

**Tameside Council
Elected Member
Annual Report of Activities 2022/23**

Councillor Name: Betty Affleck

Ward Name: Godley

Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

I have attended Full Council Meetings, representing my constituents, giving them a voice at the meeting. I have supported my colleagues when required and undertaking preparation before Council meetings to contribute to its success.

I am Chair of the South Strategic neighbourhood Forum, this year we have been working with the Hyde Town Centre Delivery Group, to support the preparation and implementation of the emerging Hyde Town Centre Masterplan and to deliver the vision of the plan and to identify community aspirations relating to the re-invigoration of the town centre investment by leading the involvement and engagement with the wider community, groups and businesses to promote regeneration and revitalisation of the town centre.

As Chair of the South Neighbourhoods I also attend Enforcement meetings and attend the Corporate Parenting Panel Meetings.

I will be organising, with the help of my fellow Councillors, the Mela Event in Hyde Park which attracted over 6000 visitors last August, we will also organise the Christmas Light Switch on event on the town square again this year.

I am a member of the Environment and Climate emergency working Group, we scrutinise the Council and other major stakeholders on matters of the environment, and our carbon footprint.

I am a member of the speakers panel (Planning) we hold monthly meetings to assess the planning applications brought forward by the public.

I am on the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel, where we scrutinise all matters relating to Health and social care.

Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

I am a member of Hyde Together C.I.C We are a group of volunteers who work together for the benefit of Hyde Town Centre, We work with the Hyde Delivery Group to explore better outcome for Hyde Town Centre, one of our short term success was placing 14 flower barrels around the town square and in front of the Town hall these were all sponsored by local businesses and are maintained by volunteers. We also help to organise events on the market square

I am a member of the Hyde Memorial Trust. We work to ensure the upkeep of the Monument on Werneth Low and the upkeep of the Country Park. I helped to organise the opening of the café at the Visitors centre this year which has been a great success. The Trust organise the services on Remembrance Sunday and Peace Day .

I run the Tots Group at Hattersley Hub which can be attended by up to 40 Mums, Dads and carers with their children, I also help to run the Tots Group at the Methodist Church in Hyde which is also well attended.

I am a school Governor at Discovery Academy I attend Governors meetings and visit the school to observe the children and teachers during the school term

I am a member of the Wild Flower Community Garden.

I am a Board Member at Hattersley Big Garden Projects.

Constituency Work and Local Issues

This year, we had the all out local elections because of the boundary changes. I have been getting to know my new constituents whilst keeping in touch with the concerns which range from, parking issues, bins, fly-tipping ,and neighbourhood issues, with all my other constituents, who can contact me by phone or e-mail.

Members Advice Surgeries

I hold my Members Advice Surgery at Hyde Town Hall on the third Saturday of each month .

Training and Development

I have attended the Council Members training sessions, which help me to keep up-to date with running of the Council.

I have attended training sessions connected to Discovery Academy including safeguarding.

I attended a training session to help fulfil my role in Planning.

Achievements during the Year

The Mela event in Hyde Park.

The mini Lantern parade and Christmas Light switch on Hyde Square

Attending the BBC Make a difference awards and winning a prize with Hattersley Big Garden Projects.

Elected as Deputy Mayor for 2023\24

Any other comments

I work hard all year round to fulfil my role of Councillor, I meet a diverse community of people with a raft of different problems, most I can point in the right direction for the help they need, others it can take longer and can be more involved, and for the very few I cannot give them the outcome they want, no matter how hard I try.

I will continue to work in the Community of Godley for better outcomes for all of my constituents