



News Report from Philip Bradbourn MEP

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Local MEP discusses EU funding opportunities

Local MEP Philip Bradbourn visited Lichfield District Council on Friday to explore European funding opportunities for new and innovative schemes that are being looked at in the district. Whilst there he was shown the ambitious plans to re-develop part of the city centre.

Mr Bradbourn, who is Local Government Spokesman for the Conservatives in the European Parliament, said:

"I was very happy to meet with Councillor David Smith the leader of Lichfield District Council to discuss among other things European monies available for projects that promote economic regeneration in the district and across the County generally.

All too often EU legislation is perceived to impact negatively on local residents. However, an area where the EU can make a positive contribution to the lives of local people is through the many EU funding opportunities that exist to address local problems such as re-skilling the local workforce."

Speaking from Brussels today Mr Bradbourn said:

"Funding projects which work to improve prosperity is the EU's biggest asset and it is very useful to meet with local Council Leaders such as David Smith to keep them informed of the multiple funding programmes on offer".

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