

report



meeting	COUNTY COUNCIL	
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REPORT OF THE LEADER

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to outline key current themes and issues from the Leader of the Council.

2. ENGAGEMENTS AROUND AND OUT OF THE COUNTY

- Chief Executive and myself have recently attended various Managers' Roadshows - held at Mansfield Civic Centre, County Hall and at the Saracen's Head at Southwell.
- Attended the official opening of Kimberley Primary School.
- Visited Mansfield Police Station, for the purpose of seeing how a murder investigation is carried out.
- Farewell to Rev. Canon Eddie Neale - held at the Galleries of Justice, Shire Hall, High Pavement, Nottingham.
- Attended an informal dinner, at Capital One, Nottingham.
- **The Great Nottinghamshire Bike Ride 2003** - On Sunday, 22nd June, I attended the 22nd Bike Ride. This was a hugely successful event attracting about 4,500 cyclists of all ages on 18 or 50 mile routes starting and finishing at Holme Pierrepont.

This is a high profile event for the County Council which provides a lot of pleasure for those taking part, and also benefits charitable organisations. This year four charities benefited; Portland College, Headway the brain injury association, Sargent Cancer Care for Children, and the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

Congratulations are due to the Culture and Community Department who organise this event, and to all County Council staff who gave their time in marshalling the event.

3. MEETINGS INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY

I have also been busy with regular Council business meetings relating mainly to Cabinet. Other meetings included routine meetings with the Chief Executive, a special County Council meeting was held, purely to discuss progress with regard to the Periodic Electoral Review, Greater Nottingham Partnership Board meeting, Independent Remuneration Panel and Audit Committee.

- LGIU Management Committee meeting - held at the LGIU offices in London - followed by a reception at the House of Commons.
- EMRLGA general meeting - held at Melton Borough Council.
- Feedback meeting was held with regard to the OFSTED inspection (Education).
- Chief Executive and myself attended the County Councils' Network (CCN) Executive meeting - held at Local Government House, in London.
- Nottinghamshire County Labour Party Annual General Meeting - held at the Summit Centre, in Kirkby, where I presented the Annual Report of the Labour Group.
- I attended the Economic Review Group - held at the Assembly's offices, in Melton Mowbray.
- **Media Relations** - had a routine meeting (fortnightly) with Deputy Leader, Richard Scott and Julian Austin with regard to opportunities available in relation to Media Relations.
- Pensions' training, in London - two days.

4. GENERAL INFORMATION

- In my absence, the Cabinet Member for Economic Development responded to the UK Government consultation on the future of European Regional Policy.
- My door is always open for colleagues to voice any queries/concerns they may have.

COUNCILLOR MICK WARNER
Leader of the County Council