

## COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2014 - 2015

Councillor: Dale Smith

Ward: Wharfedale

Party: Conservative

Date Elected: 01/05/74

Basic: £13173.36

Special Responsibility: £2900.64

Other Council Remunerations:

Positions held:

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Corporate Parenting Panel

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Shipley Area Committee

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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**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)**

LEA appointed Governor of the following schools:

Lister and Menston Primary Schools

Immanuel College

Canterbury Nursery School

Co - Chairman of the Strategic Disability Partnership

Corporation Member of Bradford College

Proliferation of meetings in connection with and arising from Council responsibilities

Shipley Glen Tramway Director/Trustee - Chairman

Chairman and Director: Manor Coating Systems Ltd (formerly Shipley Paint Ltd)

Director Markport Ltd

Trustee and Director of Abbeyfield Ilkley  
Director of Bradford Credit Union  
Director of Imagination Library (Canterbury)  
Member of various local organisations

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

I tried to exercise my responsibilities as a District Councillor diligently and reliably, asking the challenging question when appropriate but in a critically friendly manner for the well-being of the individual always conscious of the needs of the District. I was driven by some success but more driven by the frustrations of having not succeeded. I continued to put my head above the parapet!

As chairman of the Lord Mayor's Appeal I help co-ordinate his fund raising efforts.

Targets were:

To accelerate my efforts to build a better and fairer society.

To help promote respect across the District - so called Taboos must continue to be challenged.

To discuss and debate aspects like Rights and Responsibilities and closing the inequality gaps.

All British Citizens have the same Right and Responsibilities, mine are no different to those newly admitted and theirs are now no different to mine.

If you live in the District then by all means maintain and cherish your mother tongue and value your heritage but communicate in English and be willing to participate and add to what is now your community's vibrancy.

Treat women with respect as equals - I personally believe that women will be the salvation not only of the District but ultimately of the whole world.

Respect differences - we are all somewhere on the same continuum, either by chance or choice.

Those who suffer by chance or genuine misfortune absolutely deserve our wholehearted and unstinting support.

Those there by their choice or actions need first our understanding - and then positive encouragement to enable them to make more appropriate choices and attain self-fulfilment.

I try to encourage a real debate around Choice and Consequences!

Health is a priority for us all, for example:

We must learn lessons about genetic diversity, to understand and minimise the impact of relationships upon health, families and the children yet to be born.

Do not smoke.

If you drink alcohol - then do so in moderation.

Do not abuse drugs - being stoned is senseless.

Exercise to help maintain a sense of well-being, both in mind and body - I will try to heed my own advice on this.

I have again been delighted to have retained the confidence of the Strategic Disability Partnership as its co-chair - a relationship and responsibility that I particularly treasure and I hope that there are signs of a brightening Dawn in fully accepting People as People, whatever our differences and challenges.

As a member of an Adoption Panel I marvelled at the love and affection of our adopters and I am deeply concerned and perplexed at some of the circumstances of children coming into our care. For the sake of these children we must have policies and input actions for earlier interventions and preventions.

Whilst I did attend training sessions, seminars and meetings too numerous to mention, I had and have a thirst for knowledge and an eagerness to learn with a habit of popping up unexpectedly across the District in my pursuit of networking. I continued to be disappointed if every day I do not learn that I have still more to learn and indeed I continually learn something daily.

I recognised that the answer I really need to know is to the question I did not even know to ask!

**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 but with ever increasing intensity and tempo whilst the opportunity exists I will exercise my responsibilities as a District Councillor diligently and reliably, asking the challenging question when appropriate but in a critically friendly manner for the well-being of the individual always conscious of the needs of the District. I am driven by some success but more driven by the frustrations of having not succeeded. I will continue to put my head above the parapet!

Last year's targets still remain valid.

**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 endeavour 24/7 to help make changes for the better and to close inequalities gaps.

I leave my peers to judge any success I may have had.

**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).**

Whilst I do attend training sessions, seminars and meetings, they are too numerous to mention.

I have a thirst for knowledge and an eagerness to learn. I have a habit of popping up unexpectedly across the District in my pursuit of networking. I continue to be disappointed if every day I do not learn that I have still more to learn and indeed I continually learn something daily.

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