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

**Councillor Name: Councillor Oliver Ryan** 

Ward Name: Audenshaw

# Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

We are delivering for Audenshaw. I have actively participated in all attended council meetings and the council holds my full attendance figures. Speaking on behalf of residents in the council chamber at every full council meeting since being elected. It has been a pleasure and working with Councillors Smith & Martin, I feel Audenshaw's voice is being heard - and listened to.

In addition to my ward and council duties, I am currently the Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth. I often reference Audenshaw based projects or community groups when contributing meetings and have taken every opportunity to represent Audenshaw residents in every available council forum. Using my role as a Councillor to stand with residents and their concerns at several planning application meetings has achieved real change in our town of Audenshaw, I look forward to continuing my proactive approach to Audenshaw's building and planning.

# **Participation at Strategic Neighbourhood Forums**

Along with ward surgeries, these meetings are a great opportunity to speak to your three Audenshaw councillors face-to-face, raise concerns you may have and get an update on community and council activity in our town. I continue to look forward to and feel I actively participate in every meeting.

I hope Audenshaw residents remain enthusiastically involved in town affairs and continue to work with Councillors Martin, Smith and myself in improving Audenshaw.

#### Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

I attend as many community group, Home Watch and Friends Of group meetings as possible. In terms of Council appointments, I attend a range of Greater Manchester meetings and also sit on the Jigsaw/New Charter (North) Board from the council.

# **Participation on School Governing Bodies**

I am no longer a School Governor at Audenshaw Primary School.

# **Constituency Work**

I am often contacted by a great many residents right across Audenshaw and feel I have proactively pursued any casework issues raised with me. In addition, Councillors Smith, Martin and I regularly keep contact over our progress on resident casework to ensure we can achieve the best outcome for Audenshaw - something that may require joint lobbying by the three of us on occasion. I will continue to quickly and comprehensively deal with any casework or ward issues raised with me and am always available over e-mail or over the telephone, both of which can be found on the council website.

#### **Members Advice Surgeries**

I have regularly held joint advice surgeries with Councillors Smith and Martin, though obviously these have been impeded by the pandemic. In addition, with our attendance at numerous community events we continue to receive casework and resident comments.

#### Training and Development

I have attended quite a number of councillor training sessions, the sessions are conducted usually outside of normal working hours so I have taken every opportunity available to gain a different perspective on local issues or share Audenshaw best practice. I look forward to continuing my attendance to these helpful training sessions.

# **Achievements during the Year**

We continue to improve Audenshaw roads, parks and public spaces. More can be found in our Tameside Labour Manifesto achievements for the last year.

#### Any other comments

I look forward to continuing to work with Audenshaw's residents, community groups, and officers alike in achieving the best deal for our town, and will continue to be a vocal advocate for Audenshaw in council. In addition to keeping in regular contact with leaflets, telephone calls and door knocking Councillors Smith, Martin and I have taken to social media and through our 'Team Audenshaw' Facebook and Twitter have been contacted my many residents. I want to again thank Audenshaw residents and voters who elected me in 2014 and re-elected me in 2018 for the opportunity to represent my hometown - another great year for Audenshaw. A special thanks to all who have served the town this year, be it through community work, care or otherwise – you make Audenshaw the privilege it is to serve.