

## COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2015- 2016

**Councillor:** Zafar Ali

**Ward:** Keighley Central

**Party:** Conservative

**Date Elected:** 7 May 2015

**Basic:** £11979.32

**Special Responsibility:** N/A

**Other Allowances:** N/A

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

Keighley Area Committee  
Social Services Appeals Panel  
Education Appeals Panel  
Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Panel  
Miscellaneous Licenses Panel (Alternate)

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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)**

Regularly held Council Surgeries at Keighley Town Hall, Highfield Community Association, St Mark's Church, Bangladesh Community Association.

To facilitate constituents in their respective area.

Parents and Community Forum, Young People's Neighbourhood Forum.

Central Ward and KTCSDG, Keighley Area Committee, School Governing Body, Hackney Appeal Committee, School Education Transport, Keighley United Together, Highways (traffic issues in different parts of Central Ward).

Yorkshire Water Authority in connection with Flood in Highfield Area, Refuse Department at Keighley, Recycling Project, Wardens, Area Officer Police, looking at the installation of CCTV to reduce drug trafficking, Walking Project Councillors Convention Bradford, Councillors Development Weekend, Young People's Neighbourhood Forum, Boys and Young Men at risk of CSE, Parents and Community Forum, Launch of Go Walking, First Start Community Garden Project Cliffe Castle.

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

To represent constituents of Central Ward to the best of my ability and ensure their concerns are taken on board.

Hold regular surgeries in different parts of Central Ward.

To work and liaise with One Medical Surgery.

To liaise with Keighley Healthy Living Project.

To work with Police and other agencies for elimination of drugs.

To work with Police and support campaign for retention of Keighley Police Station.

To work with Youth Organisations and voice their opinion.

To work with Community Centres who provide useful service to the community.

To work with H.M Coroner Office to use new method of finding the cause of death by scanning rather than post mortem.

Highlight issues/concerns of the community and promote it at all levels and whenever opportunity is available.

To work with Highways with a view for improving traffic particularly new schemes to widen Hard Ings Road, Keighley.

Ensuring to resolve issues/concerns in the community promptly whenever possible.

To appraise the need of CCTV camera in the area which present serious concern to the community.

To be prepared for unseen work as and when it arises (emergencies).

**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).**

To represent constituents of Central Ward to the best of my ability and professionally ensuring their legitimate concerns/issues are appraised to the appropriate department.

Continue to hold council surgeries in different parts of Central Ward.

To liaise with Police/Warden, liaise with Keighley Healthy Living Project.

Continue to support the relevant authority and community for elimination of drugs and anti social behaviour in Central Ward.

To work with youths and Youth Centre.

To work with Community Centre and support their work whenever able to do so.

To work with Highways (traffic issues and gullies and gutters).

To work and oversee with the new Project Traffic in Hard Ings Road expansion.

To liaise and work closely with Friends of Devonshire Park in the pursuit of applying for funding to improve condition and make it safer for everyone in Devonshire Park Central Ward.

To support Cliffe Castle Park Conservation Group "refurbishment" of Cliffe Castle Park.

To work with the Community/Council to overcome any hurdle for newly privately run Cemetery at Keighley Tarn.

To liaise with fly tipping department for elimination of fly tipping in Central Ward.

To work with KIVCA and KAWACC on preventative work with Women and Girls.

Highlight issues/concerns of their Community and promote it at all levels with the appropriate authority as and when arises.

**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)**

The year has been challenging for me.

There has been again "gang culture" feuds and I have closely liaised with police and parents to defuse the situation escalating.

Drugs are still a serious issue in the Community and I have worked closely with other Councillors, School and Police and Community and Ward Officer (Area Committee) tackling this serious issues which is going on.

The other concern was "Guy Fawkes day" but working closely with local organisations and with safeguarding officer from local authority and Fire Service there was not any serious issues of concern and it showed working together does work and achieve good results.

Regularly meet with individuals and Organisations and with Community Centres and Councillors in the Central Ward discussing various issues confronting the Community and manage to resolve them amicably.

I have dealt successfully with numerous issues/complaints such as Gutters, Gullies, Cleaning, Flooding, Street Lights, Tree Pruning, Traffic Issues (Drivers speeding in built up areas). Reducing Flying Tipping and promoted Recycling Project.

I worked closely with Youth Centre.

CCTV installed in Lawkholme area near School through the partnership (working together) of school and ward office and police.

Scanning on deceased is now taking place by H.M Coroner and hopefully it will become a permanent feature.

Attended various short courses/training.

Enhancing my skill.

Promoted Health Living "WALK".

Community Cleanup campaign.

**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).**

Group Meeting

Full Council Meeting

Overview and Scrutiny

Personal safety

Introduction to planning

Chairing Skill

Introduction to ITC

Councillors as Community Leader Protecting Your Data

Hackney and Private Hire briefing

Corporate Parents

On line grooming and radicalisation safeguarding awareness

Speed reading

Dementia

Welfare Reform Update

Public Health Awareness Event

Councillors Convention at Bradford

Introduction to Social Media

Councillors Development Weekend