

Watford Borough Council

Member Self- Assessment 2018/19

STANBOROUGH Ward

Self-Assessment of: Councillor Tim Williams

1. Year elected:

15/05/1995 - 10/05/1999
10/05/1999 - 06/05/2002
06/05/2002 - 08/05/2006
07/05/2012 - 09/05/2016
09/05/2016 - 06/05/2019
07/05/2019 - present

2. Reasons for becoming a councillor:

I became Councillor at the age of twenty-two, in 1987, as I wanted to help local residents with the issues that affected them, to assist residents in their dealings with the Council, and wanted to see a “younger” voice on the Council. This willingness to help local residents, and local community groups, in my Ward, and in Watford, is still the paramount reason that I stand as a local Councillor in the ward that I live in with my family.

3. Roles in the Council:

Cabinet Member responsible for Client Services (the outsourced services e.g. – Veolia, Everyone Active, HQ Theatres & Watford Market)
Development Management Committee

4. Membership of outside bodies:

Hertfordshire Sustainability Forum
Hertfordshire Waste Management Group
The Palace Theatre Ltd
Watford Workshop
Committee member of Kingswood Residents Association
Member of Friends of Woodside
Member of Friends of Cassiobury Park
Member of Friends of Watford Museum
Member of Friends of Frogmore House
Member of North Watford Allotment Garden Society

Allotment holder at Briar Rd site
Member of Watford Mayors' Association
Member of Hunstanton Civic Society
Member of Everyone Active – Woodside
Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Credit Management
Governor of St Joan of Arc RC School

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

GDPR
Development Management Committee training
Scrutiny
Safeguarding/Human trafficking and slavery
BID briefing
Cycle hire study briefing
Small sites

6. Attendance Record:

100%

Your work with Constituents and in the Community.

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

- Regularly taking up matters raised by residents – this ranges over many matters from Public Safety concerns, highway matters, litter, planning, housing, parks' maintenance, street scene improvements through to the types of fuel used by local buses
- Work and liaise with local community groups such as Kingswood Residents Association, Leavesden Community Group, Woodside Residents Association, Boundary Way Residents Association and Friends of Woodside
- Liaise and deal with many areas of the Council regarding the matters raised with me by residents and community groups based in Watford
- Liaise and deal with many areas of the Council that have been outsourced regarding the matters raised with me by residents and community groups based in Watford – e.g. Veolia, Everyone Active
- Liaise and deal with many outside partners of the Council, such as the Police, Watford Community Housing and NHS regarding the matters raised with me by residents and community groups based in Watford
- Continue to liaise and tackle highway issues with Herts County Council on behalf of local residents

- Attend many community events in Stanborough and throughout Watford whether organised by local groups or by Watford Borough Council
- Sponsor/award grants to various local groups in the area – often in regards to the vulnerable & disadvantaged groups
- Apply for external grants to facility improvements to our area e.g. Police Community Fund for Smart Water project in Kingswood and also for an additional Speed Indicator Device in North Approach
- Regularly attends Council Meetings, Scrutiny Sessions, topic briefings, Training and events by local organisations

7. Providing vision

Having been appointed to the Cabinet in May 2018, I regularly attend not only the Cabinet Meetings but also many internal meetings/briefings in regards policy and providing vision for the Council and for Watford. Having previously been a Chair of a Scrutiny Panel until May 2018 I now scrutinise at the outset the proposals and matters of policy, which in themselves set the vision for the future of Watford. Before agreeing to such proposals, I challenge and question their effectiveness before their implementation. I provide a strategy for the way forward for the clients services that I'm responsible for, my area of Cabinet responsibility, to ensure that they currently meet the vision of the Council's and of the residents, and for them to be adaptable to meet challenges/changes that might occur i.e. that they are responsive and effective and are in good shape to meet the demands facing them in the future.

8. Managing Performance

It is crucial that we monitor and manage performance of the Council – we do this as a Cabinet, as an Administration and as a Council. As the Cabinet Member with responsibility over Client Services I have monthly meetings with the Head of Service and the management team, regularly have formal review meetings with the Outsourced Service providers, and the Scrutiny Committee often have these areas in front of them with myself, Council's management team and the outsourced service providers attending. The Key Performance Indicators are regularly checked at our meetings with questions asked. When complaints are raised by residents I am willing to challenge questionable performance by the council when/if necessary.

Objective(s) for 2019/20

Cabinet Responsibilities:

- Ensure that Veolia Contract (streetcare/refuse/recycling/parks) is matching and over-achieving the Council's and the residents' expectations with overall performance, cost effectiveness and that best value is achieved. That the new Veolia extension contract, from July 2020, continues to do this.
- Increase the sustainability levels at Watford Borough Council, and within the Borough of Watford, particularly increasing the recycling levels (particularly by 2022/23)
- Ensure that Everyone Active is matching and over-achieving the Council's and the residents' expectations with overall performance, cost effectiveness and that best value is achieved – for both Central & Woodside Leisure Centres to achieve the prestigious Quest accreditation
- Ensure that HQ Theatres is matching and over-achieving the Council's and the residents' expectations with overall performance, cost effectiveness and that best value is achieved at the Colosseum. That the new refurbishment/contract at the Colosseum enhances, and extends the offering at the venue.
- Ensure that Watford Market's offering is enhanced and increased in line with the Watford High Street (North) and Cultural Hub Masterplan

Stanborough Responsibilities

- Maintain Green Flag status for Woodside Playing Fields & Albans Wood
- Continue to report and address Highway matters to Herts County Council
- Arrange Deep Clean along North Approach in Autumn 19 – including cutting back bushes
- Address Anti-Social Behaviour matters with the Neighbourhood Police Team
- Establish new Speed Indicator Device in North Approach
- Increase 20mph Zones within Stanborough Ward
- Continue to work with residents, and residents' groups on getting improvements to the area
- Continue with regular communications with residents via newsletters and attendance at Residents' meetings
- Work with Watford Community Housing Trust, and other Housing organisations with matters that tenants/residents raise with me
- Maintain a Bus Service for Kingswood & Leavesden Green estates

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