

Tameside Council

Elected Member

Annual Report of Activities 2020/21

Councillor Name: Gerald P Cooney

Ward Name: Droylsden West

Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

In my role as Cabinet Deputy for Housing, Planning and Employment. I have participated at Council meetings around the borough and have been in attendance at the following:

- Full Council
- Executive Board
- Executive Cabinet
- West Strategic Neighbourhood Forums
- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Strategic Commissioning Board
- Scrutiny Panel
- Greater Manchester Pension Fund (GMPF) (Vice Chair)
- GMPF - Admin & Employer Funding Viability Working Group
- GMPF Policy & Development Working Group
- GMPF Management/Advisory Panel
- GMPF Investment Monitoring & ESG Working Group
- Greater Manchester Homeless Programme Board
- Democratic Processes Working Group
- GM Housing and Planning Commission
- Apprenticeships Stakeholder Group
- Tameside Employment Fund Panel
- Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel
- Speakers Panel (Planning)
- Board Member for two Housing Associations (Jigsaw Homes, formerly New Charter and Ashton Pioneer Homes)
- Living with Covid Board
- Impact and Recovery Working Group

Participation at the West Strategic Neighbourhood Forums

As an active member of the West Strategic Neighbourhood Forums. Due to the Government recommendations in respect of Covid 19 and the need for social distancing, these meetings have taken place via Zoom.

Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

I represent Tameside as an Elected Member of the GM Housing Commission and Homelessness. I am Vice Chair of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund and Chair of the Northern Pool Local Government Pension Fund.

Apprentices and Employment

Working towards and achieving the increase in apprenticeships on top of the existing one working closely with Tameside College and local employers.

Constituency Work

I continue to be active throughout the year, receiving telephone calls and Home Watch. Due to the Government recommendations, the local group meetings in my Ward have not taken place due to social distancing.

As a Ward Member, I am involved in producing a local Ward Newsletter, which I deliver, along with my fellow Ward colleagues across the Droylsden West Ward, where possible due to Covid

Members Advice Surgeries

Due to the Government recommendations in respect of Covid 19 and limiting travel and the need for social distancing, it has been decided to cancel Members Surgeries until further notice.

Training and Development

I am keen to attend Member's training sessions as I have over the last 12 months, together with seminars and conferences in relation to my brief, the meeting have taken place digitally due to the Government recommendations of traveling and social distancing.

Achievements during the Year

My wide-ranging portfolio gives me responsibility for inward investment, apprentices and skills. I am also a member of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund and the Greater Manchester Planning and Housing Commission.

Any other comments

As an elected Councillor for Droylsden West and in my capacity as Cabinet Deputy for Housing, Planning and Employment, I will continue to serve the community to the best of my ability.