COUNCILLORS’ ANNUAL REPORT
2012/2013

NAME: Councillor Dean Fitzpatrick
WARD: Heatons South

INTRODUCTION
Councillor for Heatons South Ward, elected May 2011.

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES
Committees:
Full Council
Heaton’s & Reddish Area Committee
Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee
Planning & Highways Regulation Committee
Employment Appeals

Outside bodies:
Transport for Greater Manchester
Age UK Stockport Membership and Advisory Group
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 continue to be slashed or removed entirely by a coalition government ideologically opposed to local governance and the welfare state.

The challenge now and in the future is to protect the interests of the people of Stockport, to promote fairness throughout 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
Not present at two meetings where I was substituted and one meeting which I was unable to attend; apologies sent in advance. Attended two additional meetings where I acted as substitute.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES
No budget responsibilities.

OUTSIDE AND GOVERNING BODIES
See above.

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Full-time Social Work student with the Open University (self-funded). Attended several Council training sessions.

OTHER EVENTS/ WORK/ ACHIEVEMENTS
My second year as Councillor was as steep a learning curve as the first, and proved to be equally rewarding. It has provided me with the opportunity to meet some of the fantastic people in my ward and the borough as a whole.