

## COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2014 - 2015

Councillor: Nussrat Mohammed

Ward: Heaton

Party: Labour

Date Elected: 22/05/14

Basic: £11296.51

Special Responsibility:

Other Council Remunerations:

Positions held:

Bradford West Area Committee

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Corporate Parenting Panel

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Social Services Appeals Panel

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

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

Bradford West Area Committee

Area Committee Grants Advisory Group (GAG)

Health Scrutiny Committee

Labour Group meetings

Full Council

Weekly Council surgeries

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

My three key priorities for the year 2014 /2015 were:

To be accessible to my constituents.

To work with local schools to raise achievements levels and foster parent partnerships with schools.

To highlight local views within Group and Full Council.

**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)**

My priorities for 2015/2016 are to represent the views and concerns of the residents of Heaton and Frizinghall at officer/council level and at a national level wherever appropriate.

To respond to all who contact me and to endeavour to support their need wherever possible. To continue to make myself available as an elected member to my constituents.

To work with local grassroots organisations, to secure funding and to deliver local initiatives, also to keep up to date with issues raised at ward level through these organisations.

To work with the education skills and culture portfolio holder to raise the standards of our schools locally and at a district level. To foster a relationship of partnership work between schools, parents and children to raise achievement levels local and district wide.

To raise awareness of mental health issues and dementia by working closely with the Bradford District Care N.H.S Foundation Trust and to disseminate this at a local and district level.

**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 endeavoured to be accessible to local residents and to note local concerns on various issues. I achieved this by identifying/introducing myself and working with grassroots organisations wherever possible and working in partnership with schools such as:

Frizinghall Community Organisation  
Upper Heaton Working Together Group  
Frizinghall Partnership  
Heaton Together Association  
Frizinghall Primary School  
St Bede's Upper School  
St Barnabas Primary School

Belle Vue Boys' School to get a better understanding of local needs and how I can best meet them as their representative.

Held weekly surgeries alternatively at St Martin's Church and St Margaret's Church over the last year to make myself accessible to local residents to which I have had a positive response to.

I have made my contact details available to as many residents as possible by posting surgeries leaflets through letter boxes.

I have responded to any enquiries or grievances residents have brought up with me.

Liaised closely with Belle Vue Boys' School and with Frizinghall Primary School and with parents, teachers and with children around health issues and raising confidence and self-esteem. This work is continuous and I hope to foster relations with all schools in my ward over the coming year.

Focused on issues such as littering, refuse collection, school places, street lighting, passport issues, immigration, housing, gritting, planning applications, school appeals. I have taken up these issues within Council and with individual officers and departments.

During the year I have represented the Heaton ward at charitable functions within Bradford.

As a member on the Bradford West Area Committee I have highlighted and represented my ward needs and issues such as road maintenance, speeding issues and the need for modern street lighting. Also community resources for local community organisations.

As a member of the Heath Scrutiny Committee I have scrutinised the health provision across the Bradford district as well as for the Heaton ward and highlighted local concerns of the lack of dental care available. Also acceptable G.P provision as well as mental health resources. Further I have been instrumental in highlighting and looking at ways to cut down the waiting time at the B.R.I for patients.

As part of the Grants Advisory Group I have argued and supported local organisations in securing funding to run local initiatives for the residents of Heaton and Frizinghall.

It has been most rewarding for me as a ward councillor to see an increase in BME women willing to approach me directly to raise differing concerns.

**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).**

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