

## COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2015- 2016

**Councillor:** Sue Duffy

**Ward:** Thornton and Allerton

**Party:** Labour

**Date Elected:** 7 May 2015

**Basic:** £11979.31

**Special Responsibility:** £2550.09

**Other Allowances:** N/A

### **Positions held in 2015 – 2016:**

Committees:

Bradford West Area Committee

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Employee Appeals

Area Planning Panel (Bradford) (Alternate)

Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Alternate)

Joint Services Committee

Yorkshire and Humber Employee Association

Adoption

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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)**

Sandy Lane Primary School Governing Body and related sub groups

Thornton Primary School Governing Body and related sub groups

South Square Centre Committee

Thornton Community Partnership

Sandy Lane Parish Council

Thornton Primary School PTA

Thornton in Bloom

Ward Officer Team Meetings - local neighbourhood issues and community safety concerns highlighted

Bradford Metropolitan Foodbank

**My priorities for the past year were (May 2015 to May 2019)**

To work with tenants, residents, landlords and other relevant partners to improve the living conditions in the area.

To make Community Safety a priority, including tackling road safety and traffic congestion.

To work with Health Services, tenants and residents to support the development of the voice and influence of patients and the provision of relevant information of the health services available.

To work with older people to raise their issues and support the development of an older people's partnership to give them a greater voice and to look at ways to tackle social isolation.

To support the development of opportunities for children and young people in their leisure time, education and moving into employment.

To work with tenants, residents, local businesses and partners to develop a cleaner, greener and more sustainable area.

To be accessible holding regular surgeries and door to door sessions in all areas of the ward.

**My priorities for the coming year (May 2016 to May 2017) are:  
(Please list or describe your priorities or targets as a Councillor for the coming year)**

My priorities are to continue to develop the priorities listed for 2015-2016.

To continue work with tenants, residents, landlords and other relevant partners to improve the living conditions in the area.

To continue make Community Safety a priority, including tackling road safety and traffic congestion.

To continue work with Health Services, tenants and residents to support the development of the voice and influence of patients and the provision of relevant information of the health services available.

To continue work with older people to raise their issues and support the development of an older people's partnership to give them a greater voice and to look at ways to tackle social isolation.

To continue support the development of opportunities for children and young people in their leisure time, education and moving into employment.

To continue to work with tenants, residents, local businesses and partners to develop a cleaner, greener and more sustainable area.

To continue to be accessible holding regular surgeries and door to door sessions in all areas of the ward.

Plus:

To support the improvement in Educational outcomes locally.

To work with other agencies support the Safeguarding needs of our constituents.

To ensure the voice and influence of constituents in consultation processes.

**What I have achieved in the past year (May 2015 to May 2016)**

**(Please list or describe some of your activities as a Councillor and what you see as your key achievements)**

Working as a team we have achieved the following:

Worked with a number of local schools to support the development of educational outcomes in our Ward.

Worked with L.A. and other agencies to begin to look at how we address the needs of older people within our communities.

Supported the work of local groups, Christmas and School Fairs, Carol singing, Christmas parties, Thornton in Bloom, Food Bank collections and distribution. Job clubs, Older People's luncheon groups, Art centre open nights, Bronte celebrations.

Worked with L.A. partners and agencies to develop responses to issues impacting on the environment across the Ward e.g. litter, fly tipping, tree preservation, conservation, cleaning of play areas and graffiti removal, clearing and cutting back on overgrown footpaths across the area etc.

Worked with the L.A. and partners to develop responses to road safety issues across the Ward e.g. speed humps, renewing road markings, safety barriers, speeding slow down signs, school parking and safety issues, bollards, speed and traffic surveys, etc.

Worked with the Police and L.A. to develop responses to Drugs, Break-ins, Car Crime, Quad Biking, Animal thefts, Anti-social behaviour, dangerous driving and speeding etc.

Worked with housing providers to improve the housing conditions for individuals and to look at better ways of working together to improve the voice of tenants and residents e.g. improvements to pathways, repairs and refurbishments.

Worked with health services to represent the views of patients and improve their services for patients e.g. met with local medical centre re patient participation and met with local chemist to look at improvements in prescription issue.

Worked with local businesses to resolve issues arising from their services within the communities e.g. litter and parking.

Represented constituents on a wide variety of planning issues.

Represented constituents with school appeals.

Engaged with School Councils to improve their voice and influence and organised tours of City Hall.

Supporting the development of Aldi within our Ward, bringing local jobs and affordable food.

Increased accessibility by holding building based and street surgeries across the Ward and by attending community events across the Ward.

Supporting the continued delivery of Youth Work across the area and supporting the sourcing of funding for work with young people.

Above is a snap shot of our key achievements, there are many more.

**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).**

Governor training and attendance at regular briefing sessions

Employee Appeals training

Child Sexual Exploitation training

Planning training

Welfare Benefit training

Safeguarding training

Adoption and Fostering training

Caseworker training

Education forums

Asset management briefing

Education briefings