

Watford Borough Council

Member Self- Assessment 2018/19

Central Ward

Self-Assessment of: Councillor Rabindranath Martins

1. Year elected:

First term – 1994 to 1997
Second term - 1999

2. Reasons for becoming a councillor:

Serve the local community
Get involved in Council Services delivery
Further my interest in politics

3. Roles in the Council:

Council Chairman (Civic Mayor 2006/7 and 2018/19)
Mental Health Champion
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Budget Panel
Outsourced Services Scrutiny Panel
Housing Policy Advisory Group
Digital Watford Board

4. Membership of outside bodies:

Watford Rotary Club
Watford Fair Trade
One Vision
Police and Crime Panel

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

Scrutiny
Licensing
GDPR
Small sites

6. Attendance Record:

83%

Your work with Constituents and in the Community.

Please tell us about the work in your ward and for the council:

The key elements of the role I have focussed on is dealing with residents queries and issues including on

1. Advocating on housing need issues raised by individuals
2. Facilitating meetings with developers for residents concerned about projects in their area
3. Representing residents group views at Development Management Committee
4. Working with resident's association on improvements to the locality including the initiation of Greening Central Watford Project

I regularly attend events in the Town Centre and the Watford Museum sometimes as an official representative of the council but mainly in my individual capacity

Rough sleeping and homelessness is a concern of mine I support New Hope Trust and other agencies as well as contribute to the Council initiatives such as the Homelessness Forum

As Mental Health Champion got the Council to sign the Time for Change Pledge and implement measures – including the appointment of Mental Health First Aiders

I am now working with the Chamber of Commerce on an exercise to persuade local businesses to develop in-house procedures on Mental Health and Wellbeing for their own staff within their respective businesses

Objective(s) for 2019/20

1. Continue to challenge developers on standards and provision of affordable/social housing
2. Work with fellow ward councillors / the council and the police to manage issues relating to ASB including drugs related activity
3. Secure continued support for Mental Health Well Being measures within the Council
4. Work with local businesses and local organisations to retain our Family Friendly Town reputation
5. Promote and support environmental projects within the ward

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