

Annual review of Councillor Shafique Ahmad Choudhary

I submit the following review as activities I have participated in as a councillor over the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

Please continue on separate sheets if required.

Local ward work:

I have maintained regular contact with my constituents and local residents' associations. I have taken part in site visits and walkabouts with residents on request, and welcome these as an excellent means of better understanding local concerns.

As a result, I have been able to identify and work towards solving the following major issues in the ward:

Anti-social behaviour and youth crime; inadequate lightings at various street; Yellow Lines on roads; Rubbish outside food/fast food shops; Events day and after events day crowd issues; prostitution; Dogs control & mess in parks; Fryent way Roundabout; Gritting during snow; Refuse Collection; Burglary; Road works problems; Minor Road Works in Barnhill; Grass Mowing in the whole area; Vermin control; Open bins; CCTV at Barnhill; Parking at Chalkhill Centre; Parking at Genesis Housing estate; Trimming off grown up trees and Bushes; Bench at the Mall; Street lighting at Uxendon Crescent; Chalkhill Primary School signage/ repair/playing field; school admissions including language problems; Overcrowding and repair both private as well as housing societies housing; Library closures – Preston; School Crossing Patrols; Public Transport regarding buses and route re-adjustment; Allotment issues; Play equipment for Chalkhill Park; Disabled people's issues school closures; Brent River Park and regular cleaning; Video Phone Mast erection at the Avenue; Funding for religious fair; Car parking; Bridge Road - issues mostly cleaning/blocking of side entrance.

Surgeries held:

Held at regular intervals at the Chalkhill Centre on the first Saturday of the month, and at the Ascension Church at The Avenue on the third Saturday of the month.

There was no interruption to the Chalkhill surgeries from May2010 to May2011, but some interruptions at the Ascension Church surgery due to unrelated issues with the availability of the space.

Council meetings attended:

As Chair of the Private Sector Housing Forum I chaired all the meetings held during the year, made contributions and considered problems and remedies. Information was passed on to the Housing Department as minutes as well as by correspondence.

In addition I have attended:

Full Council Meetings

2 meetings of Alcohol and Licensing Sub-Committee A
2 meetings of Brent Pension Fund Sub-Committee
2 meetings of the Executive Committee
2 meetings of the Highways Committee
2 meetings of Partnership and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Call-in Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Budget and Finance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Community meetings attended:

I take an active role engaging with many community organisations in my ward and beyond. This has included attending meetings of:

- Chalkhill Residents Association – most meetings attended
- Chalkhill Funday
- Chalkhill Centre Trustee meeting
- Chalkhill School- paid 3 visits to solve constructions and related problems
- Barnhill SNT
- Brent MENCAP
- British Army function at Partidar Centre.
- Social Cohesion conference at Partidar Centre
- Somalian young children annual gathering at Town hall.
- Somalian Children Home club at May Centre, 3 visits.
- Somalian young people at Popular Grove Centre, 2 meetings.
- Various Muslim/Hindu/Tamil and other festival attended.
- Various functions in Pakistan Community Centre Willesden, and Cricklewood Mosque
- Gladstonbury - Gladstone Park
- Fryent Park fun day
- Roundwood Park fun day
- Wembley Housing Board
- Diabetics – Sudbury Care Centre
- Cricklewood Homeless Concern
- Borough Remembrance Day at Barnham Park
- Tamil Centre
- Brent Sikh Centre
- Brent Hindu Council
- Liaison with local police
- Eco- Culture Festival at Eton Park
- Reception at GLA – City Hall
- Also attended BME meetings
- Multi-faith meetings arranged by Minab.

Work in respect of which a special responsibility allowance is paid:

I receive a special responsibility allowance as chair of the Pension Fund Sub-Committee. Meetings held at a regular interval attended and chaired by me (except one).

Changes were required in funds managers, which were made amicably in the best interest of the Council and pension funds providers. Members raised questions about fees, which were negotiated downward in the best interest of pension funds providers.

As part of my duties on this committee I have attended external events, including:

- Financial and Pension management - Barbican
- Pension funds management conference at Regent Street
- Conference attended at Celtic Manors regarding investment and pension

Participation in outside and governing bodies:

Chalkhill Residents' Association

Chalkhill Centre Trustees

Brent MENCAP

Various other organisations, such as Health and Security, Fuel Poverty workshop, Climate Change workshop.

Training events attended:

Besides taking part, most of training sessions arranged by Mayor's office I attended following training and workshops:

- LGC Investment Seminar and Workshop
- Shaping manager structures
- TMG workshop and Seminar
- Councillor Skills training
- ICT Conference
- LGIU role of councillors
- Fair Pensions - Grand Committee Westminster
- Housing Health in Equity Security Events at Hounslow
- Case Work Training at Westminster office off Barry Gardiner MP
- Army Function at Wembley

Other achievements throughout the period:

I have worked tirelessly to regularly report the issues detailed in the first section of this report, especially in Chalkhill. The good news is the majority of them were resolved to the full satisfaction of complainants and local organisations.

I continue to chair the Pension Fund Sub-Committee.

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