COUNCILLORS’ ANNUAL REPORT
2015/2016

NAME:  Councillor Dean Fitzpatrick
WARD:  Heaton’s South

INTRODUCTION
Labour Councillor for Heaton’s South Ward; elected May 2011, re-elected May 2015.

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES
Committees:
Employment Appeals
Environment & Economy
Full Council
Heaton’s & Reddish Area

Outside bodies:
Transport for Greater Manchester
Greater Manchester Museum of Transport Advisory Panel
Ring and Ride Community Forum
Age UK Stockport Membership and Advisory Group
Staying Put Advisory Group

BOROUGH ISSUES
The past year has again been difficult for many of the residents of Stockport, as cuts to funding from national government get persistently deeper.

Since the 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review, £93m of cuts have been approved. Further cuts of £54m are forecast for the period through to 2020/21, bringing the cumulative total to £147m.

Clearly this has had a massive impact on the Council’s ability to deliver the vital front line services that people rely on. Services all across the board including those for the young, our older people and the most vulnerable continue to be cut or removed entirely during a period where local governance and the welfare state are being eroded, and wealth is disproportionately and persistently being transferred from the working and middle classes to the financially rich.

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 the regeneration of Stockport.
**LOCAL ISSUES**

As Councillor I make regular contact with the residents of Heaton’s South; including on the doorstep, at public meetings and surgeries. Residents have raised a large number of issues for me to deal with me about the local community, many of which have been highlighted in our quarterly publications delivered to the whole ward and localised leaflets delivered to smaller numbers of homes where specific issues arose.

**DETAILS OF ATTENDANCES**

100% attendance.

**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

None. No budget responsibilities.

**OUTSIDE AND GOVERNING BODIES**

See above.

**LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Part-time Social Work degree student with the Open University (self-funded).

I attended several Council and Transport for Greater Manchester training sessions during the previous twelve month period.

**OTHER EVENTS/ WORK/ ACHIEVEMENTS**

My fifth year as Councillor continued to be equally challenging and exciting, and ultimately proved to be every bit as rewarding. The past year has provided me with the opportunity to meet and support some of the fantastic people in my ward and the borough as a whole.