

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2014 - 2015

Councillor: Martin Love

Ward: Shipley

Party: Green

Date Elected: 02/05/02

Basic: £13173.36

Special Responsibility: £12690.36

Other Council Remunerations:

Positions held:

Area Planning Panel (Keighley and Shipley)

ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE

Shipley Area Committee

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

5

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

Monthly briefings with Chief Executive

Monthly briefings with Finance Director

Regular briefings with Strategic Directors

Regular briefings with local Highways officers

Regular briefings with ward officer

Overview and Scrutiny Chairs Meetings

Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair's
Briefings

Education Improvement Strategic Board Meetings

Saltaire World Heritage Site Steering Group Meetings

Salt Foundation Meetings

Sir Titus Salt Charity Trustees Meetings

Shipley Town Centre Business Partnership

Shipley Neighbourhood Policing Team briefings

Shipley Area Committee Grants Advisory Group

Shipley Area Committee Youth Sub-Group
Keighley and Shipley Planning Panel (alternate)
Corporate Overview and Scrutiny in-depth scrutiny review of poverty in Bradford

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

To continue to be an effective link between ward residents and Council officers.

To continue to be accessible to residents at all times.

To continue to communicate with residents through regular quarterly newsletters.

To continue to be available to residents at all times.

To continue to alert residents to proposed developments in their neighbourhoods.

To continue to put individual and community concerns before corporate concerns.

To continue to go out of my way to represent those less able to speak out for themselves, by nature of age, language, disability or any other reason.

To continue to put the needs and safety of pedestrians and cyclists, particularly where these are children, before the convenience of motorists.

To continue to liaise between community groups and Council officers to ensure speedy resolution of issues.

To continue to highlight the need for our community, led by its Council, to change its lifestyle in order to avert the disaster of climate chaos that will ensue if we continue with business as usual.

**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)**

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To attempt to mitigate the ongoing impact of central government funding cuts to the local authority in order to protect the most vulnerable residents of my ward and wider Bradford District.

**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)**

Along with my ward colleagues, Cllrs Hawarun Hussain and Kevin Warnes, I have dealt with many hundreds of individual issues on behalf of residents, including such everyday matters as blocked gullies, street sweeping, gritting, missed bin collections etc, as well as more urgent individual issues such as advising on school appeals, school transport appeals, benefits appeals, housing complaints, untidy land etc.

I have acted as a link between ward residents and non-Council bodies such as Incommunities, Metro, the police, the rail companies and the utilities such as Yorkshire Water (following a burst water main), and I am also in regular contact with my ward's MP.

On a larger scale I have continued to advise and, where necessary, represent residents on licensing and planning matters throughout the ward, objecting where necessary to inappropriate developments and unwanted in-fill developments, and assisting applicants to compromise where necessary so that their developments do not adversely affect their neighbours.

I have continued to support local community groups in their bids for funding from outside bodies, in particular Hirst Wood Regeneration Group and Hall Royd Area Residents Association as they bid for funds to improve their local communities.

I have acted as a go-between to assist residents where they are in dispute with Council or other organisations.

I have attended all the Shipley Ward Neighbourhood Forums and have had regular get togethers with the Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector and others to discuss

problems in the ward, such as anti-social behaviour. This has allowed me an insight to their work and gives me the chance to raise residents' concerns directly with the police.

As Green Group Leader I have represented the group at a number of Civic functions, including the Remembrance Day Service, Festival of Remembrance, the Holocaust Day Memorial and the Bradford City Fire Memorial Event, and various other district-wide cultural and sporting events and receptions. I have regularly attended meetings and briefings with senior Council officers dealing with Council-wide issues such as the budget and the Sports Facilities Investment Programme.

Along with my ward colleagues I have regularly spent Saturday mornings knocking on doors throughout the ward to ask residents who might not come to forums what needs doing in their neighbourhoods. We attempt to knock on every accessible door at least once during the year and I have individually knocked on about 2000 doors during the year to discuss issues with residents.

As Chair of the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee I have chaired meetings dealing with wide-ranging issues such as:

- The Council's waste strategy
- The Council's response to the threat of climate change and the use of renewable energy on Council buildings and schools
- The ongoing issues surrounding the operation of the Omega Proteins animal waste rendering plant
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- The proposals of Friends of Bradford's Becks to improve the city's natural watercourses
- The district cycling strategy
- Low Moor Railway Station
- Public Health Outcomes Framework
- Numbers of people killed and seriously injured on the district's roads

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).

Association of Green Councillors Annual Conference
Regular briefings with all Strategic Directors and Chief Executive
Neville Grange Redevelopment Session
National Book Week Event (Shipley Library)
Various briefings on budget matters
Safeguarding training
FACS One Year On conference
West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service briefing
Sports Facilities Investment Plan briefing
Community Infrastructure Levy training
FGM conference