

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2016- 2017

Councillor: Alex Ross-Shaw
Ward: Windhill & Wrose
Party: Labour
Date Elected: May 2012
Basic: £13,463.17
Special Responsibility: £24,265.60
Other Allowances: N/A

Positions held in 2016 – 2017:

Councillor for Windhill & Wrose
Executive Member for Regeneration, Planning & Transport
Shipley Area Committee (six months)
Grants Advisory Group
Airedale Partnership (Ch)
Keighley BID (Board member)
Canal Road Urban Village Limited (CRUVL) (Board member)

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

Four

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

Bolton Villas Residents Association
Wrose Action Group
Place Board
Producer City Board
WYCA Investment Committee
WYCA Transport Committee (non-voting attendee)
LEP Leeds City Region Planning Portfolio Holders Board

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

During the past year I wanted to ensure that I maintained a strong presence in Windhill & Wrose, continuing to serve residents to the best of my ability and making myself accessible.

There are a number of community initiatives that I continued to support and worked alongside to deliver for the community, particularly the Forest School initiative at Christchurch Academy.

I am also hoping to continue our work alongside the Parish Council in converting some unused land into allotments. Work on this has continued over the past year and we aim to be in a position to begin planting in 2017.

As the Council's Armed Forces Champion I hope to encourage private sector businesses to sign Corporate Covenants to show their support for our armed forces.

**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 the regeneration of Bradford city centre and our towns and communities across the district.

To secure better transport connectivity for Bradford

To continue development of our Local Plan

To work with Wrose Parish Council to deliver community allotments in Wrose.

To support residents in Windhill & Wrose with their aspirations and concerns.

**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)**

As a new member of the Executive I have spent a lot of time building relationships and raising Bradford's profile with the Government and key organisations to help us make the case for Bradford when key funding and infrastructure decisions are made.

We have also gone through a tough budget process where we have had to take very difficult decisions as we try to maintain good quality services throughout the district for all our residents.

A key part of my role as an Executive member is facilitating between key stakeholders to find ways of moving things forward for those involved. This year I have worked with the World Curry Festival, Transdev, Keighley Town Council and the Bradford District Senior Power group among others to help them achieve their goals.

As a ward Councillor I continue to hold surgeries and use social media to make myself accessible to constituents and take up their concerns whatever they may be. It continues to be a great privilege to help people in Windhill & Wrose on a wide variety of issues right across our community.

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).

Chartered Institute of Housing Conference 2017 (one day)

British Academy conference on Devolution

I attend regular briefings on all aspects of my portfolio including Asset and Estate Management, Regeneration, Housing, Planning and Transport