

**Again, I need to send my apologies and I will not be attending the meeting this month.**

**Kellands Lane blockage:**

Although I have had discussions with the new head of planning for West Devon, I have still not had any positive responses as to how we can make progress with this situation. Due to half term last week, the officer has not been available until the 1st of November, so I will have to see what comes through tomorrow.

**Footpath on the Vistry site:**

I can confirm that the discussions are still ongoing between the two developers and DCC Highways and the joining up of a footpath is still planned for. Although there will be steps involved.

**St James Primary School playing field:**

I have still not received a response from anyone from the School. I have checked with planning and no new application has been put forward, and the previous planning officer has now left West Devon.

**Levelling up Fund bid: Okehampton Transport Hub:**

No update so far, but I guess the government departments involved have had other issues on their minds. Now that Mr Gove is back in charge, we might see a bit more action, Fingers crossed!!

**Voting registrations:**

You may have reports of people going door to door asking people who have not already registered to vote to do so. This is a legitimate exercise by West Devon, and we would hope that those carrying out this work will not be hampered in any way.

**Ukraine:**

The housing situation stays the same, and finding anywhere for anyone is proving extremely difficult, and with winter approaching, it could become even harder to literally accommodate all those that need help.

**Cost of living crisis:**

West Devon has put out a number of information articles over the last month to hopefully help those in crises to get the help that they need as swiftly as possible. I believe that we will all need to help to promote these initiatives and all work together to make sure that no one falls through any of the nets that have been provided.

Warm Hubs are being set up within Okehampton for people to go to if they can't afford to heat their properties, but if they don't or can't at least keep some heat inside, then this brings other problems if we have a particularly severe winter, as pipes can freeze up and burst, which will leave properties that can't be lived in for months. Another knock on effect will be if people can't afford to ventilate their properties to remove the build up of water vapour, this will lead to mould and damp, which can have a severe effect on the health of those who live in these properties. Lastly, the sealing up of older properties in this area could also build up the radon levels within these properties, which long term, can also have a detrimental effect on people's health.

**Regards**

**Cllr Tony Leech**