

Annual Report: Cllr. Cathy Scott 2011/12

Introduction

I continue working with those who need it most. Giving solid advice and assistance to young & elderly or signposting them to the relevant agencies. I try to attend as many local community groups as possible so I have a greater understanding of what is happening in the communities.

In September 2011 I took my position in Cabinet undertaking the shared Resources portfolio. We continue the challenge of increasing efficiency across the board whilst encouraging the business to grow and thrive. Maximising benefits of IT for the council and the end user, the customer. This has been a great learning experience for me; recognising budget constraints will continue to be relentless and significant for the foreseeable future.

Participation at Council Meeting Committees

In addition to attending all the Full Council meetings and the meetings of the Labour Group of councillors I have also attended the following:

Dewsbury Area Committee

I continue to Chair the Dewsbury Area Committee for the second year. Through this role we have supported various groups from the Dewsbury area to obtain vital funding for different things some example's are equipment for sport, local history groups, community events.

I currently hold the Health portfolio for Dewsbury Area Committee and continue to strive for better services for Dewsbury.

Heavy Woollen Planning

I continue to enjoy my role on the Planning Committee. This is a very exciting role and allows me to be involved in decisions for new development, and regeneration of existing sites. We also look at physical and social impact on applications

Dewsbury East Neighbourhood Management Group

I currently still involved in the NMG for the Dewsbury. This group a multi-agency approach for the wards. It involves the Police, Young People's Services, Fire Service, Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing, Environmental Services. The key issues that we look at tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental issues.

Participation on Outside Bodies

Chickenley Community School Governor.

Ward Work

This has been quite varied from housing needs to highway problems. I enjoy the challenge of working with residents and resolving their issues and supporting them in lobbying for services in their area. I attend Tenants and Residents meetings throughout the ward.

Members Surgeries

My colleagues and I still hold regular surgeries at Dewsbury Town Hall. This gives local people the opportunity to get to know us in person and to raise any concerns or issues and it gives us a good gauge of the feelings of the community we serve.

1st Friday of month

Dewsbury Town Hall 6.00 - 7.00 pm

3rd Friday of month

Dewsbury Town Hall 6.00 - 7.00 pm

In the event you cannot attend you can make an appointment, and I will be glad to call and see you.

Training and Development

In addition to receiving regular policy updates at Labour Group meetings, I have undertaken the following training and development:

Planning Training

Licensing Training