

Watford BC: Member Self- Assessment 2016/17

Q1 – Self assessment of Councillor

Stephen Bolton

Q2 – Elected representative for

Central Ward

Q3 – Year elected to Watford Borough Council (if you have served two separate terms please give your most recent year of election):

2014

Q4 – What were your reasons for becoming a councillor:

To support and represent residents; to have a say in decisions affecting the local area and Watford more broadly; and to contribute to improvements to the local environment

Q5 – What roles have you undertaken in the Council (such as membership of a committee, task group etc)?

Council, Licensing Committee, Chief Officer Pay Panel, Standards Committee, Policy Planning Advisory Group, Member Development Group, Community Safety Partnership Task Group, Parking Strategy Task Group, Central Neighbourhood Forum, 'Get Active' Steering Group (Chair)

Q6 – What roles have you undertaken outside of Watford Borough Council (such as membership of outside bodies)?

Council Oversight of Wellspring Church; Groundwork Hertfordshire Advisory Panel; Queens Community Action Group; Watford Foodbank & Community Relief Trust Trustee

Q7 – The Council's vision: To create a bold and progressive future for Watford

Supporting the Health Campus development; contributing to briefing meetings on future developments; attending Watford 2020 workshop

Q8 – Priority 1: Identify ways to manage the borough's housing needs

Attending briefings on housing issues; being part of Policy Planning Advisory Group; being active on planning applications and engaging with residents

Q9 – Priority 2: Champion smart growth and economic prosperity

Supporting developments in the town, including BID; working with local businesses; supporting the Health Campus development

Q10 – Priority 3: Provide for our vulnerable and disadvantaged communities

Raising residents' concerns with the council, police, and other bodies; assisting groups financially that support vulnerable people through the Central Neighbourhood Forum; working with local charities and residents; Chairing the Get Active steering group aiming to assist people to become more active, meet others and be healthier; attending meetings at residential homes/accommodation for the elderly

Q11 – Priority 4: Deliver a digital Watford to empower our community

Attending Watford 2020 workshop; attending IT training and using technology; supporting residents

Q12 – Priority 5: Secure our own financial future

Ensuring understanding of the Council's financial landscape; supporting strategic budgetary policy; helping with cost-cutting by use of technology

Q13 – Are you a Cabinet member?

No

Q14 – Providing vision

Respondent skipped this question

Q15 – Managing performance

Respondent skipped this question

Q16 – Please write in: Objective 1 and the progress you have made in achieving it

Continue to support and engage with residents - I have actively assisted residents, kept them up to date through letters and leaflets, and spoken at Development Management Committee meetings

Q17 – Please write in: Objective 2 and the progress you have made in achieving it

Support residents associations, and help them to be sustainable - I have worked with Queens Community Action Group, and Watford Fields Residents' Association, but more work is needed with Central Town Residents' Association, and there is potential for more groups

Q18 – Please write in: Objective 3 and the progress you have made in achieving it

Continue to develop my knowledge, and increase my experience, so that I can be as effective as possible as a borough councillor - I have attended various training sessions and briefings

Q19 – a Please write in: Objective 4 and the progress you have made in achieving it

Respondent skipped this question

Q20 – Please write in: Objective 5 and the progress you have made in achieving it

Respondent skipped this question

Q21 – Please write in: Objective 6 and the progress you have made in achieving it

Respondent skipped this question

Q22 – Please write in any other objectives you set and your progress below:

Respondent skipped this question

Q23 – Objectives:

- 1) Continue to support and inform residents, in particular to hold Neighbourhood Forum meetings, and engage more with residents in flats
- 2) Develop at least 1 new residents' association, and support existing ones to help them to be sustainable
- 3) Gain support for, and develop a Friends of Waterfields Park group
- 4) Continue to develop my knowledge and experience

Attendance: 100%