

Annual Report: Cllr. David James Hall 2012/13

Participation at Council Meeting Committees

I have attended every meeting of the full council and participated in most debates, speaking on many matters of concern to my residents and challenging the administration where necessary. The LDF particularly was of great concern to most residents in the ward, and I remain opposed to the release of Green Belt, particularly proposals for an industrial estate near Hartshead.

As deputy leader of the Conservative group I have influenced policy matters and represented the group locally and nationally.

I have spoken on behalf of residents at several planning meetings and quasi-judicial hearings and have attended and chaired public meetings in the ward. I have supported local parents with school admissions appeals and have been present at most Area Committee meetings. Where area Committee meetings clash with ward events, I tend to support the latter.

I was a member of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee, Personnel Committee and Budget Advisory Board, and have attended most meetings of these committees.

I served on the West Yorkshire Police Authority prior to its disbandment, and was a member of its audit and community policing committees. Since November 2012 I have been a member of the Police & Crime Panel, which challenges, scrutinises and supports the Police & Crime Commissioner.

Ward Work

My work on behalf of constituents has been often and varied, ranging from planning queries to parking issues, road-safety and housing problems, anti-social neighbours etc. I have been proud to represent the council at local functions and am always keen to meet people.

I have also worked closely with several of the tenants' and residents' groups, together with my colleagues Cllr Bates and Cllr Holmes, in order to advise and assist them in their efforts.

I continue to devote at least half my working week to council duties, a proportion that continues to rise, and look forward to the challenges of the coming year.