

Annual Report 2019

Councillor Adrian Axford – Ryde North-West Ward

There are two aspects of a councillor's duty once elected to the Council – the committee work at County Hall, and case-work with residents. I have also been a member of Ryde Town Council since it was formed ten years ago, and some of the responsibilities overlap.

At County Hall I have been kept busy as chairman of both the Pension Fund Committee and the Audit Committee. On the Pension Committee, we have concentrated on updating our administration and governance procedures. Helped by the long bull-run of the stock markets at home and globally, the fund now stands at over £600 million, and already covers over 90 percent of our long-term liabilities, a much higher proportion than most commercial funds. The Audit Committee has regular reports on the accuracy of the Council's accounts and procedures, and value-for-money investigations.

In the Ryde North-West ward, I have circulated two newsletters to local residents and partly, as a result, I have had more than 200 responses. These cover such items as potholes, parking, planning issues, dog fouling (yes, again) and Anti-Social Behaviour. As a member of The Ryde Society, I have attended the regular meetings to discuss the present and future plans for Ryde.

Adrian Axford
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