Tameside Council Elected Member Annual Report of Activities 2022/23

Councillor Name: George Jones

Ward Name: Denton West

Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

- Attended Full Council
- Attended Member Development Sessions
- Member of Speakers Panel (Licensing) and (Liquor Licensing)
- Member of West Strategic Neighbourhood Forum
- Member of Environment and Climate Emergency Working Group

Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

I aim to be an active participant in the meetings that I attend, making points, and asking questions where necessary. I have thoroughly enjoyed my committee appointments this municipal year and can see progress we have made in a number of areas, although I am fully aware there is always more work to be done.

I am a member of Friends of Ladbroke Wood.

Constituency Work and Local Issues

My casework load is always hefty, dealing with issues of a personal nature as well as challenges impacting on the wider community. I have high expectations for improvement in the community and wanting the very best for the people I represent. I have always strived to be fully open and transparent on all issues, especially those where challenges exist. I always have the community's interest at heart.

I have further developed relationships with community groups and organisations, I would particularly highlight the St George's Day celebration in Thornley Park that for the first time brought all the groups in the community together to organise a brilliant event for all stakeholders within the community to enjoy.

Members Advice Surgeries

I continue to run a weekly advice surgery for residents on a Tuesday evening, 6:30pm to 7pm a Denton West Community Centre. It is well established and residents, particularly those without access to social media, depend upon it to meet with me to discuss local issues and concerns.

Training and Development

I have attended all member development sessions that have been organised in the last municipal year. These have focused on briefings around the budget and training relating to children's services.

Achievements during the Year

- Establishing the Friends of Ladbroke Wood in the Shirley Park area of the ward.
- Organising a St George's Day celebration with community groups.
- Helping to save the Denton West Community Centre for the community.

Any other comments

It has been a privilege to serve the residents of Denton West over the past three and a half year, I have always sort to put the best interests of my residents first and do all I can to make change happen, where it is needed. I am honoured and humbled to have topped the poll and received the most votes in Tameside in the recent local elections, I look forward to continue representing the residents of Denton West over the next four years.