



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

for the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022 (AGM)

At KCC, the six Lib Dem councillors continue to punch above their weight and are very active in committees when compared to many other councillors, although it isn't always easy to get the acknowledgment that we deserve!

There have been some chaotic events of gross mismanagement including the appalling changes to Special Educational Needs and Disability school transport, and also the slashing of the subsidised bus route funding. I was particularly pleased though to be able to save the 11 bus route on the back of a petition that I managed to gather over 1,000 signatures on in about a week - the power of community Facebook groups!

In addition to serving on the Flood Risk Management committee and the Economic Growth and Committees Committee and have recently been appointed to the Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority, replacing Councillor Dan Daley who has reduced his work load for health reasons.

I continue to work closely on the ground with my 16 parish councils on Highway Improvements Projects as this is where I think I can make a real difference. I am working on speed limit reductions on Petham Stone Street and Woolage Village, but the time taken to achieve this is incredibly slow. I've had a number of successes dealing with long standing drainage issues too.

I continue to post monthly updates of my activities across 11 community Facebook groups, and my own Facebook account that now has nearly 1,000 "friends", the vast majority of which live in the division. I attend about 4 or 5 parish council meetings each month, and of course have my city council responsibilities. I very much hope to see Lee Castle elected to Little Stour & Adisham on the city council as I have become the default casework person for residents and parish councils in those areas due to their invisible city councillor!

I am treasurer for the Kent Lib Dem County Group and was pleased that we selected our first target for 2025, where Tim Prater is campaigning in Folkestone. Hopefully we will see good city council results next year that will encourage another Canterbury division to apply for funding too.

I continue to enjoy the role and develop relationships across the political spectrum and with officers, that are proving fruitful on occasions.

Mike Sole
Kent County Councillor for Canterbury South
& Canterbury City Councillor for Narbourne

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