

## **Councillor Annual Report 2022**

Name: Councillor Adele Williams and Councillor Nayab Patel

### **1. Introduction**

Nayab Patel: Councillor for Sherwood since October 2021.

Adele Williams: Councillor for Sherwood since May 2017.

It is a pleasure to represent residents in the ward and we try to help residents to the best of our abilities. We enjoy attending and supporting community events in the ward and engaging with residents and community groups to promote the work they are doing. We also enjoy working with people and undertaking casework for local residents on issues that impact local communities.

### **2. Council Involvement**

Cllr Adele Williams:

Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holder for Finance,

Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board,

Member of Regulatory and Appeals Committee,

Greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transit Advisory Committee

Executive Board

Commissioning and Procurement Executive Committee (Chair)

Companies Governance Executive Committee

East Midlands Shared Services Joint Committee (Vice Chair)

Co-Chair of Executive Members Transformation Board.

Cllr Nayab Patel:

Audit Committee

### **3. Community Involvement**

Cllr Nayab Patel: Local Pensions Board, Nottingham Clean Champions, BAME Climate Champions, Plastic Free communities, Nottingham Muslim Women Network

Cllr Adele Williams:

We attend meetings of Carrington Tenants and Residents Association,

Winwood Heights Tenants Meetings

I represent the City as a member of the Integrated Care Partnership.

I also represent the council on D2N2 Infrastructure and Investment Board  
Foresight Group LLP

#### **4. Ward Work and Achievements**

- ✓ *We regularly host 2 monthly surgeries: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Sherwood Community centre and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month outside the Co- op Mansfield road.*
- ✓ *We have monthly ward walks with Community Protection and Street Scene.*
- ✓ *We had a Day of Action and Spring clean-up with our partners.*
- ✓ *In addition to this we also attend Tenants and Residents' meetings and street meetings with residents to discuss ongoing issues, planning applications or discuss issues of concern in the area.*
- ✓ *Regular newsletters are sent to residents to update them with what we are doing in the ward.*
- ✓ *We attend Neighbourhood Action Team meetings to discuss issues of concern and work out possible solution with council teams and partners such as Fire and Police.*
- ✓ *We host our monthly litter picks with our clean champions.*
- ✓ *We have done partnership working with Seely Primary school children who designed anti-fly tipping messages which were then made into robust signs to deter fly tipping in the ward.*
- ✓ *During our monthly ward walks there are a number of issues we have picked up, including fly-tipping, lidless bins, overgrown hedges which have been addressed*
- ✓ *We are also working with Wild.NG on a pilot scheme in Sherwood to support 'poison free pavements' – avoiding spraying our streets with chemical weed killer*
- ✓ *We have been supportive of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and already have a temporary planter on Woodville road.*

#### **5. Learning and Development**

*Nayab Patel: Cllr development training: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Training and Licensing panel session and Essentials of Scrutiny training. New Councillor Induction.*

*Adele Williams: Training for directors, adult safeguarding, development sessions around council governance and culture and health integration.*

#### **6. Use of Devolved Budgets**

- ✓ *School uniform project*
- ✓ *Youth work with Castle Cavendish*
- ✓ *CTARA gardening equipment*
- ✓ *St John's Church events and dropped kerb*
- ✓ *Jelly Fish theatre*
- ✓ *CCTV*
- ✓ *Sherwood Estate Centenary*

## **7. Challenges**

People in Sherwood, Edwards Lane Estate and Carrington are as beset as elsewhere in the city and beyond by money concerns relating to energy costs and general inflation. We expect this issue to hit more families and become worse as the impact of Autumn price cap rises is felt alongside food inflation.

Speeding traffic, in particular cutting through residential areas, has been a longstanding concern in Sherwood, and we have sought to address this with measures across the ward and through work with partners.

Fly tipping has been a growing issue and places an unnecessary burden on our hardworking neighbourhood teams. We have installed CCTV in one location and have planned funding for further monitoring to deter anti-social behaviour and fly tipping.

There are several challenges as a Councillor especially when multiple agencies are involved. Sometimes we must wait for answers or to get a job done and we can't always share with residents what is happening to address their concerns. There is often a big team behind the scenes who are working hard and trying their best to help with the best possible results/ solutions.

As the gap between what local government needs to meet its basic statutory duties and what national government allocates to fund this widens each year, all councils face pressure on budgets that reduces our ability to do the things we would like to do alongside the things we must do such as children's social care. Often, we know, the non-statutory services are not just valued by residents but can also help avoid costlier interventions when avoidable or manageable issues become more acute. We would welcome your views on what your priorities for the city would be. Please get in touch!