

meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

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REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Meetings with local councils

As stated in previous report to Council, I continue to maintain regular and detailed dialogue with all of our borough and district partners at leader and chief executive level. On 7th December I was pleased to visit Kelham Hall for a meeting with the Leader and Chief Executive of Newark & Sherwood District Council and on 11th December I attended a Local Government Leaders' meeting at the Mansfield District Council offices.

I also continue to meet representatives from neighbouring authorities to examine opportunities for continued co-operation. On the 18th December I met the Leader of Nottingham City Council and on 14th January I met the Leader of Derbyshire County Council.

Nottinghamshire Young People of the Year Awards (YOPEY)

On 11th December I attended the Nottinghamshire County Council Young People of the Year Awards, an event which aims to reveal, recognise and reward positive young role models.

This year's joint winners were: -

- Ian Campbell, 22, who holds workshops in schools and colleges to raise awareness among staff and students about bullying and the need to treat everybody with fairness and respect
- Bex Bailey, 17, who took on the running of the Citizenship Club at Rushcliffe Comprehensive School.

Nottinghamshire Children & Young People's Services Christmas Concert – 'A Merry Old Time'

On 15th December I spent an evening at the 26th annual Nottinghamshire Children & Young People's Services Christmas Concert at the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham.

Every year, these concerts prove to be very enjoyable family occasions where pupils, parents and friends can join together to celebrate the Christmas season. This year's concert had a Dickensian theme with a mixture of traditional and more recent Christmas music interspersed with drama cameos by characters from Dickens' novels. Young County Performers, 11th Session Workshop members and choir members from Nottinghamshire schools combined their talents to provide an excellent night of entertainment for an enthusiastic audience.

Police Authority Meeting

On 16th December I met with the Chairman of the Police Authority and others to discuss the challenges currently facing the Police Authority. It was agreed that two Nottinghamshire County Council officers, Richard Hodge and Ishkan Robinson, would be made available on a part-time basis to serve as interim Chief Executives to the Police Authority.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Gedling

On 5th January 2010 I presented the bronze awards to the successful candidates. I was very pleased to be asked to address the young people before presenting the awards.

Joint City/County Leaders' Meeting

On 6th January both the Chief Executives of Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council and the two Leaders discussed ways of working together particularly in regard to economic development of the county and city.

Evening Post Awards Launch

On 8th January I was pleased to attend the official launch of the Evening Post Business Awards. Nottinghamshire County Council is one of the official sponsors of the awards and will be involved in judging the entrants.

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Leader of the County Council