

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2016- 2017

Councillor: Sue Duffy
Ward: Thornton and Allerton
Party: Labour
Date Elected: May 2015
Basic: £13,463.16
Special Responsibility: £6,645.23
Other Allowances: N/A

Positions held in 2016 – 2017:

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny
Employee Appeals Panel (Ch)
Area Planning Panel (Bradford) (Alt)
Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Alt)
Bradford West Area Committee (Alt)
Joint Services Committee
Yorkshire and Humber Employee Association
Adoption Panel
West Yorkshire Employers Association
Incommunities HA Board
University- Court

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)

Sandy Lane Primary School Governing Body
Thornton Primary Governing Body
South Square Centre Committee
Thornton Community Partnership
Sandy Lane Parish Council
Thornton in Bloom
Thornton Library Steering group
Thornton Medical Centre PPG
Ward Officer Meetings - local neighbourhood issues and community safety concerns highlighted
Bradford Metropolitan Foodbank

My priorities for the past year were (May 2016 to April 2017)

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.

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.

My priorities for the coming year (May 2017 to April 2018) are:

(Please list or describe your priorities or targets as a Councillor for the coming year)

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 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.

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

To work with Health Services and constituents to improve the delivery of services

To support and empower local groups to deliver community enhancement

What I have achieved in the past year (May 2016 to May 2017)

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

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 including support in their home, finding alternative accommodation, dealing with difficult landlords and complex/retirement village owners.

Worked with local people to support the continuation of Thornton Library.

Supported the work and development of Sapgate Gardens community group.

Supported the continuation of South Square and their Community Asset Transfer

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

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 support tenants issues, to improve the housing conditions for individuals, e.g. improvements to communication, 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,

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 issues e.g. Accessing services, housing enquiries,

Represented constituents with school appeals.

Engaged with School Councils to improve their voice and influence.

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 work with children and young people across the area and supporting the sourcing of funding for work with children and young people.

Driving the development of fixed provision for children and young people across the Ward.

Supported groups across the Ward with funding where possible, e.g. Cafe West, Scouts, Older People's Keep Fit etc

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

Effective Chairing

Child Sexual Exploitation training

Planning training

Welfare Benefit training

Safeguarding training

Adoption and Fostering training

Housing briefings/training

Education forums

Asset management briefing

Education briefings

Presentation skills

Social Care briefings

School Appeals Training

Signs of Safety Training

Local Plan Drop In Session

Incommunities away days

Governance Reviews