

Annual Report: Cllr. David James Hall 2014/15

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 Local Plan particularly was of great concern to most residents in the ward, and I remain concerned at the proposed release of Green Belt, particularly for an industrial estate near Hartshead. I remain active with residents' groups trying to influence the new Local Plan.

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 District Committee meetings. Where District Committee meetings clash with ward events, I tend to support the latter.

I was a member of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee, the Personnel Committee and the Policy Committee and have attended most meetings of these committees. I also chaired the Resources Scrutiny Panel, which involved formal meetings, public meetings and private briefings.

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 colleague Cllr Holmes, in order to advise and assist them in their efforts.

I try and support local functions and events in the ward when I can.

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