

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

Councillor Name: George Newton

Ward Name: Denton South

Participation at Council Meetings and Panels

I have been an active participant at meetings and panels, which I have been assigned to over the municipal year. I have attended the following meetings and panels:

- Council
- West Strategic Neighbourhood Forum
- Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel
- Environment and Climate Emergency Working Group

Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

Constituency Work and Local Issues

Following on from our successful campaign to save the Tame Valley from over-development, my ward colleagues and I have been vociferous in our defence of green spaces across Denton South including working to prevent greenbelt development and enhancing our existing green spaces, such as Haughton Dale Local Nature Reserve and Haughton Green Playing Fields.

The last twelve months have been a busy period for casework, ranging from basic issues such as improvement works and repairs, through to much more complex and personal issues. I am pleased to attach an 'activity map' which highlights just some of our recent activities.

Members Advice Surgeries

Since the pandemic, we no longer hold set surgeries. We found that the vast majority of constituents would contact us via social media, email or telephone. Naturally, we are more than happy to arrange ad-hoc in-person meetings or surgeries by appointment.

Training and Development

I continue to develop my knowledge and skills as an elected member, including attending training and development sessions such as:

- Corporate Parenting with the Local Government Association
- Cost of Living Crisis Development Session
- Scrutiny Panel Training
- Levelling Up Fund Training
- Ad-hoc sessions

Achievements during the Year

See information in related 'activity map' for details.

Any other comments