

Philip Atkins
County Councillor for Uttoxeter Rural

Annual Report 9 May 2017 – 31 March 2018

Introduction

I was first elected as County Councillor for the Uttoxeter Rural electoral division in May 1987.

My division lies in the north and east of East Staffordshire and includes the wards of Bagots, Abbey, Churnet and Weaver and part of the ward of Crown (Marchington and Draycott – in – the – Clay and covers approximately 21155 with a population of 12,343.



Special Responsibilities

I am Leader of the County Council

Committee Membership and Attendance Record

My committee membership and attendance record can be seen below:-

Meeting title	Possible attendances	Actual attendances	Apols	Absent	In Attendance
Annual Business Rates Consultation Meeting	1	1	0	0	0
Cabinet	11	7	4	0	0
Children's Improvement Board	10	5	5	0	0
Corporate Review Committee	1*	0	1*	0	2
County Council	8	8	0	0	0
Local Member Priority – East Staffordshire	6	3	3	0	0
Pensions Committee	6	3	2	1	0
Pensions Panel	4	3	1	0	0
Political Cabinet	7	7	0	0	0
Pre-Cabinet	10	8	2	0	0
Property Informal Briefing	4	3	1	0	0
Property Sub-	4	3	1	0	0

Committee					
Special Committee re: Remuneration	1	1	0	0	0
Special Committee re: Commissioner for Business and Enterprise	3	3	0	0	0
Special Committee re: Strategy, Governance and Change – Wider Leadership Team Structure	1	1	0	0	0
Special Committee to exercise functions under the Officer Employment Rules	2	2	0	0	0
Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Enterprise Partnership – Executive Group	1	1	0	0	0
Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Enterprise Partnership – Board	1	0	1	0	0
Strategic Property Board	4	3	1	0	0
Total	85	62	22	1	0

	Count	%
Possible attendances	85	
Actual attendances	62	73%
Apologies	22	26%
Absent	1	1%
In attendance	0	0%

Member comments on committees/attendance record

My role as Leader means I cannot attend every meeting as I represent Staffordshire elsewhere.

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

- LGA General Assembly

- LGA Councillors Forum
- LGA Resources Board
- CCN Council
- CCN Executive
- Midlands Engine Strategic Board
- Midlands Connects
- Constellation Partnership
- Stoke and Staffordshire LEP
- West Midlands Employers (Regional Employers Organisation)
- Rail Transport for the North – Sub
- Great Gate Education Trust
- Uttoxeter Quarry, Local Quarry Liaison Committee
- 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	8	0	0
Scrutiny and Performance Committee	5	2	3	0
Member Development/Training	5	3	2	0
Totals	18	13	5	0

Member comments on outside bodies

(This section can be used to discuss impact of the outside bodies/your involvement in the outside bodies etc)

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Divisional activities

I have concentrated my efforts this year on Henry Prince School, Footway in Rocester, supporting community involvement

Special activities

Particular effort on Ashbourne Road footway

Schemes supported under the Staffordshire Local Community Fund

Applicant	Project	Amount
Stanton Village Hall	Renewal of electrical wiring and emergency lighting at the village hall.	£500.00
Wootton Cricket Club	Catching rebound nets for juniors and adults, fielding 'windbreak', batting coaching net and a receipt issuing till for the club.	£500.00
St. Giles Hospice	Three Dementia roadshow events at the Supported Care Centre in Uttoxeter and outlying villages together training volunteers and associated materials	£810.00
Friends of Stafford Samaritans	Cover art work and advertising on the Backs of Buses in order to recruit new volunteers	£200.00
Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Safer Communities CIC	Batteries, pads and battery operated heated boxes for the fitting of defibrillators at local community fire stations.	£385.00
Marchington Tennis and Bowls Club	Replacement of the safety fence between the bowls shelter and bowling green	£300.00
Mayfield Memorial Hall	New cooker for the kitchen facility.	£400.00
Marchington Village Hall	Handrail for the new access ramp as part of the major refurbishment programme of the village hall	£500.00
Rocester FCS - Ladies Football Club	Ladies football home kit to include shirts, shorts, socks to include printing of club badge and players numbers	£800.00
Rocester Football Club	Defibrillator to be use at the Football Club	£181.60
Rocester Parish Council	CCTV equipment and installation to reduce vandalism and anti-social behaviour around the Village hall and	£750.00

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	Children's centre.	
Rocester FC	Materials and labour to remove an 20 metres section of the spectator barrier and replace for safety reasons	£991.00
Burton Albion Community Trust	Activities and sessions for the local community to gain and develop independence, social and physical activities and information on key health messages around hydration, nutrition. Six sessions to be held at the village hall at Drayton in the Clay	£600.00
Denstone Parish Council	Resurfacing of Oak Road Play Area	£582.40
Total spend		£7500.00

Member comments on SLCF spend

Main focus has been on support for healthy living in the community

Councillor Development

(This section covers training and development you have undertaken)

27 March 2018	Members' Spring Event
9 March 2018	Cyber Security (e-learning)
9 February 2018	Level 1 Child Protection
19 November 2017	CCN Annual Conference
7 November 2017	Members' Autumn Event
30 August 2017	Members' Claims Training
27 July 2017	Planning for Personal Safety
16 May 2017	Code of Conduct Training

Remuneration

(This section contains information relating to the allowances you receive as a county councillor)

My Allowances and Expenses

Basic allowance	£9,462.24
Special Responsibility Allowance	£36,127.67
Mileage	£4,176.90

Other	£85.30
Subsistence	£325.35
Total allowances cost	£50,177.46

Mileage and Subsistence

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

Member comments on expenses

I do not claim for any more than I am allowed and legally entitled to and use public transport where appropriate.