

Cllr Lisa Spivey
GCC Report
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Please find a general update on areas of interest. For specific issues or casework please email me directly or give me a call.

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Adult Social Care Consultation

The Council has launched a consultation on how much residents think it is fair to contribute to care costs.

The consultation is available here:

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/fairer-contributions-policy>

Fostering

The Council continues to have high numbers of children needing to be looked after.

If you could offer a space in your home as a foster carer then please do get in touch.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fostering/>

Build Back Better

Final call for applications! I still have some funds left in my Build Back Better pot. The money must be spent by the end of the year, so please do get in touch if you have or know of an organisation or community group who would benefit.

Examples of projects I have backed:

- Playground refurbishments
- I-pads for digitally excluded school pupils
- Village hall solar panels
- Read with me program to support children reading
- Cotswold Lakes Trust summer program to provide experiences disadvantaged children
- Local girl guide group

Highways and Flooding

I continue to be very busy with all matters highways and localised flooding. I believe that the majority of the most urgent issues are in hand, with action planned, being taken or been taken. Please let me know if there are any flooding issues that you need some help with.

It's "pot hole" season and I am very aware of the general state of dis-repair on our local road network.

The "Fix My Street" tool is the most efficient way of reporting potholes, broken drain covers, overgrown hedges and a large number of highways related issues, including fly-tipping and pavement issues.

<https://fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk/>

It's important to log the issues as that way should an incident occur, then there is a trail to follow on when the repair was made (or not!).

I am working with the local highways manager, Richard Gray who retires at the end of March, and his successor, Gill Portlock on identifying areas where my councillor "Highways Local" funds can be best used in the new financial year, so do let me know if there are small schemes you think are relevant.

I continue to lobby for more funding (and a different, non quantitative set of criteria) for our rural roads. It often feels like the big towns get all the money and we are forgotten because the numbers don't stack up.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday 20th March 10am Full Council