# Councillor Yvonne Cartey St Michael's Ward Annual Report of Activities 2020/2021

## **Participation at Council Meetings and Panels**

I have attended all council meetings this past year via Zoom. I missed one Audit meeting due a mix up with the electronic calendar.

I have attended all training and information seminars.

# **Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships**

No outside bodies have met in the last 12 months. I am looking forward to these groups restarting. There is much to do.

### **Constituency Work**

My constituency work has doubled in the last 12 months. Everything from rat infestation, planning issues, fly tipping to child protection.

I may not solve every problem but people are so grateful if you fight their corner.

### **Members Advice Surgeries**

No surgeries were held but residents contacted me via phone, email and knocking on my door. My sitting room has been a council surgery on many occasions. I have started buying biscuits again having given them up for years.

# **Training and Development**

I attended all sessions to increase my knowledge and serve the communities within St Michaels even better. Clean air is the subject so many younger people bring up repeatedly.

#### Achievements during the Year

Working with ward colleagues to introduce car free roads, no parking outside schools, cycle lanes and walking routes on the bee network.

Collecting untold numbers of bags of rubbish from our streets.

Improving road safety and encouraging better health by walking and cycling for all.

Keeping the residents informed about Covid and finding assistance where needed.

#### Any other comments

In a difficult year, it has been a highlight that so many local people have looked to help and assist their neighbours in so many ways. I am proud to say that I have met more St Michael's residents than ever before and am delighted so many people now contact me as the "women who gets things done".

That confidence in me has shown itself in the exceptional local election results that brought Jean Drennan to the St Michael's Labour Team. I am looking forward to working with both Jean and Bill.