

## **Annual review of Councillor Helga Gladbaum, Harlesden ward**

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

### **Local ward work:**

I maintain regular contact with constituents in Harlesden ward through walkabouts and visits to their homes to establish their needs and opinions. This creates case work with which I deal conscientiously. Much of this centres on housing problems and environmental issues. I go on occasional walkabouts with a StreetCare officer to pick up on areas of neglect and illegal dumping. I regularly report such and other incidents to StreetCare by e-mail.

### **Surgeries held:**

I hold regular surgeries every first Saturday of the month at the Unity Centre in Church Road. From time to time I also visit a Drop-In Centre in Curzon Crescent which is part of Fortunegate Community Housing Association.

### **Council meetings attended:**

I have an excellent record of attendance at Brent Council meetings. I am a member of the Call-In and Scrutiny Committee, the Standards committee and the Chair of the School Admissions Forum.

I am a Council appointee to Brent's Fostering Panel which I attend without fail.

### **Community meetings attended:**

I am a member of HEARTS (Harlesden Environmental Action Residents & Traders) where briefings are received from the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and I report back on relevant events in the Council.

I was appointed to the board of Fortunegate Community Housing Association and attend residents' meetings. I also chair a multi-agency panel convened by Fortunegate HA to deal with the neglect and dereliction in part of Church Road. I attend the Harlesden Area Consultative Forum.

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

I was and continue to be the Chair of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This committee has a number of co-opted members as well as a representation of Young People from the Brent Youth Parliament who make a great contribution to the purpose of the meeting which is to receive and scrutinise reports dealing with all matters relating to children and young people. The committee sets up task groups from time to time and I have recently chaired such a task group dealing with the prevention of youth offending.

**Participation in outside and governing bodies:**

I am a school governor at Harlesden Primary School, a trustee at Capital City Academy and until recently I was the Chair of the Management Board of the Willows Children Centre.

**Training events attended:**

I have participated in many training sessions for Councillors and various courses and conferences for school governors. I attend sessions of the London Overview and Scrutiny Network dealing with issues such as the Safeguarding of Children. As a member of Brent's Fostering Panel I also attend sessions dealing with changes in the law relating to Children Looked After by the authority.

**Other achievements throughout the period:**

I am particularly pleased to be associated with the Harlesden Town Charter and their vision for Harlesden. What is so great about it is that it is a grassroots movement. Harlesden is in great need of regeneration and I will give all my support to their efforts and will continue to lobby for any improvements to Harlesden, in particular traffic and parking matters and anti-social behaviour by groups of young people.

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