

**Tameside Council
Elected Member
Annual Report of Activities 2020/21**

Councillor Name: Bill Fairfoull

Ward Name: St Michael's

Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

I have attended all Full Council meetings during this municipal year.
In addition I am member of the following Panels

- Executive Cabinet
- Strategic Commissioning Board
- Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel
- Health & Wellbeing Board
- North Strategic Neighbourhood
- Audit & Overview Panel (Observer)
- Democratic Process Working Group
- Vice Chair Ashton Town Team
- Corporate Parenting Panel (Chair)
- Children's Improvement Board

Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

- Manchester Airport Consultative Committee
- Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund (Trustee) (The Trust Fund has allocated over £10,000 to community groups within the Tameside areas)
- GM Children's Board
- NW Portfolio Holders for Children's Services

Constituency Work and Local Issues

Along with my ward colleagues we have supported residents in planning, traffic and anti-social behaviour issues. We would usually have regular residents meetings in the Indian Community Centre and also support the Tameside College Homewatch.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 we have been unable to meet in person however we have had tried to keep up communication through arranging meetings through Zoom. The feedback from residents attending has been well received

Members Advice Surgeries

Our regular 1:1 surgeries have been suspended this year due to COVID-19. Our work has continued initially through zoom and latterly through outdoor meetings with residents when restrictions allowed.

Training and Development

I have attended training sessions this year which have included the following:

- Taxi and Private Hire Licensing
- Greater Manchester Spatial Framework
- Census 2021
- Health & Wellbeing Development Session
- Boundary Review
- Trans-Pennine Upgrade A57 Link Road
- Mayors Challenge Fund (MCF) - walking and cycling

Achievements during the Year

This year I continued my work as the Executive Member Children's and Families. Tameside has far too many young people in the care system however it's been a privilege to meet some of our youngsters and hear their back stories.

It's also an honour to Chair Tameside's Corporate Parenting Board. There is some fantastic work being done to support vulnerable young people and its very satisfying when we do get a successful outcome

Along with my ward colleagues we attempt to have a continuous dialogue with as many residents as we are able to do throughout the year. We do this by having regular walkabouts and dealing with ward work out on the streets. In addition we have organised and support successful residents groups.

Clearly this year we have to approach this differently so we began to invite residents to zoom updates at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic

We also meet with other residents groups as and when required.

Ashton-under-Lyne is undergoing a lot of change which has presented many challenges to the residents and business community alike. I am committed to try and assist these groups through these changing times.

Any other comments

I will continue to support the residents of St Michael's, Children and Families who are in need and also assisting all residents and business owners wherever I can.