

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2017- 2018

Councillor:	Alex Ross-Shaw
Ward:	Windhill & Wrose
Party:	Labour
Date Elected:	May 2012
Basic:	£13,463.16
Special Responsibility:	£25,939.08
Other Allowances:	N/A

Positions held in 2017 – 2018:

Executive Member for Regeneration, Planning & Transport

Shipley Area Committee (Alt)

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

- Airedale Partnership (Ch)
- Bolton Villas Residents Association
- Bradford BID (Shadow Board member)
- Canal Road Urban Village Limited (CRUVL) (Board member)
- Grants Advisory Group
- Keighley BID (Board member)
- LEP Leeds City Region Planning Portfolio Holders Board
- Neighbourhood Forums, Community Coffee mornings, Consultation events etc.
- WYCA Investment Committee
- WYCA Transport Committee (non-voting attendee)

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

- Continue the regeneration of Bradford city centre and our towns and communities across the district.
- To secure better transport connectivity for Bradford.
- Continue development of our Local Plan.
- Work with Wrose Parish Council to deliver community allotments in Wrose.
- To support residents in Windhill & Wrose with their aspirations and concerns.

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)

- My priorities for the coming year in many respects continue the priorities I set last year, and which will continue as long as I remain in post as an Executive Member or Councillor for Windhill & Wrose.
- Now we have launched our Economic Strategy, my priority is to deliver on the targets of stronger economic growth and thousands of new jobs created across the district.
- Now Bradford is 'on the map' for Northern Powerhouse Rail my priority is to secure a city centre station for Bradford when the final version of Transport for the North's Strategic Transport Plan is published toward the end of the year. I am also pushing hard for the Skipton-Colne railway line to re-open, which will have huge benefits for the Airedale Corridor, including Shipley and Windhill & Wrose but particularly for Keighley.
- With a number of key regeneration projects taking place across the district it is important these are kept on track for the delivery times and it is a priority for me that the Council can deliver these key projects.
- In Windhill & Wrose my priority is to continue responding to constituents concerns and casework and to work with them and the community groups in the ward to deliver their aspirations and ambitions for themselves and their communities.

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)

- In the past year we have launched our Economic Strategy, Pioneering, Confident & Connected, which sets out our economic vision for Bradford district over the next 10-15 years. It targets growth of £4bn to our economy, the creation of an extra 20,000 jobs and 48,000 people trained to NVQ level three or above. The strategy highlights the many strengths of our economy and the opportunities we have to grow, in areas from advanced manufacturing, to digital and even filming as the world's first UNESCO City of Film.
- Two major projects that will help deliver the strategy have progressed this year – the former Odeon building secured £4m in funding from the government after a strong campaign that saw support from the Civic Society as well as all our neighbouring authorities in West Yorkshire including Leeds. The project has now secured nearly all the required funding and is on track to open as the biggest mid-sized entertainment venue in the UK outside of London.
- Our city centre markets project has also progressed strongly and we are now in the design stages for the markets having recently released an artist's impression of how the new food market on Darley Street could look, which has received strong support from the public online.

- Our transport priorities are being recognised nationally and this year Bradford was formally included on the draft plan for Northern Powerhouse Rail for the first time. Work now continues by Transport for the North on the final plan and we continue to make the case for a city centre station to maximise the benefits to the whole of the north of England from Northern Powerhouse Rail. Funding has also been secured to investigate the feasibility of re-opening the Skipton-Colne railway line, of which we have been long-standing supporters.
- In Windhill & Wrose I have continued to represent constituent's concerns and have worked with them to address any issues they have had in the community. Work on the Wrose Allotments has continued and the Parish Council are now ready to take over the land from the Council. We have also secured support from InCommunities for their part of the land, meaning we can now proceed with the best possible scheme to benefit Wrose.

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 2018 (one day)
- Child Sexual Exploitation awareness training
- Dementia Friendly training
- I attend regular briefings on all aspects of my portfolio including Asset and Estate Management, Regeneration, Housing, Planning and Transport
- REVO retail conference 2017