

**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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