189.60
Lichfield Swimming Club	Funding towards 4 x pool hire and licence to hold gala fees, ribbons, trophies and medals for the internal gala	£265.00
MHA Lichfield and District Live at Home Scheme	Funding towards transport to improve the lives of older people	£509.00
St Giles Hospice	Funding towards referral for initial or intensive treatments, reviews, patient and visitor chairs, low tables, notice boards, display cabinet, reception desk, painting and decoration of the reception for the Lymphoedema Clinic	£534.50
Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Safer Communities CIC	Funding towards batteries, pads and battery operated heated boxes for the fitting of defibrillators	£385.00
Mencap	Funding of promotional leaflets, advertisements and wheelchair ramp to enable local people with learning and physical disabilities some with carers an opportunity to attend a disability disco in Lichfield	£250.00
Liberty	Funding towards refurbishment of caravan,	£1,500.00

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Staffordshire CIC	welding, windows, internal fixtures work tops, flooring, generator, paint and equipment for the café, coffee machine, toasters, cutlery, fridge and external furniture workshop to develop a mobile café from a donated caravan an offer of work-based opportunities to those adults who live with learning or physical disabilities	
Cruse Bereavement Care South Staffordshire	Funding towards trainers, expenses and room hire to provide trained, experienced volunteers providing support for people who are seeking help in coping with emotional, practical and sometimes physical consequences of bereavement	£400.00
Lichfield Round Table Football Club	Funding towards one pair of goals for increased membership for the under 13 team	£500.00
Pre School Learning Alliance	Funding towards sensory equipment – bubble machine, disco lights, music player and sensory toys to develop a sensory room within the children's centre	£500.00
Simply ABCD - CIC	Funding of room hire for 4 events, promotional leaflets, food and refreshments for the micro-funding events attended by the community and local groups	£400.00
Total		£7,433.10

Councillor Development

18/11/2017 - LGA Young Councillor Weekend
 17/11/2017 - Level 1 Child Protection Training
 07/11/2017 - Members' Autumn Event
 26/09/2017 - Charing Skills
 14/09/2017 - Finance Training
 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
 13/06/2017 - Outlook Essentials
 01/06/2017 - Overview and Scrutiny Training
 16/05/2017 - Code of Conduct Training
 11/05/2017 - Welcome Day

Remuneration

My Allowances and Expenses

Basic allowance	£8,361.85
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Special Responsibility Allowance	£2,539.89
Mileage	£544.50
Other	£417.40
Subsistence	£381.00
Total allowances cost	£12,244.64

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