

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

**Councillor Name: Hugh Roderick**

**Ward Name: Hyde Newton**

**Participation at Council Meetings and Panels**

I have attended all but one meetings of Full Council and have spoken in support of a motion opposing fracking.

I have been a member of the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel this year, reviewing the work of the council and partners in a wide range of the Council's activities. Many issues have been considered this year, most significantly examining the Council's efforts to regenerate towns in the Borough and to improve support for businesses of all sizes.

I have also been a member of the Environment and Climate Emergency Working Group that monitors efforts by the council and outside bodies to address their impact on the environment.

I have attended all South Strategic Neighbourhood Forum Meetings, where we are updated on all aspects of council work that impact Hyde and Longdendale.

**Participation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships**

I am a member of Hyde Together CIC, a body founded from the Hyde Town Team that has very successfully brought together residents, businesses and interested parties and provided a conduit for Council officers to report on and take feedback on Hyde's regeneration plans from those the plan will impact most. An early win has been the introduction of floral barrels on Hyde Market Place that successfully brought together all communities in Hyde.

I have also attended Board meetings of Tameside Citizens Advice as a trustee.

**Constituency Work and Local Issues**

I have dealt with a range of casework from residents. This has ranged from housing, planning permission and development, speeding, flooding, street furniture, on street parking, fly tipping, green services, potholes, ASB and crime, bins and recycling and much more.

The major issues in particular this year have been renewal of play equipment in Hyde Park that all three Newton councillors have been working with Cllr Affleck to push forward and an ongoing applications for development on Matley Lane. On both issues, I have met with officers to discuss the issues and seek clarification for residents.

All three Newton Councillors have also been working to bring the changing rooms off Victoria Street back into use through a Community Asset Transfer to provide facilities for sport and exercise on the

adjacent fields. We are currently waiting for the disposal of the adjacent field so that we can make a new submission for the transfer through a local cricket team that is currently without a home.

### **Members Advice Surgeries**

As a ward we have occasional roving surgeries and also advertise our attendance at the weekly Warm Welcome Hub at St Mary's Church and the monthly GMP Newton surgeries, where we have met resident's and taken on case work associated with ASB, bins and play equipment in Hyde Park.

### **Training and Development**

Tameside Council provides for in house training. I have attended all Member Development Sessions this year, which have included scrutiny and policy making.

### **Achievements during the Year**

Most casework has been successfully addressed across the year, though I am most proud of the work to ensure a resident with a terminal illness was able to move to accommodation that is more appropriate and offering support to residents with complex needs that have been unable to access services.

### **Any other comments**

This has been an intense first year as a councillor that has been spent learning the most effective ways to get good outcomes for residents and how the work that the council does is initiated and scrutinised. I am proud of the support I have also been able to give to residents over the year.

I have had helping push forward regeneration plans for Hyde particularly rewarding and I am eager to see the benefits that residents and businesses in Newton will accrue from the improvements that are proposed for Hyde Town Centre. There is already a very positive vibe thanks to the work of Hyde Together CIC and Hyde councillors I look forward to the publication of the draft master plan later in May.

Given the short amount of time to establish myself before I had to stand for the all-out elections this year I was particularly grateful that residents have given me the opportunity to continue this work and I hope to be able to retain support when I stand again in next year's local election.

I am grateful to my fellow ward councillors, Cllr Bowden and Robinson, who have supported me throughout my first year as a councillor. We are very much 'Team Newton' copying each other in on all communications and meetings so that we can work efficiently and avoid duplication.

I am also grateful to residents of Hyde Newton for their continued support in this year's all out elections, I will always strive to repay that support through my work as a councillor.

I look forward to the challenges ahead as I take on the Chairmanship of the Children's Services Scrutiny Panel and will continue to work to earn continued support for next year's local elections.

