

Annual Report: Cllr. Elizabeth E Smaje 2013/14

Participation at Council Meeting Committees

I attended Council meetings throughout the year as well as attending the Batley, Birstall and Birkenshaw Area Committee meetings. I was a member of the shadow cabinet.

I continue in my various scrutiny roles:

Member of the Wellbeing and Communities Scrutiny panel

Member of the Joint Health Scrutiny Panel scrutinising the re-configuration proposals for Mid Yorkshire Trust.

Kirklees scrutiny representative on the regional scrutiny panel looking at the proposed changes to the Children's Congenital Cardiac Services provision for the region.

Participation on Outside Bodies

I continued on the West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority until the end of March 2014 when the WYITA was dissolved and replaced with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. From the beginning of April I was a member of the Transport Committee of the WYCA and am currently one of the vice chairs.

I also continued on the Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing Board, attending board meetings and meetings of other board committees. My involvement with Kirklees Historic Buildings Trust and the Kirklees Theatre Trust Board also continued.

Ward Work

I dealt with a wide variety of ward issues during the year and continue to support local TRA's, attend the Batley & Spennings Tenant Committee as well as the Birstall TRA forum and the Birstall and Birkenshaw Neighbourhood Management Group.

Together with my ward colleagues, we continue to hold ward forum meetings throughout the year to discuss issues that affect our ward directly. We also ran our regular garden competition.

I continue as a Governor at Birkenshaw Primary School and am a member of the Friends of Oakwell, East Bierley Preservation Society, Birkenshaw Village Association (Secretary). I also attend Howden Clough Community Centre Committee meetings and Birstall in Bloom meetings. I attended our ward team meetings at which I, and my ward colleagues, discuss local issues in detail.

Together and in association with my ward colleagues I have continued to attend a wide range of local meetings, liaised with a variety of local groups and attended briefings by partner agencies.

Members Surgeries

Surgeries for the Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward continue to be held at a variety of different venues by myself and my ward colleagues, Andrew Palfreeman and Robert Light.

Training and Development

None.