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Four decades of public service

A conservative councillor is celebrating four decades of public service at Bracknell Forest Council this year.

Cllr James Finnie's 40 years service to the local community was honoured by the leader of Bracknell Forest Council, Cllr Paul Bettison OBE, at a recent council meeting with a speech and celebratory cake.

Cllr Finnie was first elected in 1976 for the ward formally known as Crowthorne with Easthampstead, it became Crowthorne in 1986 and he continues as the elected member today.

He was appointed as mayor for three consecutive years (1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000) and in May 2000 Bracknell Forest made Cllr Finnie an Honorary Freeman of the borough.

He has been voluntary sector champion since 2005 and throughout his service at Bracknell Forest Council Cllr Finnie has served on a number of committees as both member and vice-chairman. He has also been the chairman of the appeals committee since 2003, and the environment overview and scrutiny panel from 2009 until 2015.

He said: "I have enjoyed supporting the local community for the last 40 years in the various roles I have had and look forward to the years ahead."

Leader, Cllr Paul Bettison OBE, said; "We are very thankful for all the hard work and commitment Cllr Finnie has shown since he was elected in 1976. Along with all his roles as councillor he supports many local voluntary groups for the young, elderly and disabled."

"He has been supporting our residents in Crowthorne for four decades and he continues to have their support too."

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