

## COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2017- 2018

<b>Councillor:</b>	Zafar Ali
<b>Ward:</b>	Keighley Central
<b>Party:</b>	Conservative
<b>Date Elected:</b>	May 2015
<b>Basic:</b>	£13,463.16
<b>Special Responsibility:</b>	£12,969.60
<b>Other Allowances:</b>	N/A

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

Keighley Area Committee (Ch)  
Miscellaneous Licenses Panel (Alt)

Education Appeals Panel  
Hackney Carriages & Private Hire Panel  
Housing & Domestic Rates Appeals Panel  
Social Services Appeals Panel

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

- Open Forums
- interfaith..Forum (EDL)
- Police community

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

- Councillors Surgeries within 4 districts of Keighley Central Ward.
- Parents and Community Forums.
- Central Ward and KTCSDG.
- Keighley Area Partnership.
- Traffic Issues, Highways, Parking issues in Keighley Central Ward.
- C.L.L.D.
- Shared Church Forum.
- Meeting with Council Officers on a variety of issues/appraising concerns of constituents of Keighley Central Ward.
- Unforeseen work. (This is unpredictable)

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

- To represent the residents of Keighley Central Ward to the best of my ability and professionally, ensuring their legitimate concerns are appraised to the relevant department of Bradford Council.
- To continue to hold regularly surgeries in Utleigh, Town Hall, Highfield Knowle Park Area.
- To continue to liaise with the Police, Traffic Wardens, and the Community Warden.
- Working with the relevant agencies for the elimination of Drug and Anti-Social behaviour.
- Highlight concerns of the community and to promote these at all levels (whenever opportunity is available).
- Work with the Youth Centre and Community Centres.
- To work with Highways re (Gullies and gutters).
- To ensure to resolve issues/concerns in the community and report to the appropriate authorities ie:- Council, Police etc etc.
- Appraise the need of CCTV.
- To work and oversee with the new Traffic project "Hard Ing by pass".
- To work with ward colleagues and support the new community Cemetery at Tarn Keighley. Whilst negotiating the best deal for Utleigh Cemetery
- To work with KIVCA and KAWACC and other agencies in both Keighley and Bradford on preventative work with women and girls and safe guarding.
- Continue to attend training session as and when they are available, and to attend conferences and seminars, in order to enhance my knowledge and skill.

**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)**

- As I have the honour of being the Lord Mayor of Bradford for 2018/2019 hence I will endeavour to continue my work with my colleagues in Keighley Central Ward.
- To continue to represent the residents of my ward to the best of my ability and professionally.

- To meet with the Police and to have regular contact and give support to the Police in the building of the Keighley Police Station, preferably in the town centre. (The Community do wish the Police Station to be situated in the Town centre as an independent building).
- To attend forums if and when they are held in Keighley Central Ward.
- To support the Friends of Devonshire Park Keighley, Lund Park, and Shared Church/Church Green-Multi-agency working group and to continue to raise anti-social behaviour in the Devonshire Park as well as Cliffe Castle park with the appropriate agency and local residents in the vicinity of the parks.
- To continue to maintain close contact/links with residents in Keighley Central Ward through meetings, forums and via surgeries and meeting residents individually and working with Community centres in Keighley Central ward.
- To participate locally in seminars/conferences and other volunteer organisations.
- To deal with unforeseen work. And this is unpredictable.

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

**(Please list or describe some of your activities as a Councillor and what you see as your key achievements)**

- Despite the cuts and less resources available many services which directly affect the life of the constituents I have worked hard to maintain and fight for the resources for the constituents of central ward.
- I will continue along with my Ward colleagues to have the best interest of the residents in Keighley Central Ward.
- I have represented constituents on Hackney Carriages Appeals Panel, and made representation at the Hackney Office, Bradford. I have held meetings with officials from Bradford Council together with complainants to resolve the dispute.
- Raised anti-social behaviour in the Keighley Central Ward with the Police and relevant agencies.
- Held numerous meetings with Keighley Police and Warden Officers along with my ward Councillors and co-operating on issues with drugs, traffic, and parking. And peace efforts where it was possible, ensuring Councillors are not Police Officer. Hence appraising the need of the community for prompt action/response.
- North Street Surgery. This was under threat of closure which would have serious effects upon patients as well as on staff, and maintain a close link with Local MPs office for the support, the threat of closure ceased due to sheer pressures from my ward Councillors and the co-operation from the community and volunteers. The issue and threat was gone for at least a few years. But the need of a new building is still going on.

- I have dealt with a wide range of case work ranging from foot paths, potholes, resurfacing, pavements, planning issues, traffic, parking, fly tipping, domestic bins, trees, blocked gullies and gritting roads/streets in Winter time. Residents parking only and more park space for residents, successfully accomplished. Working together with my ward Councillors we had a successful discussion and positive outcome improving service at Utley Cemetery.
- Arranged Initiatives Clean day and day of action (Cleaning Gullies/Gutters, Litter Picking, Roads/Streets Sweeper.
- Surgeries at Showfield, Lawkholm ,Beechcliffe, Utley, Highfield, Knowle Park. Town centre.
- Fly tipping is a big problem in the Keighley Central Ward and my colleagues and Ward Officer are working appraising the residents of its consequences, the work is to continue to minimise this issue. Visited numerous residents explaining the law around fly tipping.
- Arranged a Street Walk with MP's Staff, Ward Officer, CSOs, Councillors, and Volunteers, Officer from Crime Buster (How to report the incidence in complete confidence) and local residents to appraise and co-operation for elimination of the drug plight in the area.
- Distributing leaflets and speaking to individuals on the harmful effects of the misuse of the substance on the family and in the community. Ensuring Councillors are not Police Officers but working together with the Community/Volunteers and like minded people who care about the community and area where they live. We had a good response to some extent but the work continues.

**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).**

- Supplementary Schools Presentation
- Keeping Children Safe in School.
- Introducing Planning.
- Anti-Social Meeting. Appeal Training.
- Get to-gether Lund Park.
- Improving Education Attainment.
- Emergency Planning role for members.
- Social Service.
- Real Safeguarding Stories.
- Member's engagement session.
- General Data Protection Regulation.
- Digital Marketing Event.
- Bradford Alliance Programme.
- Friends of Keighley Devonshire Park.

- Drop in session for members.
- Improving Literacy across the District.
- Public consultation of Education.
- Special Education need/Disability.
- White Ribbon (Violence against Women).
- Prevent Engagement event.
- Community Lead Support.
- Dementia Garden Initiative.
- Developing Effectiveness Members.
- C.L.Training.
- Dementia Friendly Service.
- Public Forums on Education.
- Safer Key to Safer Communities.
- Protecting Older/Vulnerable people from Scum.
- Working with Migration.
- Celebrating what works well in transition school.
- SENDS CUTS.
- Scams Programme.
- Safe Guarding Children.
- Briefing for elected members.
- OBON.
- Launch of Anti-Drug campaign /Crime Buster.
- Launch of Hate Crime.
- Konnekts.
- Councillors Convention.
- Financial abuse on door step crime.
- Business Rate Value presentation.
- Education Covenant.
- Data Protection up date.
- Real Safe Guarding Stories unveiled.
- Interfaith Gathering.
- Gum Campaign.
- Peace stands. (One Minute Silence) Centopath Keighley.
- Standing as one community.
- Multifaith meetings.
- Multicura I Event Bradford City Hall.
- CSE. Work.
- Keighley path way.
- Patients Participation Group.
- Meet your neighbour Highfield.
- Bronze D of E Award.
- Highways drop in session
- Supplementary School Conference.
- Consultation plans for supporting Children with SEND.