

Councillor Joanne Monk
Leader of Worcestershire County Council
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Dear Councillor Monk,

Working in partnership to reduce harm on Worcestershire's roads

I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Leader of Worcestershire County Council. Having previously led a council, I know this is undoubtedly a moment of immense pride for you and a huge opportunity to deliver for the communities of Worcestershire.

I fully appreciate the significant responsibility that comes with leading and delivering for local communities, so I know you, and the wider political groups, will now be balancing manifesto commitments and the public's priorities.

Whilst the council is responsible for a range of important services, and budgets are finite, I want to use this opportunity to highlight why, together, we can do more to address one of the biggest causes of harm.

Across Worcestershire County there is approximately 2,500 miles of roads, and only last year, there were 26 fatalities and 230 serious injuries.

Behind every statistic there are victims, loved ones, and local communities who have had their lives changed forever. Too many people die or are seriously injured, and I believe more can be done to change this.

Enforcement alone isn't the answer, instead it requires a joined-up approach which also brings together education, engineering and community engagement.

How we collaborate will determine how successful we are in delivering the change communities want to see, whilst reducing the harm caused on our roads.

I look forward to meeting and working with you as you start your new role, but I would also welcome an opportunity to meet with you, alongside partners, to discuss how we can better align our efforts around road safety as I am resolute in my commitment to play my part.

Yours sincerely,

John Campion

Police and Crime Commissioner

West Mercia