

Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2015



All activity is from May 2015, when the Member was elected

Name of Member: Councillor Zulhash Uddin

Ward: Southborough & High Brooms

Section 1: Attendance at Council/ Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

This section has been completed by Democratic Services and lists all Council and Committee meetings, including how many meetings of each, you attended for the period from May to December 2015.

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during the year
Full Council	4	4
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	3	4
Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board	4	5

Please list how many County Council, Parish/Town Council and Town Forum meetings you have attended.

County Council	Parish/Town Council	Town Forum
N/A	STC- Parks & cemetery (5) Finance & General Purposes Committee (5) Full Council-(5)	N/A

Section 2: Community Involvement

Please list details of organisations within the community with which you are involved, including any outside bodies that you have been appointed to by the Council in order to promote joint working and improved service delivery to the public.

Organisation	Brief description of your role
Mela Steering Group (2005 – current)	Member – to develop and help the organising team with insight in to different culture.
Tunbridge Wells Islamic and Cultural Association (2010-current)	Executive Committee Member - Trustee
Crendon Park Resident Association (2015-Current)	Provided support with the legal constitution to set-up the association for resident to actively contribute to the development of the Southborough hub development – I’m also a member

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

Please give an illustration of the ways in which you have assisted or liaised with your constituents, or other residents of the Borough (i.e. resolving problems), including details of any surgeries you have held.

Several meetings with “Crendon Park Resident Association” to try to assist with Q&A session with KCC member- Peter Oakford, STC- Chairman- Glenn Lester and Jonathan White- Project Manager for the Southborough HUB.

Regular attendance at the Tunbridge Wells Mosque on Friday evening to hold meeting with constituents on various issues raised with me. I have provided general advice on issues ranging from housing to Tree cutting request to parking.

Organised meeting with the Greg Clark MP and the North West Kent Racial Equality Council Director Mr. Gurvinder Sanderhar and Tunbridge Wells Mela committees chair to discuss the funding crisis exist due to TWBC withdrawing funding support. This meeting took place at the Gateway.

Further meeting taken place with the Leader of the TWBC- David Jukes on Mela’s funding crisis. I have raised this with the Council. Contacted KCC on behalf of residents complaining about potholes- as a result repair work has taken place on Crendon Park, High Brooms Road and Wear Road.

Contacted highways agency about the surface water on A26-opposite the Southborough library due to rain fall- as a results emergency remedial work done to address this issue.

I do not hold surgeries as I prefer to be available at all times. I’m always available by phone, email or home contact.

Many of the queries and problems brought to me require confidentiality as I do not want to break residents’ trust. Where appropriate I ensure that the issues are brought to the attention of relevant officers at the Council.

I have helped with the Syrian refugee family settling in Tunbridge Wells. I have worked with the local mosque and the housing manager to help facilitate a meeting with a Muslim family and the local Muslim community and Imam. This is was very important work as I have been able to help facilitate with the link worker and the interpreter.

Section 4: Special Responsibilities

Please list any other positions of responsibility that you may hold within this Council (for example: Portfolio Holder, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Lead Member, or Mayoral duties).

Responsibility	Nature of your duties
None	

Section 5: Learning and Development

This section has been completed by Democratic Services and lists dates and details of attendance at training sessions, conferences, seminars etc during the period May to December 2015 which have supported you in your duties as a councillor. Please check this with your own records and contact Emily Metcalf if you have any queries.

Details of event	Date attended
None	

Do you have any other learning and development needs that have not been identified or met by the Council? If so, please set out below.

N/A

Section 6: Internal Meetings Attended

Please give details of role and attendance at internal meetings, including Working Parties/Groups and Political Group meetings.

Details of event	Role and purpose
Conservative group meetings	Member
Tunbridge Wells Conservative Association	Vice-chairman for fundraising

Section 7: Supplementary Information

Please feel free to add any information you consider may assist in defining your role as an elected Member, any outside obligations that may impact on your role or any additional information you wish to add.

In my first year as a Councillor I have been keen to attend every meeting at which attendance is required, and all briefings and training sessions. I have made determined efforts to attend as many events as possible as well as working with fellow councillors, County councillor and local MP.

I enjoy every challenge that I meet as a Borough councillor; the diversity of all my working groups reflects this. I feel that the finished results have been very worthwhile. I am proud to be a Champion and meeting the communities that come under this title. I know this is a great honour for me personally.

Dated: 27 December 2015