

East Goscote Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting 12th April 2017. County Councillor Dave Houseman's Report

I have been a Leicestershire County Councillor since 2005. In 2009 and 2013 I was re-elected as the County Councillor for the Syston Fosse Division. This Division covers 2,471 hectares, 8,414 electors and around 10,600 residents. It includes – Syston (west side), East Goscote, Thrussington, Cossington and Ratcliffe on the Wreake



Additional responsibilities

I am the County Council Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.

Funding

The County Council's 2016/17 Adult Social Care Revenue Budget was over £127,000,000 net.

Leicestershire County Council is the lowest funded comparative County Council in England. However, the good news is that during the 4 year plan period the budget shows the County Council are planning to invest over half a billion pounds in Adult Social Care and in fact the budget is even set to increase by around 4%. This represents approximately 50% of Council Tax.

Learning Disabilities

One of my priorities has been to get more people with Learning Disabilities into paid employment. During 2015/16 there were 51 people with Learning Disabilities in paid employment. I am pleased to say that at the end of December 2016 the number had risen to 162.

Hospital Delayed Transfers

There has been much comment in the press about Hospital Delayed Transfers and the part played by local authority Adult Social Care departments. Hospital Delayed Transfers over a year are calculated by taking an average of the number of delays on the last Thursday of each month.

The County Council are held responsible for Leicestershire residents that may require social care and may be awaiting discharge from hospitals irrespective of where the hospitals are.

At the time of writing a recent report stated in the last 9 months Leicestershire County Council was 6th best out of 22 comparable local authorities in reducing delays attributable only to Adult Social Care. These Metrics are published by the Dep. of Health annually.

In the last monthly report there were 7 Hospital Delayed Transfers at Leicestershire Partnership Trust Hospitals and 1 at Burton on Trent. This is a total of 8 delays compared to a monthly average of 9.3.

Interestingly, in the Jan and Feb Reports, there were no Hospital Delayed Transfers attributable to Adult Social Care from the University Hospitals Leicester which treats over 1million people a year.

From the Annual Survey of Adult Social Care users- early 2016

- 90% of respondents were satisfied with the care and support services they receive.
- 90% stated that care & support services help them have control over their daily lives.
- 90% stated care & support services help them in feeling safe.

Already this year, 2016/17, we have had more compliments than in the last full 2015/16 financial year.

The Healthwatch Summer Survey 2016 gave 5 out of 5 for Health and Social Care Services across Leicestershire.

The Chair of Healthwatch Leicestershire said; *"This is the third consecutive summer tour we have undertaken and it was assuring to hear that the majority of people that we spoke to had positive experiences of their Health & Social Care services"*.

I am retiring in May so I do want to take this opportunity to say that it's been a real privilege to be the County Councillor for the Syston Fosse Division.

I would like to thank all the residents in East Goscote, Parish Councillors, your outstanding Parish Council Clerk and Admin Assistant, your other wonderful staff, your Charnwood Borough Councillor and the police for all their help and support over the last 12 years.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Houseman".