

WARD REPORT LOOE EAST – Cllr Armand Toms – 8th January 2018

ACCOUNTABLE CARE SYSTEM

You may well have read much about the Council and Health Services moving into a Shadow Accountable Care System in March 2018. There is currently an enquiry into this by a sub-committee of the Health Scrutiny Committee and evidence is being taken to make recommendations on this matter. Having spoken to a Councillor from Manchester who are already doing this and it appears to be working well. This is about Health and Social Care working together for the best outcomes for patients in Cornwall. If the system can be as efficient as it can be then it gives us the chance is it still struggles to ask for more support and funding.

INTERVIEWS

I have attended the Peer Review of the Council and was interviewed by the reviewing team as Chair of the Health Committee. It was an interesting conversation which will be reviewed and added to the report of needed. I was also asked to be part of a team of Councillors to interview the three candidates for the Director of Adult Social Services and provide feedback. All three had experience in the field of Social Care and any of them would be capable of doing the job. My thoughts were that for me one stood out and I was able to put this forward for the consideration of the appointments panel.

WINTER ISSUES

Over the period there have been a few weather related issues with some flooding in the town and at Millendreath to contend with. Some of this has been related to drains not being cleared and I have been out and about keeping those in key areas cleared. Having spoken to the local surveyor over this it appears that drain maintenance has reduced with budget cuts. This is an issue that I will be taking up with other members and the Council Highways department. As you will know that there was a tree down on St Martins Road this caused some delays and I was able to redirect traffic until police closed the road fully. The issue with trees in this area continue to be a concern.