

**Stephen Sweeney**  
**County Councillor for Newcastle South**

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

**Introduction**

I was first elected as County Councillor for the Newcastle South electoral division in June 2009.

My division lies in the south of Newcastle borough and includes the wards of Clayton and Seabridge and part of the wards of Town and Westlands and covers approximately 487 hectares with a population of 14,954.



**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> |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Corporate Review Committee                                     | 8                           | 8                         | 0            | 0             |
| County Council   | 8                           | 8                         | 0            | 0             |
| Joint Informal Session – PCC Business Case Consultation        | 1                           | 1                         | 0            | 0             |
| Local Member Priority Meeting – Newcastle                      | 3                           | 3                         | 0            | 0             |
| Pensions Committee   | 6                           | 6                         | 0            | 0             |
| Pensions Panel   | 4                           | 4                         | 0            | 0             |
| Special Committee Re: Remuneration                             | 1                           | 1                         | 0            | 0             |
| Special Committee Re: Commissioner for Business and Enterprise | 3                           | 3                         | 0            | 0             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>34</b>                   | <b>34</b>                 | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>      |
| <b>Percentage</b>  |                             | <b>100%</b>               | <b>0%</b>    | <b>0%</b>     |

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

- Knutton Site Liaison Committee
- Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Authority

I am Chairman of the Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Fire 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 Authority             | 8                           | 8                         | 0            | 0             |
| Strategy and Resources Committee                            | 6                           | 6                         | 0            | 0             |
| Staff Consultation & Negotiating Forum                      | 3                           | 3                         | 0            | 0             |
| Member Development  | 4                           | 4                         | 0            | 0             |
| Staffordshire & West Midlands Fire Control Governance Board | 2                           | 2                         | 0            | 0             |
| Appraisal Committee   | 2                           | 2                         | 0            | 0             |
| Pensions Board  | 1                           | 1                         | 0            | 0             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>26</b>                   | <b>26</b>                 | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>      |
| <b>Percentage</b>   |                             | <b>100%</b>               | <b>0%</b>    | <b>0%</b>     |

### **Schemes supported under the Staffordshire Local Community Fund**

| <b>Applicant</b>                         | <b>Project</b>  | <b>Amount</b> |
|--|---|---------------|
| Staffordshire Adults Autistic Society    | Funding towards room hire, telephone broadband, mobile phone, stationery and volunteer expenses   | £500.00       |
| FoodFest                                 | Funding towards modelling, tiles, firing and glazing of tiles, ceramic paints, printing and publicity to create, with the help of a local potter, local schools, charity shops and community groups an image of the mascot, a scarecrow as part of the Scarecrow Festival weekend for the community | £500.00       |
| Alice Charity                            | Funding towards food, baby food, nappies, wipes and toiletries to help families in crisis with food and living essentials   | £500.00       |
| London Road Bowling Club                 | Funding to remove and replace toilets and doors and supply and fit new flooring to modernise ladies' toilet facilities at the club  | £1,000.00     |
| Newcastle and Hartshill Cricket Club CIC | Funding to replace waterproof membrane on scoreboard flat roof to protect the electronic scoreboard used by the volunteer scorers   | £2,000.00     |
| Newcastle District Scouts                | Funding towards hire of theatre and rehearsal premises, costumes, performing arts & licences,   | £1,000.00     |

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|---------------------------------|---|------------------|
|                                 | staging, sound, lighting, musicians, production, printing makeup craft materials as part of a balanced programme of artistic, craft and musical activities                    |                  |
| 79 <sup>th</sup> Clayton Scouts | Funding of accommodation & transportation, insurance costs, union flag badges and first aid kits required for the international trip to camp with a group of Norwegian scouts | £962.00          |
| St Mary's PTA                   | Funding towards playground markings, shuttle run, skipping circles, golden mile, long jump, exercise wheel and trail, and a smart multi game playground barrier               | £500.00          |
| St John Fisher Catholic College | Funding of table tennis table, bats and balls an outreach for teaching and learning for PE students   | £530.00          |
| <b>Total Spend</b>              |   | <b>£7,492.00</b> |

## **Councillor Development**

- 19/03/2018 - Powerpoint Training
- 16/03/2018 - Cyber Security
- 22/02/2018 - Public Speaking
- 24/01/2018 - Chairing Skills
- 18/01/2018 - Level 1 Child Protection Training
- 07/11/2017 - Members' Autumn Event
- 07/09/2017 - Members Claims Training
- 30/06/2017 - Infrastructure+
- 28/06/2017 - Emergency Planning Briefing for Members
- 15/05/2017 - Getting to Know your Computer
- 11/05/2017 - Welcome Day

## **Remuneration**

### **My Allowances and Expenses**

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Basic allowance</b>       | £9,462.24        |
| <b>Mileage</b>               | £504.00          |
| <b>Total allowances cost</b> | <b>£9,966.24</b> |

Mileage from my home to County Buildings, where many meetings take place, is 30 miles return.