

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

Councillor Name: Charlotte Martin

Ward Name: Audenshaw

Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

I have sat on and registered 100% attendance for the following panels and meetings this municipal year 2022/23.

Member of Children's Service Panel

I have been an active member of the scrutiny panel above. I have attended all meetings scheduled for this area.

As a panel I have monitored and scrutinised Tameside Council's Improvement progress, Ofsted monitoring and self-evaluation, Education SEND inspection - next steps and progress against Ofsted key findings throughout the municipal year. I have looked at important issues including Health Services for children and young people – including mental health support in schools, the Schools White Paper – implications for Tameside / education investment areas, provision of Youth Services and activities for young people at this panel.

I have asked challenging but thoughtful questions of our directors and political leadership about all areas of Children's Services.

I have questioned GMP Superintendent for Tameside and Children's Services Senior Leadership on our progress with finding children missing from home as this service is now provided in house by Tameside Council. I have received a presentation from the Safeguarding Partnership, which was very interesting and informative.

Member of Working Group within Children's Services Panel

I have volunteered for working groups around recruitment and retention of social workers. I have visited our front-line services as part of the panel and met with the Early Help and MASH managers to see what our OFSTED progress is being shaped by our staff.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this panel, and I think I have been a diligent member who takes the performance of children's services as well as the outcomes for all our young people in Tameside seriously.

Member of Liquor Licensing Panel

Whilst I have not sat on liquor panel hearings, I received refresher training to continue learning about this important area of licensing.

Member of West Strategic Neighbourhood forum

I have recorded nearly 100% attendance for the West Strategic Neighbourhood forum. I have received information at this panel on our white ribbon accreditation ambition for tackling domestic abuse as well corporate parenting updates in January 2023. This year, we asked questions of our Chief Superintendent of GMP again, especially around the 101 service residents receive, the new 'Bee in the loop' strategy and my colleague Councillor Smith challenged GMP on the Ryecroft Hall Police Post at this forum.

Full Council 2020/21

I am pleased to report I regularly contribute to discussion and debate at full council representing Audenshaw.

Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

School Governor at Aldwyn Primary School
Committee Member of Roker Park Estate Home Watch Committee
Ryecroft Hall Association Management Committee

Constituency Work and Local Issues

I have had such a busy year as Councillor for Audenshaw.

I have canvassed on several issues, including working on Kenny's Ltd Planning Application and its impact on the local community. I was part of organising public meeting, delivered paper reports to 100s of properties in the area to communicate what we are trying to do to alleviate the dust and environmental impact of the industrial unit and keeping residents informed about developments.

I have attended briefings on Clarendon Road proposed bee network. Furthermore, I listened to 100s of residents concerns and acted on them accordingly with senior leadership at the council. I eventually lobbied for its removal, because of the negative impact and unsuitability of the scheme based on conversations with local people.

I've helped organised many community events. This included events at Ryecroft Hall, Memorial Gardens and I have also enjoyed working with Assheton Community Garden. It was a pleasure to attend to COVID grant afternoon at St George's in Dane Bank (to see Assheton successful in their grant bid). We have also provided deserving local groups with a proportion of our ward monies to improve projects across Audenshaw this year.

Speeding and safe pedestrian crossing have been a massive issue for residents. We have a continued commitment to securing funding for a safe crossing at Audenshaw Road/Stamford Road and other areas of Audenshaw, this remains a priority of our local agenda.

Contravention of parking restrictions outside schools like Audenshaw Boys School, Poplar Primary, and Aldwyn Primary School have been a real problem for the local community.

We requested boosted enforcement to try to tackle this problem. We have also worked with schools to re-educate parents on the impact on parking in residential areas near to schools.

When Cadent Gas proposed connecting Jam Work site residents to gas during school-time, we immediately got in touch with Cadent and negotiated that it would make more sense to dig up Audenshaw Road in the summer holidays to prevent unnecessary gridlock. Thanks also to residents of Clarendon Road for their input on this positive outcome.

I have worked with Andrew Gwynne MP to lobby against the proposed mothballing of Audenshaw Tram Station due to HS2 building, which is going in a positive direction.

I've also dealt with lots of phone calls and emails about wide-ranging casework issues.

Members Advice Surgeries

We have held several joint surgeries with GMP this year.

Training and Development

I have attended all TMBC organised training. I completed a 'Make your political mark' training course with Labour Women's Network which supports women member in their political development. I have also become a school governor at Aldwyn Primary School.

Achievements during the Year

- Delivered a cost-of-living stall at Co-Op Audenshaw which helped a lot of residents.
- A large 5G mast rejected by planning which would had been directly next to the historic Audenshaw Trough.
- Became a local School Governor this year.
- Volunteered with Friends of Tame Valley and litter picked Shepley Wood Park, Snipe Retail Estate, North Road, Lumb Lane Underpass and Hawthorn and Hazel Street.
- Joint litter pick initiative with Aldwyn Primary School in April 2023 (which was a direct request from Aldwyn Primary School Student Voice)

Any other comments

I hope my report reflects how I take my role as your voice on Tameside Council seriously and I work as hard as I possibly can. I will continue to learn as much as I can and always listen to what we can improve on to make Audenshaw cleaner, green, and more prosperous.