

Watford Borough Council

Member Self- Assessment 2016/17

Stanborough Ward

Self-Assessment of: Councillor Derek Scudder

1. Year elected:

1994

2. Reasons for becoming a councillor:

To assist residents and to help improve the operation of the council.

3. Roles in the Council:

Current roles are member of the Licensing Committee, HPAG and Chairman of the Audit Committee

4. Membership of outside bodies:

Trustee of the Bedford, Cordery and Morison Alms-houses

5. Training & Development undertaken (Councillor's training record is listed):

6. Attendance Record:

89%

Your work with Constituents and in the Community

Please tell us about the work in your ward and for the council, you may wish to mention the following:

- How you have helped with housing issues e.g., dealing with residents enquiries, taking up issues with a housing provider, attending Housing Policy Advisory Group etc.
- Any occasions where you have consulted local businesses and represented their views to council.
- Examples of supporting community arts and heritage projects, Big Events etc.
- How you have helped vulnerable or disadvantaged people in your communities
- How you communicate with your residents e.g., through e-mail, face to face, using social media etc.
- Where you have attended relevant training which has helped you in your role as a councillor
- How you have participated in the scrutiny process (either by being a member of a committee or on a task group, or answer questions at a scrutiny committee)
- How you have dealt with planning and development in your area e.g., attending Development Management Committee (as a member of the committee or to speak as a ward councillor), attended Planning Policy Advisory Group etc.

I have dealt with many residents housing issues over the years. These residents come from a variety of backgrounds, including some with particular disadvantages. I am a member of the Housing Policy Action Group.

Stanborough has one of the strongest residents associations in the borough (Kingswood Residents Association) and I attend most of its committee meetings, including the AGM.

There have been several occasions when I have represented residents at Development Management meetings. I have also helped negotiate changes to WCHT developments to improve both their quality and their acceptance by local residents.

With my ward colleagues I produce regular newsletters which are delivered to every property in the ward. We also produce an email news update. I attend local community events whenever possible.

I attend many of the training events the council organises and these have constantly informed my dealings with residents.

I chaired the scrutiny task group on parking in the town centre.

Questions 7. and 8. for CABINET MEMBERS ONLY

For those councillors in a leadership role, how have you met these further objectives?

7. Providing vision

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8. Managing Performance

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Note; members can find their objectives from last year by looking at their profile page on the council’s website. In addition, a link to your last self-assessment can be emailed to you upon request to paul.bateman@watford.gov.uk

New councillors will already have received a link to last year’s Annual Council report. This demonstrates how the self-assessment information is collated and presented.

9.Objective for 2016/17	Update on progress
My objectives were to continue to offer a good service for local residents.	I believe I am continuing to meet this objective.

Note; it is entirely an individual member’s choice as to how many objectives they wish to set, there is no upper or lower limit.

10. Objective(s) for 2017/18

My main objective will continue to give a good service to residents and also to assist the council in the furtherance of its aims of continuing to improve the town.

As chairman of the Audit Committee I will be ensuring that the work of the committee is of a high standard and meets the aims of the council both internally and externally with the various bodies and agencies with which we deal.