

Update from Councillor Thomas Turrell-- Executive Assistant to the Sustainability, Green Services & Open Spaces Portfolio Holder

Summary:

In my brief, my role is to take on projects at the discretion of the Portfolio Holder (PH), provide ad-hoc support to the PH and to ensure actions raised by Members with the PH during PDS and Full Council are acted upon.

At present I have two ongoing projects:

Kelsey Park Bridges:

I took on the project around the bridges to ensure that the Councillors and Friends Group had a dedicated point of contact for the works. I have a monthly meeting with the officers responsible for the project and when possible, pass these updates on to Councillors and the 'Friends of the Park'. As part of this I have chaired a briefing session for the Ward Councillors. I have also met with representatives from the 'Friends of the Park' and will be attending their AGM later this month.

Fix My Street (FMS) improvements:

The PH has asked me to work with the FMS team to identify ways in which the Council can improve the user experience on FMS. As part of this I have regular meetings with the team and receive monthly reports on FMS.

The ad-hoc responsibilities are varied and range from meeting with officers and Councillors, to providing the PH with admin support. I meet regularly with the PH to discuss various aspects of the portfolio.