

Annual Report 2019

Councillor Julie Jones-Evans – Newport Central Ward

This year 2018/19 Cllr Love and I formed a group, the Independent Members Group. This enabled us to be allocated seats on committees, so we could be more involved in decision making.

I serve on Planning and Scrutiny committees.

Much of my work has focused on Shaping Newport. We have a steering committee, and this includes all the partners, IWC, Newport and Carisbrooke Parish Council and Newport Business Association. We are delivering several elements of the priorities identified. Working alongside the Shaping Newport project manager we have developed a People First Strategy and gained £300k, which will enable physical improvements around town improving the environment for pedestrians and cyclists.

In February I attended a conference called “Take Control of Your High Street” and was fortunate to be able to speak directly with the lead for the Future High Street Fund. Newport was then able to put together a compelling bid to the IW Council that Newport be put forward for potentially £25m of Government funding. We will know this summer if we have been successful in proceeding to the next stage.

I look forward to continuing to deliver improvements for Newport in 2019/20.

Julie Jones-Evans  
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