

Catherine FULLERTON

SNP Councillor for Sighthill/Gorgie



WORKING HARD FOR YOU EVERY DAY

As the Council term draws to a close I am nearing the end of my current 5 year term. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to have represented the residents in the ward.

I love this area and want it to flourish. I was raised in Longstone, have lived in Gorgie and Dalry and now live in Whitson so I can honestly say I know the ward very well. The past 5 years have been very busy dealing with local community issues. In 2016 alone I dealt with nearly 400 constituent enquiries and always do my best to respond to each and every one within 24 hours. Here is a brief summary of what I do as a Councillor.

LITTER & DOG FOULING



Of all the issues raised by constituents, litter and dog fouling have kept me the busiest. The Council has introduced an extensive recycling programme and I am pleased to report we have exceeded the recycling targets.

For my part I have intervened in a number of waste and recycling problems in the area, which has resulted in a significant drop in complaints. Wardens have been active in the ward and issue fines to those who don't pick up after their pets.

It is a privilege to sit on the boards of a number of organisation. My passion is to see our local community improve for the benefit of us all. As a result I have supported **Smilechildcare**, **Hutchison Vale Football Club**, **The Broomhouse Centre** and the **Sharing Secrets Festival** to name but a a few.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING



A number of developers had their eyes on the North Sighthill site. However I believed that this site was needed for housing and I was able to convince my Council colleagues of this.

The building of **316 new homes** (58% will be affordable) that's 184 affordable homes and they will be a boost to the area with work beginning in March this year.

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Community Groups

There are 5 active Community Councils in the Ward and even more residents's groups. My SNP colleague Cllr Denis Dixon and I attend as many of their meetings as we can.

Education, Children & Families

Over the last 4 ½ years I have held the position of Vice Convener and, despite having to deal with Westminster austerity cuts, we have delivered:

- **A new high School at Portobello, James Gillespies & are building a new Boroughmuir School**
- **Ensured that P1 class sizes do not exceed 25 pupils**
- **Built a new Youth Peoples' Centre in Wester Hails**
- **Built new nurseries (including Longstone) &**
- **We also successfully relocated, 7,600 children to alternative schools within days of the building issue (an old Labour PFI fiasco)**

As Chair of the Corporate Parenting Group I am pleased to report much good work is being done to enhance the lives of our looked after and accommodated children.

This is a brief rundown of what I've been doing in Sighthill/Gorgie for the last 5 years. I've worked with many wonderful local people who give so much to their communities and seek nothing in return other than to improve the area. My colleague Cllr Denis Dixon and I work closely with our local MSP Gordon MacDonald and MP Joanna Cherry QC. This makes for a very strong team in Sighthill/Gorgie.

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News in Brief



Broomhouse Centre

Sit on the board of the Broomhouse Centre, that does such great work for the local community.



Saughton Park

Helped deliver £4million Lottery Funding to restore and improve the Saughton Park facilities. We all benefit from improved local amenities.



Fighting RBS Chesser Closure

I am fully supporting the SNP Sighthill/Stenhouse branches campaign to stop RBS closing our Chesser bank branch. Here I am campaigning with Denis Dixon, Joanna Cherry & Gordon MacDonald.

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