

Annual review of Councillor [M Aslam Choudry]

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 constituents in Dudden Hill. In most instances, concerns resolved and information provided.

Housing, schools places and Immigration issues (asylum cases – even though I could do only a limited amount of work in this area, I put individuals into contacts with UKBA officials).

I have also been heavily involved with various planning concerns by residents - not all in Dudden Hill ward but hopefully these have been resolved amicably.

Surgeries held:

Have maintained regular surgeries at Neasden Library, NW College , Gladstone Primary School on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of each month.

In addition I held a weekly surgery at Central Mosque of Brent every Fridays to assist worshippers after Friday prayers. These have been extremely well attended and well received sessions and included many issues relating asylum cases.

Council meetings attended:

I have an excellent record of attendance at council meetings in addition to my duties of Deputy Mayor.

Committee meetings included Budget and Finance, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Staff Appeal Committees.

Community meetings attended:

Attendance at Residents Associations, Area Forums and Citizen Advice Bureau.

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

Following the Council Elections in May 2010, I was appointed the Deputy Mayor and attended a significant number of functions on Mayor's behalf.

Participation in outside and governing bodies:

I am a trustee of Willesden Consolidated Charities, The Edward Harvest Trust and a member of Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) and School Governors Meetings (Gladstone Park Primary School) of which I am member of Finance Committee.

Training events attended:

Have attended most training events provided for councillors, including updates on licensing, councillor Code of Conduct and Overview and Scrutiny functions. However, because of my commitment in Deputy Mayor role I declined in a number of other training sessions offered by the council.

Other achievements throughout the period:

Ward achievements include: Regular reporting of incidents relating to burglary, vandalism and support for residents wanting parking controls and speed reduction areas.

Also working extremely closely with the residents and achieving positive results from residents' casework.

Special Friday Surgery at Central Mosque of Brent have also been extremely helpful and residents/worshippers have been very pleased that I have kept a regular contact with them and helped to escalate their concerns albeit a housing matter or a long outstanding asylum issue.

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