

## COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2016- 2017

**Councillor:** Susan Hinchcliffe  
**Ward:** Windhill & Wrose  
**Party:** Labour  
**Date Elected:** 5 May 2011  
**Basic:** £13,463.16  
**Special Responsibility:** £35,621.87  
**Other Allowances:** N/A

### Positions held in 2016 – 2017:

Leader of the Council  
Executive  
Staffing Committee (Ch)  
ShIPLEY Area Committee (Alt)  
Chief Officer Disciplinary Committee  
Portfolio Holder for Corporate  
Chair of West Yorkshire Investment Committee  
Member of LGA City Regions Board nationally

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

Two

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

Wrose Carnival Committee  
Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership  
West Yorkshire Combined Authority  
LGA City Regions Board

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

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.

**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)**

Work with fellow regional Leaders to secure a deal for Growth funding from Government to the region.

To secure better transport connectivity for Bradford.

To accelerate improvement in Education outcomes for Bradford children.

To enable as many services in my ward and across Bradford to keep operating in spite of Government cuts.

To support my community to prosper and feel happy about where they live.

**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)**

Times continue to be challenging as the Government removes all our council funding. We have worked with communities all over the district to maintain services and are grateful for the support of residents in doing more in their own communities. This includes alternate weekly bin collections, running local events and facilities as volunteers and joining in litter picking in our green spaces.

I have worked hard on raising Bradford's positive profile with Government and with other funders. Bradford has had a number of visits from Government ministers in the last year and during that time Bradford has held a role on the Executive of Key Cities, a national body where large cities and towns come together nationally.

I'm particularly pleased that the Arts Council England funding has increased by 65% to local arts organisations in Bradford this year. Our local organisations have worked very hard to achieve that but also as a place, Bradford has pulled together to raise our profile at national level and show what potential we have for cultural excellence if we receive the investment we need. Our collective voice has been heard.

In my own ward, I am full of admiration for Wrose Carnival and how it has brought people together for a fabulous event. As ward councillors we have helped with this as much as possible including helping on the day and clearing up after the event.

I continue to be motivated by those individual successes of helping people in my ward when they contact us directly as ward councillors. We cannot always do everything people want but we do our best to satisfy.

**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 Awareness Training  
LGA Leaders Course  
LGA Conference