

## My Report

This term in council has seen many changes a few of them being the new waste/recycling scheme that was introduced to North Dorset in June, when this happened and the bins were delivered I was kept very busy with phone calls and emails from residents whom either hadn't had a bin or a information pack and was unsure what bins were for what, and when there collection was. I have to admit I still get the odd call or email now mostly about missed collections, Since North Dorset introduced this scheme our recycling rate has increased from 31% to 61% , so a positive outcome for a scheme that has been running a little under a year.

Our North Dorset Local plan has now been submitted to the sectary of state for approval and hope to have a public examination by the summer 2014 and hope for an adoption winter 2014.

We also had our boundary review and have received our final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for north Dorset, being that we retain 33 councillors but reduce the wards from 28 to 19, they are therefore proposing we should have 7 single member wards, 10 twin member wards and 2 triple member wards, this recommendation will now go to parliament and the plan is to have the new arrangements in place for the district elections of May 2015. This reflects nothing of the proposal that was sent to them from officers and councilors at North Dorset, we feel as though we have not been listened to and as the old saying goes if it's not broken then don't fix it.

My Term within North Dorset has been very much the same, The committees I sit on are Overview and Scrutiny, licensing and orders, and I have now been appointed vice chair of the standards committee, I really enjoy being involved in the committees that I sit on it is all very interesting work from having a performance report from one of the housing associations to deciding a licensing application, I do feel very privilege to be part of North Dorset District Council and to be working along side all our parishes that we have within the ward,

One of the things I have enjoyed most being there for residents that have contacted me for different reasons and being able to help them or point them in the right direction after all it was one of the reasons I decided to put my self forward for this role and I feel people had faith in me as I wouldn't have got elected.

A good friend of mine once quoted about me "A thirty year old something barmaid that lives in social housing and not out of the typical Tory mould" and I am glad to say nothing has changed.

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