

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2017- 2018

Councillor:	Mike Pollard
Ward:	Baildon
Party:	Conservative
Date Elected:	May 2015
Basic:	£13,463.16
Special Responsibility:	N/A
Other Allowances:	£3521.04 (Fire Authority)

Positions held in 2017 – 2018:

Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (DCh)
Governance & Audit Committee
Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Alt)
ShIPLEY Area Committee (Alt)
Area Planning Panel (Keighley & Shipley) (Alt)
Corporate Parenting Panel (Alt)
Hackney Carriages & Private Hire Appeals Panel
Housing & Domestic Rates Appeal Panel
Social Services Appeals Panel

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

- Baildon in Bloom (Treasurer)
- Titus Salt School (Governor)
- High Craggs Academy (Governor)
- Schools Forum (Observer as Deputy Chair of Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee)
- Member of West Yorkshire Fire Authority
- Member of West Yorkshire Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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

- Continue to support the residual education function of Bradford Council through my role as a school Governor at a maintained school and to have an active insight and involvement in matters relating to governance issues consequent upon failure of a Multi Academy Trust, involving contact, via MP, with DfE plus contact with local/national media outlets.

- As appointed Deputy Chair of Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee, I sought to ensure that the Committee continues to carry out its duties effectively.
- To be readily available to residents of Baildon Ward and to address promptly concerns they raise.
- To represent effectively the residents of Baildon Ward regardless of their political viewpoint.
- To assist two important local sports clubs in navigating their way to appropriate lease/licence renewals with CBMDC.

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 to support education in Bradford through my roles as a school Governor in both the maintained and academy sectors.
- As appointed Deputy Chair of Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee, I will seek to ensure that the Committee continues to carry out its duties effectively and with the Chair will continue my involvement in Work Programme planning.
- To be readily available to residents of Baildon Ward and to address promptly concerns they raise.
- To represent effectively the residents of Baildon Ward regardless of their political viewpoint.
- To continue to be involved in planning matters as they relate to Baildon Ward, in the context of dealing with the wider implications of the Council's 'Core Strategy' (and any amendments thereto that may arise from recent Government advice) for housing in the District. To continue to address Planning Panels on behalf of residents where appropriate.
- As a members of the Council's Governance and Audit Committee I will continue to robustly challenge, as a 'critical friend' all relevant aspects of the Governance financial functions of the Council.

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)

- Helped Baildon Ward residents with a variety of local and/or personal concerns, including liaising with, and facilitating assistance from, an assortment of outside bodies on a multi-agency basis.
- Continued to work as an active member of the voluntary Baildon in Bloom Group.

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).

- Acted a 'mentor' at "Scrutiny Induction Event" for newly elected Councillors.
- Via school governance role, I attended training for "Keeping children safe in education: leading and managing safeguarding for Governors"
- Attended refresher update training for Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Panel.