

Annual Report 2019

Councillor Debbie Andre – Sandown North Ward

At the end of my second year serving you, my residents, I am pleased to be at the forefront of the regeneration of The Bay as your member for Sandown North. I'm greatly encouraged by the significant improvements that are now coming to fruition which we can all build on to strengthen our community and promote our town which now has the "best beach" in the UK, according to the BBC Countryfile survey. I will continue to work hard to support local businesses and encourage everyone to "shop local".

I continue to challenge the decision makers in my role on the scrutiny committee and when the opportunity arises in full council, to ensure that taxpayers money is being spent where it is most needed and where it will benefit those who need it most. Through my role as your county councillor I have become acutely aware that there are genuine areas of need across the island and I will continue to work proactively to effect change.

I continue to focus on Children and Young People and have been actively involved with the development of the careers department at The Bay School. I support the Student Council and the Member of Youth Parliament elections. I am a regular member of the Adoption Panel and a member of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services. I hope to start a new youth group in Sandown soon.

I have completed a course with the Local Government Association over three weekends which has taught me a lot about how to be effective in my role. I have joined an LGA "think tank" for Children and Young People and I will continue to strengthen my links with the LGA to raise issues and lobby at a National level for the benefit of our island.

Debbie Andre
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