

Watford BC: Member Self- Assessment 2016/17

Q1 – Self assessment of Councillor

Matt Turmaine

Q2 – Elected representative for

Holywell

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

2016

Q4 – What were your reasons for becoming a councillor:

- To represent my community and constituents
- To promote political engagement
- To contribute to the cultural and economic development of the town
- To foster harmony and integration amongst the town's diverse communities
- To be a voice for the many
- To highlight the impact of legislation on our community and constituents

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

Full Council

Licensing Committee

Community Safety Partnership Task Group

Council Functions Committee

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

Attendance at Holywell Community Action Group

Attendance at West Watford Community Association events

Attendance at community events in the ward

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

Attended community based events through West Watford Community Centre and Holywell Community Action Group.

Participated in group and council initiatives for benefit of Watford's diverse community.

Attended community organisation events, e.g. Audentior Awards, Community at the Colosseum.

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

Engaged with WCHT on planning and development issues of relevance to residents.

Worked with residents on housing and development issues of importance to the community.

Q9 – Priority 2: Champion smart growth and economic prosperity

Attended New Hope Market Garden Day.

Support local economic and cultural events in local ward, e.g. Imagine Watford, Watford Market and Hertfordshire events of relevance to Watford.

Support local business and retail.

Provide support, feedback and engagement with local businesses.

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

Attended Remembrance Sunday event at memorial at Town Hall.

Visited Watford Hospital Radio events in community.

Attended Hertfordshire County Show.

Engaged with residents on legislation and issues of local relevance.

Campaigned for such groups through actions of the Labour Group.

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

Participated in Watford 2020 sessions and communication back to other group members.

Champion use of digital resources and information sharing as part of day-to-day council work and when communicating with residents.

Q12 – Priority 5: Secure our own financial future

Mindful of resources and waste prevention.

Operate in a considerate and efficient manner.

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 represent constituents living and working in Holywell ward and play an active and supportive part of the council's democratic process.

I have continued to work towards this objective through engagement with the council, committees, other members and the community in Holywell.

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

My objectives for the 2015/16 year are dealt with in box 16, above.

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

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

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

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

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

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Q23 – Objectives:

1. Represent residents in Holywell ward.
2. Endeavour to help residents with casework and escalate appropriately if unable to do so.
3. Play an active and supportive part of the council's democratic process.
4. Raise issues of concern and relevance to Watford residents through the council's processes.

Attendance: 77%