

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2016- 2017

Councillor: Vanda Greenwood
Ward: Windhill & Wrose
Party: Labour
Date Elected: 5 May 2004
Basic: £13,463.16
Special Responsibility: £12,969.48
Other Allowances: N/A

Positions held in 2016 – 2017:

Health & Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Ch)
Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Alt)
Area Planning Keighley & Shipley (Alt)
Shipley Area Committee
Housing and Non Domestic Rates Appeals Panel

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

2

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

Wrose Carnival Committee
Wrose Community Centre Association
Weekly reading with children at Low Ash Primary, Wrose
Bolton Villas UTD Reformed Church HUB committee
St Anthony's Governors (no longer a member)
Neighbourhood Forums
Windhill/Bolton Woods Street Reps meetings
Windhill Scouts executive committee
Ward Officer meetings
Wrose Parish Council
Bolton Villas Residents Meeting
Wrose Action Group (no longer meets)
Windhill Community Centre AGMs
Member of local patient group

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

My priorities for the coming year very much mirror the last. My constituents are always my main priority and I will do my best to make sure that Windhill & Wrose gets the best deal possible, despite the massive cuts that we have seen to the Council's budget and we are facing even more over the next 2 years.

I am very honoured to have been re-elected as Chair of the Health & Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee, I feel that over the previous year the Committee has scrutinised services thoroughly and has built up really good relationships with both the Council's Public Health Department and our partners in the NHS including the CCG's.

My colleagues and myself will continue to make ourselves accessible to all our constituents and we will represent them in all areas of our responsibility, we will continue to hold regular monthly surgeries and adhoc surgeries in various venues throughout the ward. We will also continue to send out regular newsletters and door knocking sessions throughout the year. There are currently some big issues that have arisen in the ward relating to planning in the main, and we will ensure that we keep on top of these and continually monitor them to ensure that they do not have any adverse effects on the residents who live in the Ward.

We are working extremely closely with the local community centres who are struggling financially due to money being transferred from Windhill & Wrose to Baildon/Wharfedale. We will all do our best to ensure that both centres have a long future.

I am also an alternate member of the Shipley/Keighley Planning Committee so will be unable to represent any of my constituents with any planning issues.

**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)**

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Unfortunately we now only have one Community Centre left in the ward, Windhill Community Centre (NEWCA). This centre is extremely successful and is utilized most of the time which is great for the local community. However, since the folding of Bolton Woods Community Centre Councillors have been working closely with the previous committee to ensure that the future use of the building is made available for the local residents to use. This is an on-going issue

**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)**

I have increased the number of pieces of case work again this year, I have helped people with their housing problems, benefit issues, street lighting and fly tipping problems, clearing overgrown paths and sorted out many parking issues.

As a member of the Wrose Carnival Committee we have just had our third successful carnival which was bigger and better than previous years and we are hoping for this to continue.

As a long standing member of the Wrose Community association, we have just been through our third round of funding and have awarded money to local groups within the Wrose Area.

I have once again been reading at Low Ash Primary School with year 2's on a weekly basis.

As the Chair of the Health & Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee we have had a significant number of meetings throughout the year, scrutinising services such as West Yorkshire Ambulance Service, Adult Services and Social Care, 111 Service, Mental Health Services and many many more.

We have also set up a joint committee with childrens scrutiny to specifically look at Young People's mental Health, this committee has met on a number of occasions and has involved many young people who have suffered with mental health problems and they have had input in to how the service is run

As Chair of HOSC I am also a member of the West Yorkshire HOSC, this committee meets several times a year and involves all local authorities in West Yorkshire. Bradford hosted the previous meeting which was looking at Oral Health across West Yorkshire.

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).

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