

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

Councillor Name: Cllr Bill Fairfoull

Ward Name: St Michaels's Ward

Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

I have attended all Full Council meetings during this municipal year. In addition I am member of the following Panels

- Executive Cabinet
- Strategic Commissioning Board
- Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel
- Health & Wellbeing Board
- North Strategic Neighbourhood
- Audit & Overview Panel (Observer)
- Democratic Process Working Group
- Vice Chair Ashton Town Team
- Corporate Parenting Panel (Chair)
- Children's Improvement Board

Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

- Manchester Airport Consultative Committee
- Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund (Trustee) (The Trust Fund has allocated over £15,000 to community groups within the Tameside areas)
- GM Children's Board
- NW Portfolio Holders for Children's Services

Constituency Work and Local Issues

Along with my ward colleagues, I have supported residents in planning, traffic and anti-social behaviour issues. We hold regular residents meetings in the Hurst Methodist Church, Indian Community Centre and also support the Tameside College Homewatch. This year we have had further meetings with residents in Cockbrook and Cedar Park areas .

Members Advice Surgeries

We hold regular 1:1 monthly surgeries although we are accessible to residents when required. We still support residents through zoom meetings as well as in person.

Training and Development

I have attended all training and development which been predominately on Zoom. Subjects covered include Corporate Parenting, Transport and Environment. I have also attended Local Government residential in my role as Lead Member for Children's Services

Achievements during the Year

It has been another challenging year however along with my ward colleagues have continued to try and serve the residents of St Michael's to the best our ability.

My work as the Lead Member of Children's and Families has continued. Families are under increasing pressure due to Cost of Living, Low Pay and increased fuel costs. This puts pressure on households and unfortunately many young people lose out in a time of their lives when they should be worry free.

It's also an honour to Chair Tameside's Corporate Parenting Board. This has grown stronger this year with increased memberships and also stronger engagement with partners. Again some of the young people steal the show with their life stories of how they got to be where they are today despite the difficult start they have had in life. This is something that central government doesn't see. However, I will continue try and strive for fairness so everyone gets as equal opportunity as possible

Along with my ward colleagues, we attempt to have a continuous dialogue with as many residents as we are able to do throughout the year. We do this my having regular walkabouts and dealing with ward work out on the streets. In addition, we have organised and support successful residents groups.

We also meet with other residents groups as and when required.

Ashton-under-Lyne is undergoing a lot of change, which has presented many challenges to the residents and business community alike. I am committed to try and assist these groups through these changing times.

Any other comments

I will continue to support the residents of St Michael's, Children and Families who are in need, and also assisting all residents and business owners wherever I can.