

COUNCILLORS ANNUAL REPORTS 2016 - 2017

Name of Councillor: Simon Cooke

Ward: Bingley Rural

Date Elected: May 1995

Basic: £13,463.16

Special Responsibility: £25,939.08

Other Allowances: N/A

Positions held:

Leader of the Conservative Group
Corporate Overview & Scrutiny
Shipley Area Committee (Alt)
Staffing Committee
Chief Officer Disciplinary Committee
Employee Appeals Panel
Shadow Executive
Airedale Partnership
Local Government Association, Economy, Environment, Housing and Transport Board
Incommunities Housing Association Board

Other meetings/bodies which I regularly attend:

Parish Council meetings in the ward
Ward Leadership Team Meetings

My priorities for the past year (May 2016– May 2017 were:

Working with local communities to protect services from Council threats of closure
Supporting community resilience and preparedness.

What I have achieved in the past year (May 2016 – May 2017):

New road safety schemes in Cottingley and Wilsden.
Helped secure Council endorsement for Cullingworth Village Hall project.

My Priorities for the coming year (May 2017 – May 2018) are:

Supporting local communities planning community asset transfer following Council decision to close public halls and community facilities.
Promoting highway safety and new road safety initiatives especially around schools.

I have attended the following training sessions, seminars, briefings and conferences to develop skills and gain knowledge that will help me serve the people of the district.

CSE Awareness

LGA Conference

Seminar on funding for social enterprises

Briefings related to emerging issues – devolution, transport investment