

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2015- 2016

Councillor: Susan Hinchcliffe

Ward: Windhill & Wrose

Party: Labour

Date Elected: 5 May 2011

Basic: (Members Support Unit will complete this section)

Special Responsibility: (Members Support Unit will complete this section)

Positions held in 2015 – 2016:

Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Culture

Ward Councillor for Windhill & Wrose

Council appointed Board member of City of Film

Chair of Airedale Partnership Board

Chair of Manningham Masterplan Board

Salts Trust

Council appointed Director of Canal Road Urban Village Limited

Chair of the Apprenticeship Training Agency

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

3

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

Wrose Action Group

Wrose Carnival Committee

Bolton Villas Residents Meeting

Wrose Parish Council

My priorities for the past year were (May 2015 to May 2016)

To work hard for my constituents and support them with whatever issue they have.

Working as part of a strong local Labour Action Team in Windhill & Wrose, make sure that wherever possible we attract opportunity and investment into the ward to enhance residents' lives.

Support community groups who are trying to do positive things in the community in spite of a lack of funding.

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)

Leading the Council through a period of significant change as it halves in size by 2020.

Making sure Bradford's profile is raised regionally and nationally to access influencers, funding and key decision-makers.

Supporting residents in Windhill & Wrose to get things done.

Being a champion for people in the district and/or in my ward who, driven by a passion for where they live, want to contribute to the community with their time and/or money/fundraising.

**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)**

In my portfolio role I worked hard to make sure we secured more funding for school places in the district. The previous year we had only received £700,000 from Government for school places. But after several meetings with the Department for Education, understanding the changing nature of their calculations for schools, we managed to secure £23.8 million of funding, the highest award we had ever received.

Similarly I have worked hard with the Arts Council England relationship so that Bradford arts organisations now gets over 400% more funding than they did.

One of the most rewarding parts of a councillor's role is to help constituents who need an issue resolving. Sometimes this is easy to do, sometimes it's more difficult given Government funding cuts. Individual pieces of casework which I have done for residents are too numerous to mention. However we try and include some of the non-confidential items on our regular ward leaflets so that people can see a flavour of the work we are doing.

There are some great groups and venues operating in Windhill & Wrose. We do surgeries in most of them to support those community facilities. The Wrose Community Library which we as ward councillors were instrumental in getting off the ground continues to run with a hard-working group of volunteers and support from Wrose Parish Council. Wrose Carnival Committee has been a joy to work with. A group of volunteers from Wrose got together with ward councillors 2 years ago to get the Carnival going again and they have done a tremendous job. I managed to bring in some much-needed sponsorship from a local company and as usual will be volunteering on the day to help out.

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).

CSE training online

Various regular training sessions as part of Labour Group on children's services, adult social care etc

Labour Councillors Conference

Labour Party Conference