

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

Councillor Name: Charlotte Martin

Ward Name: Audenshaw

Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

I have sat on and registered 100% attendance for the following panels and meetings this municipal year 2020/21.

Member of Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny

Health and wellbeing scrutiny panel have been focused on Tameside's Early Help offer, Impacts of Covid-19 on Education in Tameside and follow up on the recruitment and retention of foster carers in Tameside.

Member of scrutiny working group for Children's Services

I have attended 100% of all working group meetings regarding Tameside's Early Help offer, Impacts of Covid-19 on Education in Tameside and follow up on the recruitment and retention of foster carers in Tameside.

Member of Liquor Licensing Panel

Whilst I have not sat on liquor panel hearings, I received my training enthusiastic to continue learning about this important area of licensing especially in times of Covid-19 when I recently elected to TMBC.

Member of West Strategic Neighbourhood forum

I have recorded 100% attendance for the West Strategic Neighbourhood forum and would like to highlight the excellent discussions and contributions we had generated around Tameside's Domestic Abuse strategy and support for Victim Survivors through Bridges service and excellent presentations by our Public Health team and Community Champions programme.

Full Council 2020/21

I am pleased to report I regularly contribute to discussion and debate at full council representing Audenshaw. I have contributed to providing my analysis of the 2020/21 budget as part of the Labour Group, spoke in favour of Councillor Eleanor Wills' powerful motion around the Domestic Abuse Bill and my support as a frontline social care worker as well as other important motions and debates in 2020/21.

Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

Chair of Roker Park Estate Home Watch Committee
Ryecroft Hall Association Management Committee
Assheton Avenue Residents Community Garden
Canal and River Trust Volunteer

Constituency Work and Local Issues

Despite COVID-19 making it difficult to traditionally knock-on residents' doors for much of the 2020/21 municipal year, I have enjoyed engaging with residents on social media community forums and picking up casework through the thriving Roker Park Home Watch whatsapp group.

I have reported missed bin collections, reported key maintenance work for important town landmarks

like Ryecroft Hall such as potholes and improving footpath access around the beautiful park area. I also regularly report and liaise with GMP Tameside South's PCSOs for Audenshaw about hot spot areas for spikes in local crime such as car thefts and speeding cars. I thoroughly believe that if all key stakeholders in our town are working together and sharing the right information we can get things done and I play my part to keep this momentum going. For instance, I regularly attend and now chair a successful home watch group and we keep residents informed about any safety advice to keep our neighbours safe.

I look forward to seeing all the community groups Audenshaw is lucky to have and work with them on some exciting events looking forwards.

Members Advice Surgeries

Sadly, due to COVID 19 our monthly surgeries were something we had to discontinue when covid-19 hit. However, I kept in touch by answering any emails, telephone calls, whatsapp messages and our Facebook page received many messages which I answered and tried by best to help.

We look forward as a team to bring back surgeries at Ryecroft Hall as soon as it is safe to do so.

Training and Development

I have attended training sessions including the following: -

- Taxi and Private Hire Licensing
- Manchester Spatial Framework
- Census 2021
- Health and Wellbeing development session
- Boundary Review
- Trans-Pennine upgrade A57 Link Road
- Mayor's Challenge Fund – walking and cycling

All the above sessions were informative and filled in any gaps in my knowledge as a local councillor.

Achievements during the Year

- Working closely with Roker Park Home Watch Committee to produce a Santa Sleigh ride where myself and colleagues were Santa and his elves and toured the estate Christmas 2020 which was a great success.
- Secured agreement with the Council potholes and greenspace maintenance would be actioned at Ryecroft Hall working closely with the Hall Association.
- Working with Andrew Gwynne MP restoring regular train services at Fairfield station for local residents.
- Planting trees at the Ponderosa fields and Ryecroft Hall delivering a more clean and greener Audenshaw.

Any other comments

It remains a privilege to work hard for Audenshaw residents, all year round and be your voice on Tameside council. If you ever have a local issue, I will try my best to sort it for you.

