

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2014 - 2015

Councillor: Richard Dunbar

Ward: Thornton & Allerton

Party: Labour

Date Elected: 22/05/14

Basic: £13463.18

Special Responsibility:

Other Council Remunerations:

Positions held:

Bradford West Area Committee

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Employee Appeals Panel

Housing and Non-Domestic Rates Appeals Panel

Miscellaneous Licenses Panel

**How many neighbourhood forums have you attended?
(Please state a number and not all)**

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

Allerton Primary School Governing Body

Café West Board, Allerton

Saffron Dean Community Association Board, Allerton

Allerton & Lower Grange Partnership

Allerton Action Group

Dream Catchers Youth Group

Bradford Youth Service ward sessions and events

Community First Panel

Thornton Primary PTA

Thornton Community Partnership

South Square Board

Thornton in Bloom Committee

Thornton Business Forum

Thornton Bronte Festival

St James Church events

Sandy Lane Parish Council
Bradford Metropolitan Foodbank
Bradford Pride Committee
Local, regional and national youth work groups
Ward Officer team meetings - local neighbourhood issues and community safety concerns highlighted
Motiv8 Vocational Centre Ambassador
West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority Member

My priorities for the past year were (May 2014 to May 2015)

Work to build partnerships so that everyone has a voice that can be heard.

I will make community safety a priority making sure there is a visible presence from the police, PCSOs and wardens.

Work closely with local businesses to ensure growth and employment.

I will be a vocal advocate for our areas, championing everything that is good whilst tackling issues and concerns head on through the creation of Community Action Groups.

I will always be available and will hold regular surgeries in all areas of the ward as well as conducting street surgeries.

I will ensure that our community gets a fair share of resources.

**My priorities for the coming year (May 2015 to May 2016) are:
(Please list or describe your priorities or targets as a Councillor for the coming year)**

HOUSING - I will work with tenants, residents, landlords and relevant partners to improve living conditions in the area.

COMMUNITY SAFETY - This will include tackling road safety and traffic congestion as well as working with the police, council wardens and other relevant agencies to effectively respond to your concerns.

HEALTH - Work with local providers of services to support the voice and influence of patients and provide information on available services.

OLDER PEOPLE - Help to tackle social isolation through the creation of an older people's partnership.

YOUTH SERVICES - Support the development of opportunities for children and young people in their leisure time, education and moving into employment.

I will work with tenants, residents and local partners to develop a **cleaner, greener and more sustainable** area.

I will ensure that I am accessible, hold regular surgeries and regular door to door sessions in all areas of the ward.

**What I have achieved in the past year (May 2014 to May 2015)
(Please list or describe some of your activities as a Councillor and what you see as your key achievements)**

I have joined, attended and supported different groups, boards and organisations in the area to keep in touch with what is on offer to the community as well as ensuring that the views of you the local residents are heard.

Represented local residents concerns and objections re proposed housing developments.

I have worked with partners to tackle a range of issues including nuisance motorbikes and quad bikes, incidents of anti social behaviour and problem parking in and around schools.

Established the Thornton Business Forum.

Work closely with local residents and Seabrooks to see the sale of the land to Aldi on Allerton Road creating 40 job opportunities.

Helped to set up the Thornton Bronte Festival.

Set up the Allerton Action Group which has engaged and empowered local people to have a say on issues affecting the community.

From the unacceptable state of some of our roads to disruption caused by the cold weather I have fought hard to ensure we get a fairer share of resources.

Supported a variety of initiatives to encourage a cleaner, greener and more sustainable ward including the Green Dog Walkers scheme, clean up days and improving overgrowing footpaths, verges and hedges for example.

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).

ICT training
Intro to Scrutiny
WOT meetings
'Engaging with Schools' training session
Managing Difficult Situations training session

Welfare Reform update
Public Health Open Day
Protecting Your Data training session
Members Personal Safety training session
Employee Appeals training
Corporate Parenting and Members training
Safeguarding Children and Adults training