

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2015- 2016

Councillor: Mike Pollard

Ward: Baildon

Party: Conservative

Date Elected: 7 May 2015

Basic: £11979.32

Special Responsibility: £2437.46

Other Allowances: N/A

Positions held in 2015 – 2016:

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (DCh)
Area Planning Panel (Keighley and Shipley)
Corporate Parenting Panel (Alternate)
Housing and Non-Domestic Rates Appeals Panel
Social Services Appeals Panel
Licensing Committee

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

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

Baildon-in-Bloom (Treasurer)
Titus Salt School (Vice Chair of Governors)
High Craggs Academy (Governor)
(Plus occasional attendance as an Associate Governor assisting with Finance Committee matters at Shipley CE Primary School)
Schools Forum (observer as Deputy Chair of Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

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

To continue to support the education function of Bradford Council through my roles as a School Governor.

As appointed Deputy Chair of Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee, I will seek to ensure that the Committee continues to carry out its duties effectively.

To be readily available to residents of Baildon Ward and to address promptly concerns they raise.

To represent effectively the residents of Baildon Ward regardless of their political viewpoint.

**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 continue to support the education function of Bradford Council through my roles as a School Governor.

As appointed Deputy Chair of Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee, I will seek to ensure that the Committee continues to carry out its duties effectively and, with the Chair, increase my involvement in Work Programme planning.

To be readily available to residents of Baildon Ward and to address promptly concerns they raise.

To represent effectively the residents of Baildon Ward regardless of their political viewpoint.

To continue to be heavily involved in planning matters as they relate to Baildon Ward in the context of dealing with the wider implications of the Council's 'Core Strategy' for housing in the District.

As a newly appointed member of the Council's Governance and Audit Committee, to widen my experience and deepen my knowledge of the financial complexities of the Council's functions.

**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)**

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).

Introduction to Planning Committee
Charing Skills – One to One Coaching
Introduction to New Deal – Councillors as Community Leaders
Councillors as Facilitators
Understanding Finance – Asking the right questions
Licensing/Housing and Non-Domestic Rates Appeals/Hackney Carriages and Private Hire training
Acted as 'mentor' at induction session 'Juggling Roles' for newly elected Councillors May 2016
Governance and Audit Committee Training