

## COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2014 - 2015

Councillor: Kevin Warnes

Ward: Shipley

Party: Green

Date Elected: 10/06/04

Basic: £13173.36

Special Responsibility:

Other Council Remunerations:

Positions held:

ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE

REGENERATION AND ECONOMY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Shipley Area 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)**

Residents group meetings and other community events.

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

I will continue to work hard to respond to constituents' concerns as my top priority and door-knock throughout the year in addition to our regular surgeries. As I have said in previous years, it is vital that local people feel that they have a democratic voice on Council and local representatives who will stick up for their interests. I am particularly keen to ensure, for example, that the regeneration of Victoria Road in Saltaire is managed as far as possible in accordance with the wishes of local residents. I am also keen to see the bus links between Shipley and the Higher Coach Road estate improved given the concerns that many local residents have expressed about this poor public service.

I will continue my representative role on local bodies such as the Hirst Wood Regeneration Group and support the work of the Saltaire Village Society, the Friends of Northcliffe and the Norwood Neighbourhood Association. All of these groups, and others, are achieving wonderful advances for their communities and deserve full support from their ward councillors. In addition, as I have done this year, I will continue to support the efforts of the residents involved in the Park Street community food garden.

I will continue with my role as Deputy Chair of the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee. As before, I will use this position to ensure that Bradford Council makes further progress in managing its energy use and its carbon emissions. Specifically, I will seek to ensure that the Council follows through on the carbon reduction commitments made by the Executive Committee in March 2010, in line with the longer-term targets that we now have for a 40% cut in the Council's carbon emissions by 2020. I will continue to press for much greater investment in renewable energy across the District, particularly across our schools estate. I will also continue to support the new food strategy, to make sure that this continues to deliver tangible results on the ground across the District, especially in relation to the management of our allotments.

Finally, I will do my best to ensure that the budget negotiations that will lead up to the next budget Council take full account of the social and community needs of ordinary people across the district and delivers real investment in a low carbon future for Bradford. These were our group priorities last year and are vital given the enormous scale of the ongoing cuts that are being imposed on Bradford Council by central government. Along with Cllrs Martin Love and Hawarun Hussain, I will do my best to ensure that the impact of the next round of spending cuts on ordinary people is mitigated to the maximum extent possible, and that the most vulnerable residents in our community are protected as much as possible. We will do our best to ensure that a needs-based budget is agreed within the tight fiscal and legal constraints that we have again been forced to accept by the Westminster Parliament.

**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 main priority in the year ahead is to help residents with their everyday concerns and to take forward their suggestions about how everyday life in our community can be improved.

In addition, I will play an active role in helping to shape the Council's strategic responsibilities for Bradford District as a whole, to protect vital services and to seek to ensure that we make the transition towards a post-carbon economy.

**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 am pleased to have dealt with a very wide range of everyday casework issues on behalf of local people, often raised during the Saturday street surgeries that we have conducted across the ward.

I have actively supported the work of local community groups, such as the Hirst Wood Regeneration Group, to improve the quality of life of their neighbourhoods.

In my work as deputy chair of the Environment Committee, and in Council, I have regularly pressed officers and senior councillors to ensure that their decisions contribute towards a more sustainable future for the District.

**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).**

I have received numerous policy updates and email briefings on a range of issues from officers over the past year.