

EDDC Cllr Vicky Johns – July 2023 report

Good afternoon all,

I hope you are all keeping well.

The last month had been busy with more training at East Devon including best practice for Overview & Scrutiny where an external trainer attended and ran a very interesting and thorough course. There was numerous points made and I felt some of the most important ones may seem very obvious but can be overlooked due to how obvious they seem. For example what is the purpose of Overview and Scrutiny - 'to represent views/people in the public interest.' Sometimes people can get caught up in being a Councillor and forget why they are a Councillor in the first place.

I also attended Housing Review Board at EDDC where I don't sit on the committee but am still entitled to listen and have my say. I was disappointed to hear that there are still issues with the maintenance of the housing stock. I raised the question that I've been advised by various residents that they have work that needs doing which is then put on the system however when they phone to enquire about when the work will be either started or completed the system states it has been completed. I was advised that this was unfortunately not an isolated case and is being looked into.

Stay safe

Vicky