

Annual Report 2019

Councillor Tig Outlaw – Lake North Ward

It has been an honour and a privilege to represent my local community of Lake North for the last two years. Residents come to me for help with a wide range of issues. I try to support them in a positive and objective manner.

Lack of affordable housing on the Island is a key concern, not least in Lake. At the start of this year I completed a report on how the IW Council could help deliver affordable housing. I am delighted that work has been a significant driver in this council working towards delivering homes for Island families.

I was pleased to see the development this year that has seen KFC open in Lake which has delivered 50 jobs to the local community. In contrast it was appalling to see the wanton destruction of land behind KFC recently. No planning permission has been given for that area and no planning applications have been submitted. I myself will not look favourably on any application on this site following this destruction.

Since May I have been working as the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection. This remit covers Bereavement services, Licensing, Environmental Health, Trading Standards and the IW Fire and Rescue Service and the excellent teams working in all these services.

A review in the Fire Service saw the realignment of resources to ensure a greater number of firefighters are available at all times, more than doubling the hours of maximum cover. I regularly attend meetings of a policy advisory group which is overseeing and scrutinising the formation of a Combined Fire Authority between the Isle of Wight and Hampshire County Councils, and Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils.

I continue to make myself available to support local residents in my community of Lake North and the wider community.

Tig Outlaw
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