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Kent County Councillor -Canterbury South

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June 2023 Update



As the Canterbury City Councillor Cabinet Member for Finance, I am now busier than ever, but I am determined not to reduce my level of engagement in the local area, getting out and about, getting things done and making a difference.

We still seem to have issues with bin collections in a few regular rural areas like **Bishopsbourne**. I'm following these up, and in particular bins not being replaced in the right places and left causing obstructions.

In **Kingston**, I met with a KCC tree officer to discuss what funding options may be available for tree planting.

I met with KCC Highways officers and **Lower Hardres** Parish Council to discuss highway improvements, and in particular traffic speeds. We should be getting some additional 30mph road painted roundels in Bridge Road, and other measures are being investigated. I am also looking into speed limits along The Downs between **Chartham** and **Stone Street**.

At the KCC Growth, Economic Development & Communities Committee, I spoke against the cuts in Community Wardens. I also attended the AGMs of Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Service, and also Canterbury Business Improvement District (BID).

I presented the budget outturn report at the City Council's Scrutiny Committee and shared my concerns about the financial position that we find ourselves in. I also attended the Cabinet meeting and the Overview Committee where it was agreed to move forward with another Leveling Up Fund bid for Herne Bay, following the successful bid for Canterbury. I will be closely monitoring these projects.

Other issues dealt with during the month included, road signs, grass cutting, drainage, council housing, planning, potholes, water leaks, garden waste stickers and parking enforcement.

I met up with the Community Police Officers who cover Canterbury South and we discussed areas of concern, some of which have already been actioned.



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