

## **Annual Report – County Councillor Richard Wright**

The county council started the year, yet again, not receiving the level of funding requires, to manage all of the services it delivers, to the standard it would wish.

Decisions had to be made on priorities, from the spring budget round and whilst other services are equally important, more focus had to be on road repairs and improvements, not just potholes, but bypass and junction improvements across the county, including the North Hykeham relief road, which had been given approval by the previous govt.

Service under constant pressure include Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Special Educational Need, School Transport, to name but a few.

However the Council had a plan to manage these to its best ability which was both costed and within the budget available.

The County Combined Authority came into being, bringing all the councils of Greater Lincolnshire together as one body working together, just waiting for the May 2025 elections to become the Mayoral Combined Authority. The inaugural meeting took place in the Chapter House in Lincoln Cathedral, symbolic of centuries of democracy having taken place there.

Locally as your County Cllr, covering not just Ruskington, but also Cranwell, Byard's Leap, Brauncewell, North & South Rauceby and Leasingham, I have taken up issues for many residents personally and also for the parish council. Things do not always happen quickly – this is a very large county we live in, and priorities may sometimes lie elsewhere, but I have pushed for road repairs and also flood resilience measures where possible.

It is also true that when sometimes unreasonable or impossible requests are presented to me, I haven't hidden behind 'I'll see if it's possible' and have been upfront in limiting expectations of the improbable. I believe that's the fairest route to take.

I've been given the honour of representing you again for another term, however long that is, with Local Government Reorganisation on the cards and I will do the best I can to serve the community.

Cllr Richard Wright

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