

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2017- 2018

Councillor:	Richard Dunbar
Ward:	Thornton & Allerton
Party:	Labour
Date Elected:	May 2014
Basic:	£13,463.16
Special Responsibility:	£11,116.92
Other Allowances:	N/A

Positions held in 2017 – 2018:

Bradford West Area Committee
Employee Appeals Panel
Housing & Non Domestic Rates Appeals Panel
Miscellaneous Licences Panel

Education, Employment & Skills (Executive Assistant)

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

- Bradford Metropolitan Food bank
- Bradford Pride Committee
- Council Executive
- Hollyns Health and Well-being Centre Allerton
- Sandy Lane Parish Council
- South Square Centre Committee
- Thornton Community Centre meetings
- Thornton Community Partnership
- Thornton in Bloom
- Thornton Library Steering group
- Thornton Medical Centre PPG
- Ward Officer Meetings - local neighbourhood issues and community safety concerns highlighted

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

- To work with tenants, residents, landlords and other relevant partners to improve the living conditions in the area.
- To make Community Safety a priority, including tackling road safety and traffic congestion.
- To work with Health Services, tenants and residents to support the development of the voice and influence of patients and the provision of relevant information of the health services available.
- To work with older people to raise their issues and support the development of an older people's partnership to give them a greater voice and to look at ways to tackle social isolation.
- To support the development of opportunities for children and young people in their leisure time, education and moving into employment.
- To work with tenants, residents, local businesses and partners to develop a cleaner, greener and more sustainable area.
- To be accessible holding regular surgeries and door to door sessions in all areas of the ward.
- To support the improvement in Educational outcomes locally.
- To work with other agencies support the Safeguarding needs of our constituents.
- To ensure the voice and influence of constituents in consultation processes.

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 work with tenants, residents, landlords and other relevant partners to improve the living conditions of constituents in the ward area.
- To continue make Community Safety a priority, including tackling road safety and traffic congestion.
- To continue work with tenants and residents to support the development of the voice and influence of patients and the provision of relevant information of the health services available.
- To continue work with older people to raise their issues and support the development of an older people's partnership to give them a greater voice and to look at ways to tackle social isolation.
- To continue support the development of opportunities for children and young people in their leisure time, education and moving into employment.
- To continue to work with tenants, residents, local businesses and partners to develop a cleaner, greener and more sustainable area.
- To continue to be accessible holding regular surgeries and door to door sessions in all areas of the ward.

- To continue to support the improvement in Educational outcomes locally.
- To continue to work with other agencies support the Safeguarding needs of our constituents.
- To continue to ensure the voice and influence of constituents in consultation processes
- To continue to work with Health Services and constituents to improve the delivery of services
- To continue to support and empower local groups to deliver community enhancement

**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)**

- Worked with a number of local schools to support the development of educational outcomes in our Ward.
- Worked with L.A. and other agencies to begin to look at how we address the needs of older people within our communities including support in their home, finding alternative accommodation, dealing with difficult landlords and complex/retirement village owners.
- Worked with local people to support the continuation of Thornton Library.
- Supported the work and development of Sappgate Gardens community group.
- Supported the continuation of South Square and their Community Asset Transfer
- Supported the work of local groups, Christmas and School Fairs, Christmas parties, Thornton in Bloom, Food Bank collections and distribution. Job clubs, Older People's luncheon groups, Art centre open nights, .
- Worked with L.A. partners and agencies to develop responses to issues impacting on the environment across the Ward e.g. litter, fly tipping, tree preservation, conservation, cleaning of play areas and graffiti removal, clearing and cutting back on overgrown footpaths across the area, etc.
- Worked with the L.A. and partners to develop responses to road safety issues across the Ward e.g. speed humps, renewing road markings, safety barriers, speeding slow down signs, school parking and safety issues, bollards, speed and traffic surveys, etc.
- Worked with the Police and L.A. to develop responses to Drugs, Break-ins, Car Crime, Quad Biking, Animal thefts, Anti-social behaviour, Dangerous driving and speeding etc.
- Worked with animal protection agencies to support residents animal concerns.
- Worked with housing providers to support tenants issues, to improve the housing conditions for individuals, e.g. rehousing, improvements to communication, pathways, repairs and refurbishments.
- Worked with health services to represent the views of patients and improve their services for patients e.g. met with local medical centre re patient participation, attendance at medical centre consultation events.
- Worked with Social care on a number of safeguarding issues.
- Worked with local businesses to resolve issues arising from their services within the communities e.g. litter and parking.
- Represented constituents on a wide variety of issues e.g. Accessing services, housing enquiries,
- Represented constituents with school appeals.

- Engaged with School Councils to improve their voice and influence.
- Increased accessibility by holding building based and street surgeries across the Ward and by attending community events across the Ward.
- Supporting the continued delivery of work with children and young people across the area and supporting the sourcing of funding for work with children and young people.
- Worked with council officers to ensure the quality and maintenance of play areas within the ward and refurbishment of Greenwood Park.
- Worked with groups across the Ward with funding where possible, e.g. Cafe West, Scouts, Older People's Keep Fit , Great get together events etc.
- Worked with the Sandy Lane Primary school and LA departments to develop a community library in Sandy Lane.
- Worked with a variety of individuals to begin to develop provision in Allerton e.g. community magazine/ directory, opportunities to access food in school holidays, Drive the development of fixed play provision for children and young people in the area.
- Continue to support the ongoing work and events of businesses and organisations across the ward e.g. Poppy Day, Nige Moore Memorial Race, McMillan Cake Sales, Market Street, Street market.
- Taking a lead role in the development of a new problem gambling strategy and in the campaign to reduce the stakes on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals
- As the Council's LGBT+ Champion I have led on events including Bradford Pride, LGBT+ History Month and explored how we become more LGBT+ friendly as an organisation
- Took a lead role politically in advocating and campaigning for members of the Windrush generation in Bradford.
- Helped the lead the campaign for improved youth services locally, regionally and nationally.
- Worked with the Portfolio Holder and ensuring the delivery of the council equality objectives.

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 training
- Planning training
- Welfare Benefit training
- Safeguarding up date training
- Child protection training
- Housing briefings/training
- Education forums
- Asset management briefing
- Scrutiny training
- Education briefings
- Presentation skills
- Social Care briefings
- School Appeals Training
- Signs of Safety Training
- Local Plan Drop In Session

- SEND training
- LAC training
- Prevent training
- Business Rates, valuations and new appeals training
- Problem Gambling Master class