

District Councillor's Report – Keith Gilbert

Firstly I would like to thank the people who trusted me to represent you on Breckland Council again at the election almost a year ago. How time flies!!!

I have now been a member of Breckland Council for over 30 years and hope to carry on for a while yet. If you will still have me.

This term I am serving on the Licensing Committee, something I have done before and find very interesting.

It is an area of Breckland's work which is not seen much by the public, unlike Planning, but covers a wide range of activities which impacts, even if only slightly, everyone in Breckland.

The areas covered are :-

Taxis

Alcohol and Entertainment

Pavement Licenses

Gambling Establishments

Animal Welfare

Street Trading Consent

Charitable Collections

Scrap Metal Dealers

Tables and Chairs on Pavements

Sex Establishments

With Taxi issues I have sat on panels, of three members of the committee, to decide whether a taxi driver should have their license revoked or suspended for breaching the rules of their license. This is all part of ensuring that people can be confident of a safe journey when booking a taxi.

If you are interested in what is involved there is plenty of information on the Breckland website.

I am also a substitute member of the Planning Committee and have stood in a few times when another independent member cannot make the meeting.

I also get involved in local issues and help with people's issues where I can.

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If anyone has any questions, I will do my best to answer them.

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