



Councillor's News

From Joe Orson, Asfordby Division

As your local county councillor, I am always on hand to try and deal with any concerns you may have about services provided by Leicestershire County Council.

As always, I value any feedback you may have and endeavour to consult with you on a regular basis, so please let me know what you think about the following:

- The County Council is committed to freezing Council Tax next year and hopes to freeze it for a further three years.
- LCC is not immune from government cutbacks aimed at reducing the national debt. LCC remains committed to doing everything possible to protect front line services as far as possible and will endeavour to keep people informed as best as it can.
- LCC's new Multi-Agency Travellers Unit, established in September 2009, has been successful in reducing problems caused by unauthorised encampments within the County. Better working relationships have been established with members of the travelling community.
- Over £90m has been invested modernising and improving the County's schools over the last 3 years. Work costing £5 million at Long Field School includes a new sports centre and Year 7 base (the Hampson Centre). Following the reorganisation of schools in the area, pupils aged 11-16 now go to John Ferneley and Long Field Schools. They will then study at a new £13 million Post-16 Centre, due to open in September, 2011.
- 70% of Leicestershire's schools are either good or outstanding according to Ofsted. In the Asfordby Division, congratulations must go to all pupils and staff for their outstanding achievements.
- LCC has initiated a scheme to reduce street lighting in an effort to reduce our carbon footprint. Some 2,000 lights have been dimmed and others permanently switched off in rural areas. Nearly 3,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions and £700,000 will be saved by 2015.

Please feel free to write, telephone or e-mail with any concerns you may have.

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