

June 2022 – County Council Update

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below some updates from the County Council this June, which your Parishes may find useful.

Thanks to those of you who got in contact over the past month with questions.

As always, please continue to stay in contact with me should you have an issue that needs addressing and I will investigate it as quickly as possible.

Casework Update

Before moving onto wider County Council updates, I wanted to take some time in this month's update to give an overview of some key pieces of casework ongoing throughout the division.

Roadside Vehicle Noise Measurement

- Over the past month, I have been working with Parish Councils surrounding the A444 on submitting an application form to the Department of Transport for participation in Phase Three of the Roadside Vehicle Noise Measurement scheme.
- Thanks for all your support on this, the application has now been submitted and our MP Dr Luke Evans is doing his best to lobby on our behalf. A specific thank you for Sheepy and Twycross Parish Council for all the support.

Bus Services:

- As you'll know, bus services locally are at risk and subject to last minute changes. This is something being raised with me by residents and Parish Councils.
- I have worked with officers and Arriva to get an update.
- Arriva advised that they plan to operate all operational journeys and are working hard to cover as much mileage as possible and minimise any impact on passengers. When journeys do need to be cancelled due to staff absence, they look to communicate this as soon as possible through their App and social media.
- Links to the online locations for updates are here:
 - <https://twitter.com/arrivamidlandse>
 - <https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/service-alerts-landing/location/midlands>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/arrivamidlandseast/>
- Please do keep me updated on how services are operating across the division, if I get any further updates I'll share them in the usual manner.

Members Highways Fund:

- At Full Council in February, the Members Highways fund was refreshed for the next financial year.
- As a result, please can Parish Council's please submit their ideas for where the fund could be spent by the **end of June 2022**.
- If you are having any issues or concerns with projects we agreed last year under the fund, please let me know.

Other Casework Topics:

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- Stoke Golding Street Lighting
 - Thanks to the Clerk at Stoke Golding Parish Council for your assistance on locating ownership of the village lamppost. This is now being looked at by the Street Lighting at LCC and hopefully we can get a response to you soon.
- Bosworth Marina
 - Thanks to the Clerk at Carlton Parish Council for your assistance with the Tree Planting at Bosworth Marina. As always, please continue to keep me updated with your thoughts.
- Planning
 - Thanks to all Parish Councils who have contacted me with regards to sourcing information from the highways team at LCC. As always, I'm happy to help provide you with information or facilitate a conversation with officers at LCC.

Net Zero consultation:

Recently we launched a major consultation on our ambitions to make Leicestershire a net zero carbon county by 2045 earlier this month.

I would encourage all of you to take part in the [Net zero strategy and action plan consultation](#) (which is open until 26 July) and find out more about our net zero ambitions by visiting [Net zero Leicestershire](#).

Shire Grants:

Round 1 of the SHIRE Environment Grant is now open and the County Council are accepting application.

This first round closes **Friday 24th June 2022**.

You will find details of the grant scheme (guidelines and application form) at Leicestershire Communities here: <https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/environment-grant.html>

Please feel free to share this with your contacts and networks.

If you need any more information or wish to discuss your project proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Platinum Jubilee

With the Platinum Jubilee now under one week away, please find some reminders of what is going on here: <https://crowd.in/eyXfao>

Electric Bike Scheme

- Electric bikes are fun, easy to use and great for the environment.
- Leicestershire County Council have teamed up with the Department of Transport to offer Leicestershire residents £300 off the cost of an electric bike.
- Find out more by visiting LCCs website here: <https://crowd.in/wCkM3T>

Tree for every person

- Tree planting is important to the County Council, and LCC have recently launched a new tree for every person website.

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- The County Council's ambition is to make Leicestershire greener; boost biodiversity and become a net zero county by 2045.
- The County Council is working to plant 700,000 trees – a tree for every person who lives in the county, vastly increasing Leicestershire's tree cover.
- If you have planted a tree recently, or want to find out more, please look here:
<https://crowd.in/clYPJ8>

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