

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

Councillor Name: David J Sweeton

Ward Name: Dukinfield/Stalybridge Ward

Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

Attended all full councils & East Strategic Neighbourhood Forum Meetings as required in addition to facing Cllr Carty's Scrutiny Panel to bring members up to speed on aspects of regeneration and inclusive growth.

Attended & presented to Board & Cabinet throughout the year.

Attended & participated on the Health & Wellbeing Board.

Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

Dukinfield/Stalybridge Neighbourhood watch
Stalybridge Town Team

Constituency Work and Local Issues

Worked with colleges on:-

Town centre issues including new business start-ups, parking & cleanliness.

Bin collections, street lighting and trees.

Supported voluntary groups including friends of Gorse Hall,

Stalybridge Town Team & Friends of Stalybridge War Memorial

Helped explore the viability of business plans for Dukinfield Town F.C.

Members Advice Surgeries

Re-introduced surgeries towards the later part of the year and supported colleagues in their delivery at St Johns Church, Dukinfield.

Training and Development

Attended all the in house member training session throughout the year both on-line in person when applicable.

Achievements during the Year

In my capacity of Executive members for growth, business and employment.

- Liaised with & supported colleagues & officers on the regeneration and re-purposing of Ashton Town Hall following the £20m levelling up funding award, including both indoor & outdoor markets, Arcades, Town Hall refurbishment & re-use of the old bus station.
- Undertook soft market testing on the nine sites around St Petersfield and currently developing the strategy & framework to appoint a Development Partner.
- Helped create development groups for Ashton, Hyde, and Stalybridge to push forward regeneration – 1 chair Stalybridge.
- I have initiated the re-forming of the Tameside Chambers of Trade and appointed an excellent and experienced chair to maximise opportunities.
- Attended jobs fairs and liaised with employers to align skills gaps with college courses.
- Supported and attended the creation of the Tameside Mean Business monthly drop in events in Ashton Library to support businesses.
- Supported the drive to assemble the land on Ashton Moss to bring forward the largest employment site in Tameside.
- Driven the Godley Green Development Group to the point where a Planning application is imminent.
- Re-located several Tameside Businesses the largest being Dukinfield based Bestlinks who will following the elections, occupy the largest unit on plantation industrial estate. This move will allow major expansion, jobs, and apprenticeship creations.

Any other comments

Tameside enters a very exciting period for growth and regeneration and the challenge for the year will be to maintain momentum and bring projects forward in a controlled prioritised manner.

