

Helen l'Anson Ward Report

Herefordshire Council AGM was held on 28th May. This heralded some changes in the Council particularly in Children's Services, with the Children's Portfolio passing to a new Cabinet member. Councillor Phillip Howells has been voted in as Chair of Children's Scrutiny, and I have moved from the Adult Scrutiny Committee to the Children's Scrutiny Committee, which, for me, as 16+Children's Champion, is a very welcome move. I look forward to working with Councillor Howells at this critical time. There have been new appointments in Children's Services. The Interim Director Children's and Families, Cath Knowles, is highly qualified and inspires great confidence as she begins to tackle the very serious challenges that are to be faced improving Children's Services. A considerable budget has been allocated to these improvements. If you have any concerns about Children's Services, there is a helpline available careconcerns@herefordshire.gov.uk

I have been working with Councillor Howells in endeavouring to find a positive solution to the sports/football facilities in Ledbury.

I am busy with preparations for next year's Herefordshire Youth Conference "Here Youth Can".

The new Chief Executive at Herefordshire Council is visiting Ledbury next month. Please let me know if there were any issue that you would like raised with him.

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