

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

Councillor Name: Councillor Betty Affleck

Ward: Godley (Hyde)

PARTICIPATION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PANELS

I have been on a steep learning curve, to enable me to participate in meetings, I know Zoom, Skype, Teams and any other Virtual device that has enabled me to participate.

I have attended Full Council meeting, to provide a voice for my constituents I have supported my colleagues when required and undertaken preparation before Full Council meetings to contribute to its success.

I am a member of the Integrated Care and Well-being Scrutiny Panel were a was a member of the children's working group.

I am a member of the Carbon and Waste reduction Panel, we scrutinised the Council on ways to reduce our carbon footprint.

PARTICIPATION AT SOUTH STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

These forums focus on local input into the decision making process with the Forums being primary consul-tees on matters for consideration by the Executive Cabinet and Council.

PARTICIPATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND PARTNERSHIPS

I am a member of the Hyde Memorial Trust, which organises the Remembrance-and Peace day Services held at the Cenotaph on Werneth Low, this year because of the lockdown, the service for greatly reduced, but we still remembered the fallen.

I am a friend of Hattersley Station, we have not been able to hold our usual events this year, and we have kept the stations gardens tidy and planted new seeds and plants.

I am a member of the Sandwich Angels; we could not continue to make sandwiches for the homeless during lockdown.

We have been collecting and distributed food parcels to people struggling during the lockdown, the numbers have increased but we have continued to try to ensure no family goes hungry.

I am member of the Women's Forum; we hold informative meetings and training sessions to encourage more women to enter politics. This year our centenary project went to print. "Our Vote Our Lives"

I am member of Hattersley Project, run by volunteers to promote health and wellbeing in the community, this a community Garden and more, a great asset to the community.

I am the Chairperson of Hyde Community Events, we have organised Scarecrow in the park and the Christmas Lights events, but unfortunately, this year were unable too.

Looking to the future when we will be able to organise some events again.

I am a Health Champion taking part in meetings to gain information about the test and trace, and the Vaccine rollout, which I can pass on to my community groups and residents

To encourage them to take part in these initiatives. The Vaccine rollout has been a great success in Tameside.

PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOLS

I am a Governor at Discovery Academy, our meetings have been held on Teams, although I have not been able to visit the school, I have seen the hard work and dedication that the Head and her staff have been doing under these difficult times. The school has been open to welcome the children of key workers.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I have attended the Members training sessions throughout the year; I found them very helpful in fulfilling my role as a Councillor.

CONSTITUENCY WORK

I have had to suspend my regular surgeries, my residents have been contacting me by phone emails, and letter, I work hard try and resolve their problems, fly tipping has been a big problem, I have attended several socially distant litter picks, arranged for the rubbish to be removed. I have leashed with the police and residents to help to resolve parking problems.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS

This has been a very bad year for everyone, I have seen the community come together, not just to clap for the tremendous NHS, but to help and support each other, I am sure this will continue, we are better when we all work together.

I have met so many interesting people, sometimes this job can be frustrating but also, so rewarding.

I believe I deliver a service my residents deserve; I will continue to do my best to support my constituents in the months ahead.