

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

Councillor Name: Jack Naylor

Ward Name: Denton South

Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

I have been an active participant at meetings & panels which I have been assigned to over the municipal year. I have attended all of the following meetings & panels: -

- Council
- Speakers Panel (Planning)
- Audit Panel
- West Strategic Neighbourhood Forum
- Place & External Relations Scrutiny Panel

In addition to my duties on the above panels, I have been pleased to contribute to various steering groups including the inaugural Cooperative Strategy group & analysis of the "Planning for the Future" white paper.

Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

I am the member representative for the Council at NW Employers. I have enjoyed liaising with colleagues from across the North West via various forums which most recently included participating in creating a new councillor development programme which will be rolled out at the start of the 2021/22 municipal year.

Constituency Work and Local Issues

I have been part of the successful campaign against the proposed expansion of Bredbury Parkway Industrial Estate deep into the Tame Valley which saw planning permission refused by Stockport Council in March 2021.

I have been involved in a variety of casework throughout the year, which has ranged from supporting residents with bin collections to more complex cases involving housing & safeguarding. I aim to always respond to residents within 24 hours of the enquiry with planned actions & keep them updated as the query progresses.

We are fortunate in Denton South to have a number of thriving community groups which do excellent work ranging from incredible themed events, such as the "Spooky Trail" to initiatives such as "An Extra Plate" which ensured that no one spending Christmas alone went without a Christmas Day lunch. I look forward to continuing to support our Community Groups and especially look forward to

seeing them develop further.

Members Advice Surgeries

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, member surgeries have been suspended throughout the municipal year. During this time, I have predominantly engaged with residents via social media, email & telephone and receive the majority of casework via these channels.

Since March 2020 the volume of casework received each week has significantly increased & I must put on record my thanks to the dedicated staff and officers at TMBC for their support in resolving these issues.

Training and Development

I attend all mandated Member Development Sessions run by the council & have particularly enjoyed learning more about the role of a “Corporate Parent”.

In addition, I have attended and completed training events run by professional organisations such as the LGA, CIPFA & NW Employers. As a relatively new councillor of 2 years standing, I have found development opportunities valuable in order to further improve my skills. I will continue to take up as many development opportunities feasible to ensure I am in the best position to represent my constituents to the best of my ability.

Achievements during the Year

This year has been like no other in terms of the departure from our usual way of life. I am however extremely proud of the following: -

- Raising over £4,200.00 for local charities including £2,070 for St Mary’s Foodbank, £624.00 for The Anthony Seddon Fund, £1,075.00 for The Civic Mayor’s Charity Appeal, £310.00 for Forget-Me-Not Buddies & £175.00 for We Shall Overcome
- Arranging “Doorstep Donations” for St Mary’s Foodbank which allowed residents to safely donate items to the foodbank by leaving bags on the doorstep for us to collect. During this scheme over 250 bags of food were collected.
- Arranging a socially distanced community litter pick that involved the councillors dropping off litter picking equipment for families to go out in their own bubbles
- Successfully completing a 2 day CIPFA training course ‘A Practical Understanding of Good Governance In Local Government’
- Organised a virtual quiz - “The Big Tameside Quiz Night” which raised £800.00 for The Civic Mayor’s Charity Appeal (included in the above figures). In addition to weekly quiz nights “The Great Denton South Quiz” hosted on facebook during the first lockdown (March-July 2020) which also was responsible for a good proportion of the money we raised throughout the year.

Any other comments

I would like to state my thanks & appreciation to my Denton South Ward Colleagues – Cllr George Newton & Cllr Claire Reid who have both been a constant source of support and friendship. Also to many colleagues across the council, from the Leader down, who have guided me through my first years as an elected member. I will continue to do my utmost to ensure that Denton South, along with Tameside as a whole, recovers and then thrives in the post-pandemic world.

