

## COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2017- 2018

<b>Councillor:</b>	Dale Smith
<b>Ward:</b>	Wharfedale
<b>Party:</b>	Conservative
<b>Date Elected:</b>	May 1974
<b>Basic:</b>	£13,463.16
<b>Special Responsibility:</b>	£12,969.60
<b>Other Allowances:</b>	N/A

### Positions held in 2017 – 2018:

Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Ch)  
Standards Committee  
ShIPLEY Area Committee (Alt)  
Corporate Parenting Panel

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

- Strategic Disability Partnership
- School Governor at: Immanuel College, Lister Primary, Menston Primary, Canterbury Nursery School and Centre for Families and Children
- Bradford College Corporation Member (Until end December 2017)
- Abbeyfield The Dales Ltd and Abbeyfield Ilkley Society Ltd and spin offs (Trustee)
- Shipley Glen Tramway (Trustee)
- Canterbury Imagination Tramway (Trustee)
- Kirklands (Menston) Trust (Trustee) (from mid 2017)
- 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 2017 to April 2018)**

- 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.
- Continue to build upon my priorities and experience 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 Services Overview & Scrutiny so far as people recognise a job well and fairly done.
- Similarly for my role as Co-Chair of the Strategic Disability Partnership.
- I leave it to my electorate and peers to judge any success (and failures).

**My priorities for the coming year (May 2018 to April 2019) are:**

**(Please list or describe your priorities or targets as a Councillor for the coming year)**

- To continue in my endeavours to give service and make a positive difference to the lives of us all.

**What I have achieved in the past year (May 2017 to May 2018)**

**(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 the progress is all too slow.

**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).**

- Every day is a learning day, and I am disappointed if I do not learn something new each day.
- I have concentrated around Community engagement, Safeguarding, Prevent and Cohesion, Education, and Health and Wellbeing and I hope to expand my very simple IT skills.
- My diaries are available for inspection on request.