

Paul Northcott
County Councillor for Newcastle Rural

Annual Report 9 May 2017 – 31 March 2018

Introduction

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

My division lies in the south west of the Newcastle-under-Lyme borough and includes the wards of Loggerheads and Whitmore and Madeley and part of the ward of Halmerend and covers approximately 12315 with a population of 12,346.



Special Responsibilities

I am Cabinet Support Member for Improvement.

Committee Membership and Attendance Record

My committee membership and attendance record can be seen below:

Meeting title	Possible attendances	Actual attendances	Apols	Absent
All Party Member Group – Innovation	3	3	0	0
Audit and Standards Committee	3	3	0	0
Corporate Parenting Panel	4	4	0	0
County Council	8	8	0	0
Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee	11	9	2	0
Local Member Priority Meeting – Newcastle	3	3	0	0
Total	32	30	2	0
Percentage		94%	6%	0%

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

- Adoptions Panel
- Acton Composting Site Local Liaison Committee

Schemes supported under the Staffordshire Local Community Fund

Applicant	Project	Amount
Madeley Parish Council	Funding towards the soft dig installation and grass mat tiles for the Heath Row facility for the outdoor gym equipment	£1,000.00
Newcastle District Scouts	Funding towards hire of theatre and rehearsal premises, costumes, performing arts & licences, staging, sound, lighting, musicians, production, printing makeup craft materials as part of the balanced programme of artistic, craft and musical activities	£500.00
LCIS/Community Library	Funding towards marketing and awareness for leaflets and community news	£1,200.00
Friends of St Mary's School	Funding of staging and storage box to develop children's confidence, presentation skills and mental health and wellbeing	£750.00
Maer and Aston Parish Council	Funding towards an accessible defibrillator, outside box and installation in Maer	£999.00
Ashley Surgery Patient Participation Group	Funding towards a defibrillator to be located at the car park of Ashley surgery	£1,000.00
Betley, Keele & Madeley	Funding of warm packs for the community at a local health event	£500.00
Friends of the Turner Hodgkiss Nature Reserve Ashley	Funding towards a viewing platform to include pressure treated timber for hide house, fencing and posts, ironmongery, fixtures, fittings, cement and webcam to develop the reserve into a local sanctuary	£1,250.00
Madeley White Star FC	Funding towards venue hire, advertising and equipment balls and cones for the outreach, induction and development programme for children aged 4-16	£301.00
Total Spend		£7,499.00

Councillor Development

- 29/03/2018 - Excel for Members
- 10/03/2018 - Cyber Security
- 24/01/2018 - Chaining Skills
- 30/11/2017 - How ICT works in Staffordshire
- 13/11/2017 - Connecting with your Communities - Social media training for members
- 05/10/2017 - Staffordshire Observatory Training
- 30/08/2017 - Members Claims Training
- 24/07/2017 - Level 1 Child Protection
- 11/07/2017 - Planning for Personal Safety
- 14/06/2017 - People Helping People
- 13/06/2017 - Outlook Essentials
- 30/05/2017 - Overview and Scrutiny Training
- 16/05/2017 - Code of Conduct Training
- 16/05/2017 - Getting to Know your Computer
- 11/05/2017 - Welcome Day

Remuneration

My Allowances and Expenses

Basic allowance	£8,361.85
Special Responsibility Allowance	£2,275.44
Total allowances cost	£10,637.29

Mileage from my home to County Buildings, where many meetings take place, is 32 miles return.