

# **Annual Report: Cllr. Lisa J Holmes 2011/12**

## **Introduction**

Having just completed my first year as an elected member of Kirklees Council I am pleased to be able to report that I have very much enjoyed the honour of representing the residents of the Liversedge and Gomersal Ward.

I now go into my second year with the same drive and enthusiasm as I had on the day I was elected to serve them.

## **Participation at Council Meeting Committees**

I have attended every meeting of full council and also the extraordinary councils during the past year and have spoken on various issues of concern to the residents in my ward.

In my first year I have also taken on roles on Planning and Highways Sub Committee, The Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel and more recently the Public Health Working Party.

## **Ward Work**

The ward work is a very important part of my role as a councillor and this has been every bit as diverse as I had expected it to be. Whether this be going out to residents in Roberttown at 10pm to deal with a serious sewerage food, helping a young family with housing and benefit problems or taking time to talk to an elderly resident who just needs comfort and reassurance, every case brings an enormous amount of personal satisfaction when I know that the problem has been solved to the residents satisfaction.

I have a number of cases that are ongoing and I will continue to work on these during the coming year. These include:

Supporting our Children's Centres which I firmly believe provide a vital service to young children and their families.

As a member of the committee which has been established to secure the long term future of Red House Museum.

My work as a Director and School Governor of the new BBG Academy which will provide a secondary education choice to the local children, not least those living in Gomersal

Continuing to fight against the development of green belt land under the current LDF plans which include taking 42 hectares of beautiful countryside at Cooper Bridge in the Liversedge and Gomersal ward.

## **Training and Development**

During my first year I have attended many training sessions to help me work effectively as a Councillor.

I will continue my development by doing the same this year and I am already booked onto a number of courses during the coming months.