

Radway Parish Council – 13th September 2017
County Councillor's Report

1. **Finance** – Now that the summer vacations are behind us, work on all fronts proceeds with preparing the budget. This report has to be drafted by December and the issues concerning allocation of funding from central government still has to be resolved. As far as Children's Centres are concerned, to date the consultation has generated a significant number of responses (over 1,000) and we anticipate more in the final days before the consultation ends next week. Clearly the Council will need to ensure that sufficient time is given to a full and careful analysis of all the responses before any proposals are put forward. These responses will be considered for proposals to be made by the Cabinet at their meeting on 9th November 2017. This meeting will be a month later than that originally proposed. There has been a series of meetings throughout the county for local people to put their views forward and, of course, all of these responses will have to be considered when preparing our final proposals.
2. **Community Grant Scheme** – This scheme is to provide small sums of money to any organization which would benefit from this scheme. I must stress that it is not appropriate for Parish Councils to make claims under this scheme.
3. **Public Health** – The Director of Public Health has issued a report to local people about the health of their community. The report tells us that Health and Wellbeing in our district is generally reported as good. This is to be celebrated. However, the report identifies significant variations in different areas across the county. Below is an extract from the Director's report.

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- *There have been some improvements in core areas:*
 - *The rate of teenage conceptions continues to fall from 22.9% in 2014 to 19.5% in 2015*
 - *Physical inactivity in adults has reduced from one in three down to one in four*
- *However, there are areas where health outcomes have deteriorated; for example hospital admissions as a result of injuries in childhood (0 to 14 years) are at a higher level than the national figure.*
- *Life expectancy has been rising - but while it is good that we are living longer, much of the additional time is spent in poor health - around 12 years for men and 16 years for women. Years spent in poor health impact on families and workplaces, and increase pressure on health and especially social care services".*

We must strive continuously to ensure that those in the greatest need have access to support and services that they might need. John Linnane, Director of Public Health, said *"We want everyone in Warwickshire to experience good health and wellbeing. To make this a reality we need to focus attention on those who are at greatest risk of harm and enable them to achieve their aspirations."*

The full report can be found at warwickshire.gov.uk/publichealthannualreport