

Councillor Richard Dixcey – Newport South Ward

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Over the past 12 months I have continued in my role as an LEA Governor at Newport CE Primary School. I have supported them and liaised on their behalf with the local authority on matters such as the expansion to include year 6 and also obtained the Eco Flag for being a green school. I also continue to serve on the Newport Youth Centre Management Committee.

At County Hall, my membership of the Economy & Environment Scrutiny Panel has involved me in discussions on parking, the fire service and general highways issues. Relating to the latter, I have been pleased with the overall impact of the one-way adjustment on Whitepit Lane, as it has provided a contraflow to the one-way on Trafalgar Road. Whilst this isn't the ideal solution, it is working reasonably well and offers the opportunity to re-open Chapel Street for entry from New Street and this is being actively worked on as a priority. I am working closely with other Newport councillors on this.

I supported the call-in of the decision to implement double yellow lines in Nelson Road and Linden Road, and I am pleased to say that as a result this decision was reversed. Common sense has prevailed!

The Nine Acres Field Community Project continues to look for improvements to the field, and we are exploring funding opportunities for this. As the local councillor, I visit the field regularly to monitor for litter and any graffiti. I am pleased to report that this continues to be at a minimum, due to the support of local residents.

Over the next year, I will continue to press hard on a range of transport issues – both highways (traffic flows) and parking, to ensure that our County Town is not disadvantaged when compared to other communities around the Island.

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