

Michael Northey

Conservative Member for Canterbury South East Division



A year at County Hall. Serving Kent. Serving You.

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Michael has been serving the community of Canterbury South East as a Member since 2005.

He was last elected in 2009 and, like all KCC Members, serves for a four year term of office. The next KCC elections take place on 2 May 2013.

About Michael

Michael and his family came to live in Canterbury in 1988, when Michael and his wife Margaret took up a post as joint housemaster and housemistress at a well-known Canterbury independent school. Previously Michael taught in comprehensive schools for fifteen years just inside south Wales and lived in Gloucestershire.

Margaret and Michael have lived in south Canterbury since 1996 and have three grown-up children.

Michael is now retired after over thirty years' teaching in a wide variety of schools. He taught mostly English but some Latin also. He was for thirteen years a GCSE examiner in Latin.

Michael has always been interested in politics and served as a City Council member twice, 2001-2003



Urban and rural mix

and 2004-2007, both times elected at a by-election. He was elected to the County Council in 2005 and again in 2009.

As well as being very busy looking after a very varied Division, Michael finds time to travel, read, walk, garden, attend church, play and hear music and meet family and friends. Visiting London is always a pleasure and this year is of course especially memorable. Michael hopes to continue to serve as an elected member beyond the next election. He will always do his best to solve problems and where this is not easy, at least to understand.

Work at County Hall

Attending meetings isn't all councillors do, in fact most of their time is spent out and about meeting people in their community, doing their best to help solve problems and finding out what matters most to them. However, when decisions

are taken by the council, their job is to be there and put across the views of their constituents.

Michael has attended 5 out of 8 meetings of the Full Council.

Find out more about the meetings Michael has attended.

http://www.kent.gov.uk/your_council.aspx

Contacting Your Councillor

Elected Members are here to help residents, organisations and businesses with enquiries about KCC services. They are probably a good starting point for other enquiries too.

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Member's Community Grant

KCC has found a great way to help fund local community groups and organisations without fuss or too much bureaucracy. Every year, each KCC Member may allocate £10,000 to worthwhile causes within their community.

Here's how Michael spent his last year:

Age Concern – money towards employing a volunteer recruiter for the service – £2,500

Canterbury Active Retirement Association – a planned coach trip for the group - £1,000

Littlebourne Afternoon Club – a mystery coach tour for its members - £325

East Kent Rape Line – a project focusing on male rape - £1,000

Spring Lane Community Centre – coach costs for local residents - £250

Workers of Art – to stage a 'secrets and dreams' event in the City - £300

Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne – kitchen upgrade for the hall - £2,151

Canterbury Sea Cadets – the purchase of a training vessel - £1,000

Simon Langton Girls' School – doing up a car to take part in a rally - £260

The Lighthouse Project – continuing to provide support for vulnerable people - £1,184

If you want to suggest a local group which could benefit from the Member's Community Grant then you'll find your local Councillor's contact details on the front page.

Member's Highway Fund

KCC recognises that local Members are well placed to decide which small transport and highways schemes would be most useful to their communities. That's why each Member is allocated £25,000 to spend on local schemes. It's called the Members Highway Fund and here's how it was spent last year...

Bekesbourne Road, Bekesbourne – improved signage and clearing of vegetation - £7,500

A257 Wingham & Littlebourne – Change in speed limit - £6,608

Maintenance provision for 2 weeks in the division - £7,500

My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year

Canterbury South East is about half urban, half rural. It covers much of south Canterbury and swings east to Grove Ferry and south to Breach near Barham. It is a wonderful division and includes a world heritage site, vineyard, wildlife park, county cricket ground, the oldest parish church in England, four secondary schools, business parks and ancient villages where Ian Fleming wrote about Bond and Henry Moore sculpted.

My main ambition is to continue to help local people as much as possible over such a wide area with its varied range of issues. The best part is when, for example, I have been able to help people get the right school for their child, or ensure road improvements, or find funding for valuable local projects.

I attend numerous County Hall meetings and have served on most committees. I am currently on the Communities Committee and am Chairman of the local Joint Transportation Board.

Allowances

Each Member of KCC receives a basic allowance (salary) to compensate them for the time spent on their duties and to meet many of the day-to-day expenses of being a Councillor.

Some Members also receive a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) when they take on extra duties such as serving as a member of the Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition or Chairman of a committee.

County Councillors can only claim the usual expenses that most businesses would pay for.

These are for actual costs for example reimbursement for fuel and travel which they have incurred whilst carrying out their duties as County Councillor.

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Additional grant information

Members can use this area to communicate any additional grant information. Here's how it was spent last year...

Littlebourne Children's Centre – Active Tots - £1,000

Littlebourne Parish Council – various projects - £450

Barham Village Hall refurbishment - £5,000

Bridges Farmers Market – gala tents and marketing - £1,000

Littlebourne Cricket Club equipment - £450