

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2016- 2017

Councillor: Zafar Ali
Ward: Keighley Central
Party: Conservative
Date Elected: 7 May 2015
Basic: £13,463.16
Special Responsibility: £11,802.80
Other Allowances: N/A

Positions held in 2016 – 2017:

Keighley Area Committee (Ch)
Hackney Carriage
Miscellaneous Licences (Alt)
Education Appeals Panel
Housing & Non Domestic Rates Appeals Panel
Social Services Appeals Panel

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

Open Forum

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

Surgeries within 4 districts of Central Ward.
Parents and Community Forum.
Central Ward and KTCSDG.
Keighley Area Committee
Keighley Area Partnership.
Education Transport Appeal
Traffic Issues. Highways.
Parking issues in Central Ward
Meeting with Council Officers on variety of issue/ appraising concerns of constituents of central Ward.
Unforeseen work.

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

To represent the residents of my Ward to the best of my ability and professionally, ensuring their legitimate concerns are appraised to the appropriate department of Bradford Council,

Continue to hold regular surgeries in Utleigh, Town Hall, Highfield Knowle Park Area.
Continue to liaise with the Police, Traffic Warden, and the Community Warden.

To continue working with the relevant agencies for elimination of Drug and anti-social behaviour.

Highlight concerns of the community and promote these at all levels and whenever opportunity is available.

Work with youths/Youth Centre and Community Centres.

To work with Highways, (Gullies and gutters)

To resolve promptly issues and concerns in the community.

Appraise the need of CCTV.

To work and oversee the new Traffic project "Hard Ing by pass".

To work with ward colleagues.

Support the new community cemetery at Tarn Keighley.

To work with KIVCA and KAWACC on preventative work with women and girls.

Continue to attend training sessions as and when are available and attend conferences/Seminars, in order to enhance my knowledge and skills.

**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 to represent the residents of my ward to the best of my ability and professionally.

To hold regularly Council surgeries in all part of Central ward.

To liaise with police and hold regular contact and support for the retention of Keighley Police Station in Keighley.

To attend forums if and when they are held in Keighley Central Ward.

To support Friends of Devonshire Park Keighley.

To continue to maintain close contact/links with residents in the Keighley Central Ward through meetings, forums and via surgeries and meeting individually and working with Community centres in the Keighley Central ward.

To participate locally in seminars/conferences and other volunteer organisations. To deal with unforeseen work.

**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)**

Despite the cuts in many services which directly affect the life of the constituents I have worked hard to maintain and fight for the resources for the constituents of Keighley Central Ward.

I will continue along with my Ward colleagues for the best interest of the residents in Central ward.

I have represented constituents on Hackney Carriage Appeals Panel, and made representation at the Hackney office Bradford. Held meeting with Officials from Bradford Council together with complainants to resolve the dispute.

Held numerous meetings with Keighley Police along with my ward Councillors on issues of Drug and traffic, parking, and anti-social behaviour.

North Street Surgery. This was under threat of closure which would have serious effects upon patients as well as on staff, and maintain a close link with the Local MPs office for support, the threat of closure ceased due to a sheer pressures from my ward Councillors and community and at last the Health authority decide not to close the surgery down. This was a prime example of working together with Councillors and the community at large and other voluntary sectors

I have dealt with a wide range of case work ranging from foot paths to planning, Traffic, parking, fly tipping domestic bins, trees, pot holes ,Gutter/Sewers, planning, misc. Complaints. Working together with my ward councillors had a successful discussion and positive outcome improving services at Utley Cemetery

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).

Supplementary Schools Presentation.
Keeping Children Safe in School.
C.S.E.Awareness Bradford.
Dementia” Do not leave me now”.
Improving attainment(education) in Bradford District.
Sign of Safety.
Cross Party Conference.
Delivering Council Priorities.
Preparing Question for Chamber.
CSE.e-learning programme.
Appeal Panel Training.
Speaking in Chamber live.
West Yorkshire and Beyond.
One Britain One Nation.
Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Up Date.
ITC & Website Programme.
National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day.
Children’s Services Supporting Information.
Social Media Coaching.
Project 5 (Women and girls empowering Project).
A step towards Independence Travel Training.

Better Health Better Live, Priority for the District.
Safe Guarding Reflection & going forward.
Politician in Planning.
Area Committee Chairs Co-Ordinating Group.
Community Building Grant District Wide Expression.
Fair Trade in Your Break.
Splendours of the Subcontinent.
K.Solidarity Day Bradford. Friends of Devonshire Park.
Health & wellbeing Bus (KAWC)
Serious Case Review.
Open Forum with Police./Community.
Had hoc meeting with Police on various issues/Concerns.
Drug Campaign Initiative, Launch.
CSE. Conference in Keighley.
CSE report launch/meeting with Officers from Bradford Council.
Campaign saves the North Street Surgery Keighley.
Day of action (Street Cleaning Initiative) in Central Ward.
Launch of CCTV.
Alzheimer's Society Project.
Award Ceremony Bradford.
Public Forum on CSE, Spot it, Report it, Stop it.
Fragile Project Keighley(Launch)