

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2016- 2017

Councillor:	Dale Smith
Ward:	Wharfedale
Party:	Conservative
Date Elected:	1974 – 1980; 1988 - current
Basic:	£13,463.16
Special Responsibility:	£11,296.10
Other Allowances:	N/A

Positions held in 2016 – 2017:

Council
Children's Overview and Scrutiny (Ch)
Standards Committee
Corporate Parenting Committee
Shipley Area Committee (Alt)

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

4 (out of 5?)

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

Not necessarily as a representative of CBMDC, but in some role of influence/management together with the respective sub-groups spun off:

Strategic Disability Partnership

School Governor:
Immanuel College
Lister PS, Menston PS
Canterbury Nursery School & Centre for Families and Children

Bradford College Corporation Member
Trustee Abbeyfield The Dales Ltd and Abbeyfield Ilkley Society Ltd and spin offs
Trustee Shipley Glen Tramway
Trustee Canterbury Imagination Library
Member of the Lord Mayor's Appeal Committee
Menston Parish Council as an elected member
Dragon Boat working party
Exceed Academies Trust - Trustee

Other functions:

Public Forum of Education

Civic functions

I also attend numerous local groups etc including Bradford Postcard Club
Shipley Conservative Association and spin offs.

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

Continue to build upon my priorities from my years on Council.

To champion the needs of Wharfedale Ward as well as the whole District; children and elderberries, especially those who are vulnerable.

To act as a “critical friend” to both “friend and foe (who I mostly respect as friendly)”

To link networks and minimise silos.

To endeavour to gain respect as Chairman of Children’s Overview and Scrutiny in so far as people recognise a job well and fairly done.

Similarly for my role as Co-chair of the Strategic Disability Partnership.

**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 build upon what I hope is a firm base, to champion Bradford District and to promote cohesion, respect and understanding across the District for its communities and people.

In this ever changing world promote opportunities for the villages of Menston and Burley whilst I endeavour to protect their best interests.

**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 remain privileged to have enjoyed a huge span of involvement in both the variety of work and places.

I have the satisfaction of knowing that at times I had made a difference for the better.

I am brought back to earth by the frustration of knowing that at times I had failed and that progress is all too slow.

It is best that my peers and the electorate judge me.

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).

Whilst they are too numerous to list, and everyday is a learning day, I have concentrated around:

Community engagement
Safeguarding
Prevent and Cohesion
Education, and Health and Wellbeing.

My diaries are available for inspection on request.