

Members Annual Report – Cllr Bhiku Patel

I would like to submit the following report for the municipal year May 2010-May 2011 for my activities as a councillor in the Kenton Ward, London Borough of Brent following my election as a councillor in the local elections of 2010.

Over the last year, I have contributed fully to Council life and attended nearly 75% of full council meetings. I have been appointed as a member of the Brent Pension Fund Sub-Committee and have served on the Staff Appeals and GP Licensing Committees. I have also previously served on the Overview & Scrutiny Call in committee and am currently the Council's representative for the Museums Association. I have regularly attended meetings of the Constitutional Working Group and contributed suggestions to improve the way the council is run. I have been elected as the Conservative Group Whip with responsibility for matters of discipline and attendance.

I am a regular attendee of both the Kingsbury & Kenton and the Wembley Area Consultative Forums within the ward and am an active member of a new committee group called The Friends of Woodcock Park. I am in charge of the voluntary children's nursery in London Road that is registered for 60 children and have continued my service as a school governor at both Lyon Park and Oakington Manor Schools. I have spent time with the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for Kenton ward and have attended various community events and walkabouts with her, all designed to improve facilities for Kenton residents. I have also represented my group at both of the Council organised Remembrance Day Services, at both the Town Hall and Barham Park.

I hold a regular surgery on the second Saturday of every month at 271 Preston Road, Wembley where I am able to meet with residents, listen to their concerns and take action to resolve any problems. I believe in helping my constituents whenever they need it and have made myself easily accessible by telephone, email and appointment at any reasonable hour. I have undertaken a high degree of casework over the past year and have achieved a high satisfaction rate.

Over the last year, I have taken part in a large number of Member Development and Training events which have been extremely beneficial. These have included training for Staff Appeals, Ward Working, Planning and how to be an effective a school governor.