COUNCILLORS’ ANNUAL REPORT
2011/2012

NAME: Councillor Dean Fitzpatrick
WARD: Heatons South

INTRODUCTION
Councillor for Heatons South Ward, elected in May 2011.

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES
Committees:
Full Council
Heatons & Reddish Area
Adults & Communities
Planning & Highways
Employment Appeals (Chair)
Personalisation Review sub-committee

Outside bodies:
Age UK Stockport Membership and Advisory Group
Easy Go Management Committee
Staying Put Advisory Group

BOROUGH ISSUES
The past year has been tough for many of the residents of Stockport, seeing cuts in almost all areas of local government. Services across the board including those for the young, our older people and the most vulnerable have been slashed or removed entirely.

The challenge now and in the future is to protect the interests of the people of Stockport, to promote fairness across the whole community, and to work in partnership with the public and private sectors to encourage investment into Stockport.
LOCAL ISSUES
As Councillor I make regular contact with the residents of Heatons South including, on the doorstep, at public meetings and surgeries. Residents have raised a number of issues with me about the local community, many of which have been highlighted in our quarterly publications delivered to the whole ward.

DETAILS OF ATTENDANCES
Full attendance (with the exception of one special committee where I was substituted, and another where I acted as substitute).

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES
None. No budget responsibilities.

OUTSIDE AND GOVERNING BODIES
See above.

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Attended all compulsory Council training sessions, and a number of additional courses including Improving Health in the Community.

Studying the 2nd Year of a Degree in Social Work with the Open University. (self-funded)

OTHER EVENTS/ WORK/ ACHIEVEMENTS
My first year as Councillor has been a steep learning curve and one which I have thoroughly enjoyed. It has provided me with the opportunity to meet some of the fantastic people in my ward and the borough as a whole.