

## COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2017- 2018

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| <b>Councillor:</b>             | Cath Bacon    |
| <b>Ward:</b>                   | Keighley West |
| <b>Party:</b>                  | Labour        |
| <b>Date Elected:</b>           | May 2015      |
| <b>Basic:</b>                  | £13,463.16    |
| <b>Special Responsibility:</b> | £2,964.48     |
| <b>Other Allowances:</b>       | N/A           |

### **Positions held in 2017 – 2018:**

Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
Keighley Area Committee  
Area Planning Committee (Keighley and Shipley) (Alt)  
Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Alt)  
Education Appeals Panel

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

Anti Poverty Champion for the Bradford District  
Bradford District Credit Union (Board member)  
Manningham Housing Association (Board member)

### **My priorities for the past year were (May 2017 to April 2018)**

- To keep up the pressure on road safety by helping with the Safer Roads initiative. I supported this through a speech to Council and by taking part in both community led speed watches and Operation Steerside.
- I left the Planning Committee because I felt so passionately about a green belt protection matter in my ward (Goose Cote Lane) that I spoke out against its development prior to a planning application being determined. This meant that I could then organise a community led campaign and as I am no longer on the panel, I can actively lobby for or against planning applications in my ward.

**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)**

- I will continue to represent the community in relation to planning applications whether that is in support or opposition, dependent upon the circumstances. Our green belt should be defended for the future generations and to help slow down the effects of climate change on our planet.
- I will also continue to work towards safer roads in my ward, with more speed watches, safety initiatives and working with the police in respect of Operation Steerside.
- As Anti Poverty Champion I stand for the unheard voices of the vulnerable in our society, those who are disadvantaged by the effects of poverty whether that is poor housing standards, a lower standard of education, food and fuel poverty and access to the job market. As a disabled councillor I will also keep helping those who find themselves having to appeal unfair PIP and/or DLA decisions at tribunal and problems with the DWP.

**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 represented residents in two successful community campaigns (Goose Cote Lane and Tinker Bridge), I helped influence the policy around Discretionary Housing Payments to the most vulnerable and disabled in the District. I've liaised closely with police, mental health services and housing providers regarding anti social behaviour issues, vulnerable tenants and area clean ups.

**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).**

- Evolve
- Protecting Information