

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2017- 2018

Councillor:	Fozia Shaheen
Ward:	Toller
Party:	Labour
Date Elected:	May 2015
Basic:	£13,463.16
Special Responsibility:	£11,116.92
Other Allowances:	£1,350.00 (West Yorkshire Combined Authority)

Positions held in 2017 – 2018:

Executive Assistant- To Education, Skills & Employment

Bradford West Area Committee
Corporate Parenting Panel
Employee Appeals Panel
Social Services Appeal Panel
Children's Service Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Corporate Overview & Scrutiny (Alt)
Area Planning Panel (Keighley & Shipley) (Alt)

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

- Welfare benefits advice campaigns in the local ward.
- Meetings around closures of children's centres
- Meetings with Well North to support them to deliver resources for the constituents of Toller/
- Girlington which will help their health & well-being.
- Meetings to support refugee groups access relevant services.
- Meeting Max Hill QC, Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation. Community Roundtables; 'Assessing the Impact of the Implementation and Operation of Counter Terrorism Legislation within British Muslim Communities.'
- Facilitating and hosted a number of community consultations for the region involving partner BAME organisations in reflecting their concerns regarding working with the Crown Prosecution Service.

- Actively worked with Khidmat Centre and Bradford Hate Crime Alliance to make an input into Bradford Councils Strategy on Hate Crime.
- Celebrations Events within the ward to support local projects and organisations.
- Ward Meetings.
- Road Safety meetings to help and support members of the Road Safety team to engage actively with the community.
- Consultation meetings in the ward to discuss youth work and facilities for youth provision for example bonfires/safety and anti-social behaviour.
- Meetings with youth services, local businesses, West Yorkshire Police, Faith organisations, West Yorkshire fire services and local community organisations.
- Meetings with council officers and portfolio holders regarding domestic waste/ recycling within the ward and how we can encourage more recycling.
- Council Executive meetings.
- Joint Leadership Team Meetings.
- Ward Officer Team Meetings- Local neighbourhood issues and community safety concerns discussed.

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

- To support the improvement of education outcomes locally, and also identify areas of work within the education system.
- To ensure the voice of constituents is heard and lobbied in consultation processes or from round table discussions for example cuts to advice services, youth services and children services. I was an advocate for my constituents in area committees and ward meetings.
- To be approachable and accessible to my constituents by holding regular surgeries and attending regular ward meetings.
- To work with residents, private tenants, social housing tenants, schools, faith organisations, community organisation and local businesses and partners to develop a cleaner, greener, safer sustainable area for residents.
- To work with community organisation who support older people in supporting their development by enabling older people have a voice and to identify activities that will help and support tackle social isolation.

- Work with partner organisations in making road safety a priority, as well as tackling road safety, work with residents and the highways department to tackle traffic calming measures within the ward.
- To work closely with community organisations, Well North and health services to influence of patients and the provision of relevant information of the health services available within the ward.

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 the improvement of education outcomes locally, and also identify areas of work within the education system.
- To continue to ensure the voice of my constituents is heard and lobbied in consultation processes or from round table discussions for example cuts to advice services, youth services and children services, and any other relevant matter.
- To continue to be approachable and accessible to my constituents by holding regular surgeries throughout the ward, having open consultation days and also attending regular ward meetings.
- To continue to work with residents, private tenants, social housing tenants, schools, faith organisations, community organisation and local businesses and partners to develop a cleaner, greener, safer sustainable area for residents.
- To continue to work with community organisation who support older people in supporting their development by enabling older people have a voice and to identify activities that will help and support tackle social isolation.
- To continue to work with partner organisations in making road safety a priority, also work with residents and the highways department to tackle traffic calming measures within the ward.
- To continue to work closely with community organisations, Well North and health services to influence of patients and the provision of relevant information of the health services available within the ward.
- To continue to deliver regular services for residents for example support around schooling/ appeals, support with housing, support with form filing e.g. benefits, application forms, housing online forms, passport forms and planning applications.
- To continue to work with relevant partners and residents to improve the living conditions in the area.
- To continue working with relevant partner organisation's such as youth services, West Yorkshire Police and community organisation to tackle anti-social behaviour.

- To continue to work with council officers, local businesses and Toller ward officer to ensure we have regular street cleansing such as gully cleaning, street cleaning, litter picks etc.

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)

- Integration of refugees' communities in my constituency which meant working closely with refugee's families in organising community events helped to highlight their plight but also helped refugees families to better network with local communities.
- Being involved in encouraging local residents to grow their own food whilst beautifying and improving the local environment e.g. better use of local allotments.
- Help support the work of Well Bradford in their campaign to help Yorkshire and England to become sustainable in healthy locally grown food.
- I have also supported the 'Bike Right' campaign which is to support local people to cycle.
- As a Mental Health Champion I have supported local organisations to come together to try to overcome the taboo and stigma around mental health, this has been done through attending mental health events, speaking at groups by sharing what support is available for people.
- I continue to support and be involved in a campaign to save the Welfare Benefit Advice provision at the local Girlington Advice Centre. Due to the financial austerity measures, that Bradford Council was forced into the position to cut substantial resources for the district wide benefit advice provision which supported people on benefits, low income and trapped in poverty, particularly, new arrivals and those caught in the vicious cycle of immigration law and rules, for example, refugee communities and political asylum, seekers.
- As a Mental Health Champion I have been key in attending meetings and visiting community organisations to discuss mental health and the barriers individuals face when accessing services.
- I have helped and supported Community members around the district by supporting the Wind Rush celebrations.
- I have worked with local community organisations to encourage them to apply for funding through the Well- North project.
- Worked with the ward officer and cleansing team to ensure we could have regular clean up's in the ward and a fair share of the facilities throughout the district.
- Supported local residents with their housing needs.

- Supported local residents with school/ admission issues.
- Worked with the ward officer, local residents and the highways team in regards to road safety around schools in the ward. This involved open community consultation with ward members, schools, Hospital staff, Faith organisations and other professionals.
- I was successful in campaigning for resident permits, and know this area is patrolled on a daily basis.
- I have been instrumental in supporting residents by working with the Local Authority and partners to develop responses to issues impacting on the environment across the ward e.g. litter, fly tipping, tree preservation, cleaning of the entire ward, (litter picks, street sweepers), cleaning and cutting back overgrown hedges at allotments and footpaths across the area.
- Worked with the local authority and local partners to obtain responses to road safety issues across the Ward e.g. speed humps, renewing road markings, safety barriers, visual speed signs, school parking and safety issues.
- Meetings organised by Forward Thinking with Max Hill QC, Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation. Community Roundtables; 'Assessing the Impact of the Implementation and Operation of Counter Terrorism Legislation within British Muslim Communities.'
- Actively worked with The Khidmat Centre and Bradford Hate Crime Alliance to make an input into Bradford Councils Strategy on Hate Crime.
- Made a platform where I could share the knowledge of young people with mental health and support them with sustaining services.
- Supported the HonourHer Campaign.
- Supporting Diversity Cohesion by attending the Srebrenica memorial event at City Hall.
- Worked with the Local organisations over the Christmas period by helping organise a Christmas dinner for the homeless people.

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).

- BME event encouraging youth in BME
- Briefing regarding Hate Crime
- Briefing with Born In Bradford
- CSE forgotten boys training
- CSE Training- Council & PACE & BLAST

- Dementia Awareness event
- Early Years briefing with Better Start Bradford
- Facilitating and hosted a number of community consultations from the region involving partner BAME organisations in reflecting their concerns regarding working with Crown Prosecution Service
- Holocaust Memorial Day
- HonourHer Campaign.
- Prevent Training
- Signs of Safety Training
- Supporting Diversity Cohesion by attending the Srebrenica memorial event at City Hall