

## COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2017- 2018

<b>Councillor:</b>	Susan Hinchcliffe
<b>Ward:</b>	Windhill & Wrose
<b>Party:</b>	Labour
<b>Date Elected:</b>	May 2011
<b>Basic:</b>	£13,463.16
<b>Special Responsibility:</b>	£37,056.36
<b>Other Allowances:</b>	N/A

### Positions held in 2017 – 2018:

Leader of Council & Corporate (Portfolio Holder)

Staffing Committee (Ch)

Bradford & Airedale Health & Wellbeing Board (Ch)

Chief Officer Disciplinary Committee

Shipley Area Committee (Alt)

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

- Community Coffee mornings
- Consultation events etc.
- Neighbourhood Forums

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

- Work with fellow regional Leaders to secure a deal for Growth funding from Government to the region.
- To secure better transport connectivity for Bradford.
- To accelerate improvement in Education outcomes for Bradford children.
- To enable as many services in my ward and across Bradford to keep operating in spite of Government cuts
- To support my community to prosper and feel happy about where they live.

**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)**

- Transport remains a big priority, the challenge to get Bradford better connected by rail to other major northern cities will be a constant campaign until the infrastructure is built. Connectivity also includes better digital connectivity as well given our status as youngest city in the UK.
- Improving levels of attainment in Education at GCSE and A level is an obsession. Whilst we have improved markedly on Progress 8, our attainment levels still need to improve.
- This year I want us to attract more cultural investment into the district. Getting 65% more Arts Council investment into our Bradford organisations was great but we need more!
- Devolution remains a goal and a means of getting more funding and powers into the region to support inclusive economic growth.
- In my own ward all the above apply but in particular I would like to work with the police to reduce crime. And continue to serve my constituents with individual queries that they have. They deserve the best.

**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)**

- A considerable achievement in the last year has been 18 local authority leaders from across Yorkshire coming together to pitch for a One Yorkshire devolution deal. This is a cross party agreement. A devolution deal draft was submitted to Government for negotiation. Disappointingly Government have refused to negotiate until Sheffield City Region devolution is over the line. We continue to campaign and are willing to talk to Government at the soonest opportunity.
- I was delighted this year to see that Transport for the North put Bradford as a stop on Northern Powerhouse Rail. This was the result of a huge amount of campaigning and conversations with Government and other city leaders. For too long Bradford has been at the end of the line. This has to change so that our young people can access jobs and opportunity.
- In Education Bradford was the fourth most improved Education system in the UK last year on Progress 8 scores. This is brilliant and evidence of the selfless work of our outstanding school leaders across the district. There is still much more to do though, attainment needs to accelerate.

- In my ward, like in every other ward, we have been affected by the cuts, however events like the Wrose Carnival continue to demonstrate that there is a strong community feeling in the ward. I am a member of the organising committee and work alongside other volunteers who, more than me, contribute their skills, energy and time to put on a really professional event which everyone enjoys.

**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).**

- Child Sexual Exploitation awareness training
- LGA Conference