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| Name: Cllr Martyn Bolt | Year Elected:1998 | Ward: Mirfield |
| <p>Introduction</p> <p>Following my term as Mayor of Kirklees I once again returned to the role of holding the executive to account.</p> <p>Little seems to have changed in the 2 years I have been away from the cut and thrust of Kirklees politics, with some Cabinet members giving the impression that they are not in control of their brief and often reading prepared answers at meetings. I suspect those answers were prepared by officers in some cases.</p> | | |
| <p>Council Meetings Attended</p> <p>After a period of adjusting to life on the benches again, I have asked questions of the Executive on behalf of the residents of Mirfield and its wider areas, and have been saddened that the Executive seem to give the impression that changes in service provision are mandated by Government, rather than truth, which is that the choices are made by the cabinet & leading political group, along with its allies as to where the axe should fall.</p> <p>After 2 years of not voting at meetings I again got used to casting votes on issues, I noted that on most occasions my successor seemed not to have followed the same apolitical stance and frequently voted in debates. Although legally allowed to there is the moral issue of how does one remain non-political when frequently voting in favour of a party?</p> | | |
| <p>Participation on External Organisations</p> <p>Throughout the year I was a Council nominee on: Mirfield Educational Charity, who play an important role in helping the educational, sporting and social development of young people in our town</p> <p>Locally I continued to be a member of and, where possible, attended meetings of many Mirfield community groups.</p> | | |
| <p>Ward Work and Achievements:</p> | | |

During the year I continue to handle individual residents' concerns covering a wide range of topics, including crime and disorder, environmental issues, housing problems, road safety, highways, planning and health issues.

I have attended regular ward team meetings at which I and my ward colleagues discuss local issues in detail between us and with Council Officers.

I have kept residents informed of events and my actions using social media and traditional media effectively