

Report to ETC 05/01/2026

Reasonably quiet at County Hall. On Friday (9th) the committee I sit on will be interviewing for a new director of Health & Social Care. Politically, the main discussion amongst Councillors has been related to the ruling Conservative Group doing a deal with Labour for support. This has caused a lot of disquiet in both parties ranks.

Residual Funding:

On December 16th we had the Executive Meeting regarding the £3.2m. As stated in their report NYC have taken the decision to set a 15 month time limit for Eastfield to come forward with a plan on how to invest the funding. At the meeting I raised the possibility of match funding and pushed for us to have a singular person 'in charge' of the project. One clear point raised is that any project will need to pass various tests surround financial sustainability, governance and community support. Speaking to Officers they are actively looking at match funding from within existing Council budgets. As for next steps Adele Wilson-Hope and the Localities team will be speaking to stakeholders within the community when she returns from annual leave on the 12th. I will be supporting the Localities team in bringing together various local groups to formulate a coherent plan.

Snow:

Due to the recent weather, there has been a lot of emails and messages to me regarding roads and gritting. Having spoken to a Highways officer, only select roads are gritted, these are normally main roads, bus routes and roads with a school or hospital. I also reported a number of grit bins that are empty.

Holme Hill:

As well as me seeing it from my house, a number of residents contacted me regarding cars parked fully on the grass at the footpath entrance to The Meads. This has torn up a large part of the grass and put mud onto the footpath. A highways officer came out to inspect the street, I raised this issue and the parking situation around school times. He has "fed this up the chain" no news as yet.

Casework:

I was contacted by a number of people in Oriens Fields (Capella). They have raised some complaints with how the developers are maintaining the site, especially since some are tied into site maintenance contracts with the developer. My previous point of contact with Keepmoat has left the company so I am intending to meet with someone in the coming days.