

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2015- 2016

Councillor: Ralph Berry

Ward: Wibsey

Party: Labour

Date Elected: 02.05.1991

Basic: £13463.16

Special Responsibility: £25939.08

Other Allowances: N/A

Positions held in 2015 – 2016:

Executive member for Health and Social Care
Heath and Well Being Board
Alternate Bradford South Area Committee

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

One

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

Lead member network
LAC council
Adoption Forum
Adult CSB
Children's CSB
Child Poverty Board

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

Ensure commissioning and delivery of effective mental Health Crisis care concordat in partnership with NHS and 3rd Sector.

Ensure Effective implementation of advice improvements to CSE hub to protects children in all communities.

Ensure critical challenge to CSE and child protection services at a time of great pressure and to ensure a full and self-critical debate on the issue is led re girls and boys.

Ensure all schools engage in safeguarding.

Maintain good performance of NHS partnerships regarding care discharge.

Ensure Wibsey has regular case surgeries.

Address parking issues and ensure more parking is available in the village.

Ensure planning issues are consistently and effectively dealt with in the ward .

Provide better links with local community groups in Bankfoot and Wibsey.

Address maintenance issues with Wibsey Park and work to renew the Friends of Wibsey Park.

Ensure the retention of the Library .

Work with new groups seeking to improve the local environment.

**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)**

Provide effective casework and advocacy service to meet the growing needs of the ward arising from the changes to social security housing and health

Address maintenance issue with Wibsey Park and work to renew the friends of Wibsey Park.

Develop working relationships with local 3rd sector partners to create capacity in Wibsey to defend and maintain local provision .

**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)**

Bradford was praised by the NHS as an exemplar of Mental Health Practice with the ending of patients needing mental health beds having to go out of Bradford and the creation of new accessible services to meet people's needs faster and making better use of the 3rd sector.

Delivered advice and support of other LA's and networks on Crisis Care Child Protection initiatives.

Delivered more social work and specialist support for the child protection CSE hub.

- Praised by NHSE for effective partnerships of discharge in adult care
- Delivered very well attended regular ward surgeries despite the tragic loss of a valued ward colleague Lynne Smith
- Protected Wibsey Library
- We now have agreement for improved parking facilities in Wibsey
- Closer liaison with local Police on ASB issues.

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).

Blast Boys Male CSE Child Protection training.

Improves local member awareness and inter agency work regarding male victims.

CSE training for elected members; maintain up to date awareness of local pressure plans to combat child abuse.

Planning framework training for elected members.

To ensure I am able to advise my electors.

CSE Training for Taxi and Private Hire – I attended this to ensure I was aware of the delivery of this to a key area of public protection.

Information security.

Self explanatory – Working with people with ADHD training - helps working with children and families with SEN and communication issues.

First Aid - needed for lone working .

3 Courses on Welfare Reform

Created understanding the impact of these changes on my ward and being able to better support and advise vulnerable Constituents