

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2017-2018

Councillor: Mohammad Shabbir

Ward: Heaton

Party: Labour

Date Elected: May 2012

Basic: £13,463.16

Special Responsibility: N/A

Other Allowances: N/A

Positions held in 2017 - 2018:

Health & Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee Regeneration & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Alt) Bradford West Are Committee (Alt)

Other meetings/bodies which you regularly attend: (e.g. School governing bodies, outside bodies etc.

- Street surgeries.
- Surgeries in genera.
- Partnership meetings.

My priorities for the past year were (May 2017 to April 2018)

- Education and the state of schools in Heaton (especially Samuel Lister).
- Providing support to local residents and groups.
- Attend local surgeries and events.
- Be an active member of the Health & Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee

My priorities for the coming year (May 2018 to April 2019) are: (Please list or describe your priorities or targets as a Councillor for the coming year)

- To actively contribute to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee and the West Area Committee or any other duties I am asked to undertake.
- To actively contribute to debates and discussion within labour party on key policies and motions.



- Actively support efforts to develop self help initiatives within Heaton ward and Bradford more broadly. I have been doing this since I became elected in 2012 and have supported and advised a organisations and communities to develop self help initiatives.
- Provide local groups and organisations with advice and support.
- Support and advocate for local residents on their individual and collective issues.
 (Education, Thorn Lane Development as well as keep a focus on AWM, recent road traffic incidents)
- Attend all local council surgeries.
- Work to identify and work to highlight hate speech and practice generally with a focus on Islam phobia (new home office statistics show a 40%increase in Hate crimes with more than half directed at Muslims Independent 16-10-2018)
- Work to combat extremist groups and promote an open and diverse society in Bradford and beyond.

What I have achieved in the past year (May 2017 to May 2018) (Please list or describe some of your activities as a Councillor and what you see as your key achievements)

- Since 2017 I have served the residents of Heaton by making myself available for residents individual and collective issues. I have attended local forums and meetings for and on behalf of residents.
- Specifically in 2016 to 2017 I was involved in advocating for residents around school
 performance in respect of Samuel Lister where there was dysfunctional management
 and leadership being offered by Bradford College. Along with my colleagues we made
 numerous approaches to support the school however the key policy of Academisation
 is in my view the source of the problem. It takes budgets and responsibility and
 oversight away from the local authority as well as from parents.
- There has been a change in management and academy and so we hope things will
 change and we fully support the move as it is a better academy chain. we also offer our
 support to the school in engaging with parents and communities to improve standards
 through the Educational Covenant.
- I have also supported and advised individuals and groups around issues of Islam phobia and community development issues more generally.



What training sessions, seminars, briefings and conferences have you attended to develop your skills and gain knowledge that has helped you to serve the people of the district? (Please list them).

I come from a community development background and as such I regularly undertake personal learning and development on various issues pertinent to the area of work and responsibility. Over the period in concern my responsibility has resided within the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Overview & Scrutiny Committee. As such I have undertaken personal learning in the following areas:

- Universal Credit
- PIP
- Policies around social care
- I have also kept up to date with Prevent and issues around extremism and Hate Crime