

District Report from Cllr. Keith Flunder March 2026

For the Endon Parish Council meeting March 10th 2026

1. LGR Update and summary: -
 - a) The current Government LGR consultation period comes to an end on March 26th. Please get your responses in as soon as you can. This can include both personal and Parish Council responses.
 - b) The other LGR Champions, myself and SMDC officers etc. are looking at organising locality group meetings during March. A meeting between the officers and Champions did go ahead in February. I also attended a Devolution and LGR working group meeting on the same day. The Biddulph locality meeting, which includes Endon Parish Council, is currently booked for March 23rd, I'm waiting for final confirmation.
 - c) An agreed up-dated presentation is being prepared. As well as summarising the LGR process for the coming years, there will also be a plan to produce locality plans, Town and Parish plans will also be outlined and spread sheets to help Parish and Town councils to log their assets. These will include public areas and street furniture etc. It is hoped that this process will help them look at their own assets and support their own local strategic plans.
 - d) Future meetings and possible visits to parishes are also available. Although it might be best to get a report on the agenda from the planned locality meetings.
 - e) The community transfer policy for SMDC was recently passed at a cabinet meeting. I did manage to get some questions and observations to be discussed. I'm hopeful that there will be some assistance from SMDC as to the best way to transfer any community assets in the remaining time period.
2. The Parish Assembly and the SPCA will support Parish and Town councils over the coming years to produce their own plans. This was agreed at the recent SPCA executive meeting in Stafford. There is an extra SPCA executive meeting in April.
3. Brown Bin charges will start from April 1st 2026, for residents in the SMDC district, this was confirmed at last week's full council meeting, when the budgets for the remaining two years were passed. However there may be some delay in the food bin service / process being delivered over the coming months. More information will be available soon.
4. Many training opportunities are planned over the next 4 to 5 months, for both district and parish/town councillors. I will send any details to the clerk as details are confirmed.
5. Great news on two of the road safety projects agreed while I was the local County Councillor. The road repeater signs along Claylake and High Lane have

been installed along with improvements for other road signs and the road markings around the bottom of Claylake and Station Road.

6. Planning committee meeting was held on February 26th and the next planning meeting will be on March 26th. Please note there was a training session regarding appeals training, mostly for larger projects. A recording was taken and can be viewed on-line.
7. While delivering the calendars to residents. All the grit bins I visited recently in Endon are full.
8. Other case work being looked into include planning issues and enforcement, a possible boxing club for young people, improving community services, Health based Miro Providers and parking on local pavements.
9. I have supported requests from several Endon community groups over the last 2 weeks for my CCIF fund, which is now fully spent and closed for 2025/26. It will be reopened for 2026/27 in a few months' time. The environmental community fund has now opened.
10. There is a footpath plan being looked at by the Counties footpath team and committee. This is still on-going.....
11. There are several meetings including, a Partnership Board meeting and the final street furniture working group meeting was held last week. Still working on a meaningful output for parish clerks and parish councillors.
12. There are a couple of surgeries planned in March and April, dates to be promoted.

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