

**Tina Clements**  
**County Councillor for Watling North**

**Accountability Statement 9 May 2017 – 31 March 2017**

**Introduction**



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

My division lies in the south of Tamworth and includes part of the ward of Belgrave, Castle, Wilnecote and Trinity and covers approximately 394 hectares with a population of 12,367.

**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>
County Council	8	7	1	0
Local Member Priority Meeting – Tamworth	5	4	1	0
Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee	6	4	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Possible attendances</b>	19	
<b>Actual attendances</b>	15	79%
<b>Apologies</b>	4	21%
<b>Absent no apologies</b>	0	

**Member comments on committees/attendance record**

I have been present at the Joint Scrutiny Meetings regarding whole life disability and spoke on residents issues regarding special schools here in Tamworth. At the Prosperous Staffordshire Committee I made points on home educating and how we get round this being used as an excuse.

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

- Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Authority

My attendance at Fire Authority Meetings is shown below:-

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Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority	8	7	1	0
Audit Committee	3	2	1	0
Strategy and Resources Committee	6	3	3	0
Service Improvement and Equality Committee	4	3	1	0
Member Development/Training	5	4	1	0
Staffordshire and West Midlands Fire Control Governance Board	2	2	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

### **Member comments on outside bodies**

Fire authority has been challenging but I feel with the local members meetings we have made progress in understanding the evolving roles of fire fighters. I was also instrumental in the twinning of Belgrave station with the fire station in our twin town of Bad Laasphe.

I played a role in the multi-agency exercise which myself and Paul Snape attended at the memorial arboretum. We have also managed to get the Princes Trust going for the first time in Tamworth and I will continue to work on this with local officers.

### **Divisional activities**

I have been working hard on reporting potholes within my division around 25 per week on average. I have also used my Division Highways Programme (DHP)

money to get extra car parking at St Gabriel's school in Belgrave. I have been working with local businesses to transform a local centre in Belgrave that was run down and really a no go area into a place where two new businesses have moved in and we have spruced up the area with painting of walls and flowers.

The Exley centre is now in use after working with Tim Leese and Helen on a future proof plan. The police and community wardens also attended a multi-agency action day in the summer where we held a raffle and residents came along to report any issues.

This was the first time anything had happened where residents felt they could speak openly.

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

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Dig-it	Workshops for illustration, spoken word, animation and performance, room hire, promotion banner and materials. The event is open to all ages to encourage participation among those who struggle with the written word amongst individuals with dyslexia and other learning differences.	£160.00
St Giles Hospice	Funding of the bereavement and loss training for 3 volunteers in supported care for the delivery of the service at St Giles and 2 extra family support groups including volunteers for 5 families to include volunteer expenses, refreshments, equipment such as paint, paper and memory jars	£459.00
Tamworth Boxing Club	Funding to provide and install new windows throughout the former Christadelphian Hall which is now owned by the boxing club which will provide increased activities and sessions.	£2,000.00
Belgrave, Buttercups Parent and Toddler Group	Funding towards an educational field trip for children to attend Ash	£200.00

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	End Farm	
Park Farm Social Group	Funding of the coach hire for a day trip to Blackpool for senior citizens of the social group	£500.00
Community Together CIC	Funding to build a life size bronze statue of Sgt Watchman V a mascot of the Staffordshire Regimental association to honour all mascots and handlers that have served for the regiment as well as the servicemen to be located in Tamworth Castle grounds	£200.00
Belgrave Community Allotment and Garden	Funding of Titan landscaping multi-tool and oil to maintain the allotment plot to enable brush and hedge cutting and pruning for the group of pensioners	£168.00
Heathfields Infant School	Funding towards the delivery of relax kids and wellbeing classes for reception children to include 3 classes of 45 minute each week of the academic year and intervention classes for children who are most vulnerable.	£585.00
Tamworth & Lichfield Sea Cadets	Funding towards folding tables and chairs, storage unit, stackable chairs, paint, display boards furniture, radiators to make the space in the largest room more usable and multi-functional which can be used as a classroom, recreational, parade & cooking areas	£250.00
Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Safer Communities CIC	Funding towards batteries, pads and battery operated heated boxes for the fitting of defibrillators.	£385.00
Wilnecote and Hockley Community Association	Funding towards machine hire, labour and bulbs for the planting project to enhance the appearance of various verges in the Wilnecote Ward.	£550.00

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CASS The Carers Association	Funding towards leaflets, poster pens and printed materials including newsletters to deliver a mixed and varied programme of community sessions to support family carers and those looking after those with long term conditions in particular dementia.	£200.00
Mercian Ability Partnership	Funding towards high speed broadband installation, firewall, router and 12 months broadband fees to allow staff to access data at the main office in a secure manner for register mobility scooters belonging to the national register scheme in conjunction with UK police to facilitate swift return of lost or stolen mobility scooters	£237.00
Together 4 Tamworth Charitable Association	Funding towards insurance, hire of Tamworth castle grounds for the reinsated the former carnival	£177.00
Tamworth Pantomime Company	Funding towards the hire of the Big Top for the performance of Cinderella made up of volunteers a theatre experience for over 5,000 people at Tamworth Castle grounds.	£200.00
The Coton Centre (Coton Green Church)	Funding towards window blackout blinds, speakers, amplifier, safety cables, system processor, connectors, consumables, access equipment, video switcher and installation engineer for the auditorium upgrade to provide an environment suitable for a community cinema and school and music concerts and events with easy access for the disabled, those less mobile and the deaf community in a positive and caring surroundings where people can relax and enjoy the	£500.00

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	facility	
Wilnecote and Hockley Community Association	Funding towards equipment to monitor HGVs and speeding vehicles using weight restricted roads in Wilnecote and Hockley	£177.00
Chances Tamworth	Funding towards 2 projectors to deliver wellbeing workshops to help vulnerable people whilst providing them with the support and tools in helping them to have a better future	£352.00
Choices CIC	Funding towards rent of premises and 4 counsellors providing one to one counselling to the residents of Tamworth who may be experiencing difficulties or have problems preventing them to reach their full potential and engage within their work, educational placement in their family and the wider community	£200.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£7,500.00</b>

## **Councillor Development**

27 March 2018	Members' Spring Event
26 March 2018	How to deal with aggressive people
14 March 2018	Cyber Security (E-learning)
28 November 2017	Customer Care in Staffordshire (E-learning)
28 November 2017	Corporate Parent Who, Me? (E-learning)
13 November 2017	Connecting with your Communities – Social media training for members
7 November 2017	Members' Autumn Event
5 October 2017	Staffordshire Observatory Training
11 September 2017	Finance Training
30 August 2017	Members Claims Training
12 July 2017	Level 1 Child Protection
30 June 2017	Infrastructure+ Operational Control Room Visit
28 June 2017	Emergency Planning Briefing
1 June 2017	Overview and Scrutiny Training

19 May 2017	Getting to Know your Computer
16 May 2017	Code of Conduct
11 May 2017	Welcome Day

## **Remuneration**

### **My Allowances and Expenses**

<b>Basic allowance</b>	8,361.85
<b>Mileage</b>	561.16
<b>Subsistence</b>	28.50
<b>Total allowances cost</b>	<b>8,951.51</b>

My return mileage from home to County Buildings, where many meetings take place, is 62 miles.