

## **Participation at Council Meeting Committees**

I attended Council meetings throughout the year as well as attending the Batley and Spen District Committee meetings. I am a member of the shadow cabinet.

I continue in my various scrutiny roles:

- Member of the Wellbeing and Communities Scrutiny panel and being part of the TB Task Group.
- Member of the Joint Health Scrutiny Panels scrutinising Mid Yorkshire Trust and Calderdale and Huddersfield Trust respectively.
- 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 Transport Committee of the WYCA being one of the deputy chairs.

I also continued on the Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing Board, attending board meetings and committees and becoming Chair of Audit. My involvement with 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 & Spen Tenant Committee as well as the Birstall TRA forum. I also attend 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 am also on the group forming a Friends of Birstall Library and Information Centre.

I attended our ward team meetings at which I, and my ward colleagues, discussed 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**

I attended a training session for councillors on Child Sexual Exploitation. I also attended training in my audit role for KNH.