

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2014 - 2015

Councillor: Michael Johnson

Ward: Tong

Party: Labour

Date Elected: 06/05/99

Basic: £13173.36

Special Responsibility: £2502.82

Other Council Remunerations:

Positions held:

Bradford South Area Committee

REGENERATION AND ECONOMY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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)

Knowleswood Primary School Governing Body

Tong High School Governing Body

Tong High School Trust

Incommunities Housing Local Management Trust

Holme Wood & Tong Partnership Board

City Challenge Ltd Meetings

West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Committee

Bradford District Consultative Committee (Transport)

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

To work with the other ward councillors, community groups, organisations and service providers to make Tong Ward and the Bradford District a better place to live.

To continue to work with officers and other councillors to develop Neighbourhood Services which are ward based and managed with clear lines of accountability.

To continue to work with Incommunities Housing Trust to deliver quality housing within Tong Ward.

To support our schools in their work to raise the level of achievement of all pupils.

To support the public and voluntary sector in providing caring services within the community.

To encourage business to locate in Tong Ward and provide jobs for the area.

To work with the Holme Wood & Tong Partnership Board to deliver the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Holme Wood and Tong.

To support the continued development of Knowles Park.

To support the continued development of Bierley Woods.

To support the development of Black Carr Woods.

**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)**

As last year (see above).

**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)**

Excellent Attendance at meetings of the Council, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the two school governing bodies and other organisation I serve on.

Held surgeries twice a month with the other two Ward Councillors.

Through the Holme Wood & Tong Partnership Board continued to work on plans for the long term development of Holme Wood and Tong.

Represented the local authority on the Governing Body of Tong High School and supported the school in its endeavours to raise the achievement of all students. Been Chair of the Governing Body since October 2011.

Supported the continuation of Neighbourhood Policing and partnership work with the Council and Incommunities.

After years of lobbying by Tong Ward Councillors for enforcement action against those who put horses on public land the Council, Police and Incommunities have worked together to address this longstanding problem. The Council continues to set aside a budget for this issue. There has been a significant reduction in the number of horses on public land however the need for impoundment and other enforcement actions remains.

As a new member of West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Committee I have developed a greater understanding of bus and rail services in West Yorkshire.

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).

High Speed 2 Seminar
Transport Planning
Extensive reading on educational progress and attainment
Narrowing the gap in educational attainment
Decentralisation and the Localism Bill
Housing and Welfare Reform
Safeguarding Training for School Governors