

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2016- 2017

Councillor: Cllr Ralph Berry
Ward: Wibsey
Party: Labour
Date Elected: 2 May 1991
Basic: £13463.16
Special Responsibility: £3,346.98
Other Allowances: N/A

Positions held in 2016 – 2017:

Health & Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Alt)
Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Bradford South Area Committee (Alt)

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.)

Bradford College Board of Governors
Court of the University of Bradford
Trustee of the Bridge Project

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

Provide effective casework and advocacy service to meet the growing needs of the ward arising from the changes to social security housing and health.

Address maintenance issues with Wibsey Park and work to renew the friends of Wibsey Park.

Develop working relationships with local 3rd sector partners to create capacity in Wibsey to defend and maintain local provision .

**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 focus on the impact of poor air quality and traffic pollution on the ward using the Environment Scrutiny focus with a focus on the impact on Mayo Avenue / Rooley Lane.

Work with Voluntary Organisations in the ward to secure closer work with members and to try and assist in new sources of support.

To challenge and secure better advice service for Wibsey following the recent changes.

Spend time with the local Youth Services to help develop support for local young people affected by the impact of recent housing and benefit changes.

To review and improve the response to anti-social behaviour and co ordination of local services tackling antisocial and threatening behaviour issues.

**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 to tackle local traffic risk issues in the ward, securing a refuge on Beacon Road, further improvements to address pressures on parking include the soon to open Fair Road car park.

Regular Surgeries at Wibsey Library continue to be very busy.

Actively supported the work on the Environment Scrutiny Committee. Challenging Executive and other agencies regarding growing issues of poor air quality and its growing impact on the health of residents .

Met and supported the work of local Voluntary Organisations working in Wibsey such as AFTOC, Home Start, Sandale Trust and OnTrak.

Successful Bankfoot Gala was delivered and working with the Wibsey Events Group the Wibsey Xmas Tree was secured for a second year running.

Action has been taken to improve the environment and engage with the communities in Denside and Bankfoot.

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).

I have attended a range of training session including

Safe guarding training and Autism and Blast Boys
CSE Training for boys.

I have attended an number of events relating to Drug Services and am I currently being trained and inducted into my role as a Governor of Bradford College, and a course on working with violent situations