

## **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:

- Chair of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny panel
- Kirklees Lead Member on the Joint Health Scrutiny Panels scrutinising proposed changes to Calderdale and Huddersfield Trust.
- Continued on the Joint Health Scrutiny Panel for implementation of changes to Mid Yorkshire Trust.
- Kirklees scrutiny representative on the regional scrutiny panel for Children's Congenital Cardiac Services provision for the region.

## **Participation on Outside Bodies**

I continued on the Transport Committee of the WYCA being Opposition Lead Member.

I also continued on the Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing Board, attending board meetings and committees and continuing as Chair of Audit. I retired from my role on the Kirklees Theatre Trust Board.

## **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, including Chair of the Resources Committee, 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 Chair of Friends of Birstall Library and Information Centre.

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**

I attended training in my audit role for KNH.