Wiltshire Councillor Report.

I was elected to Wiltshire Council, in May this year as an Independent member. I immediately joined the Independent group which has a membership of ten Independent councillors from across the County. This is solely for me to be allocated committee places; we have no group line, unlike the Conservatives. Lib Dems and Labour Groups.

Since being elected, I have attended all full Council meetings, and area boards, also I am a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and also a sub on many other committees.

I attend committees if there is a local issue on the agenda which affect my constituents and also a member of the Task Group which monitors the Belfour Beatty Highway Contract.

I hold regular Councillor Street Surgeries, right across my ward, and do my best to attend all three Parish Councils meetings most who meet on a monthly basis. I have dealt with many complaints from local residents, and local businesses.

I have been working with local residents, officers and Parish Councils regarding local flooding issues which as we all know has been a major problem and affected many people. I always make a point of attending the Councils Operational Flood Group that meet on a regular basis to help overcome the problems the local residents have experienced.

I have campaigned on many local issues, such as cuts to local bus services, environmental issues, highway problems, and the massive increases that will see leading Councillor receive increases in the allowances of up to 37%, and the Leader of the Lib Dem Group an increase that will see his allowance rocket to over £26.000 per year. This is to name a few.

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