

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2019- 2020

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 2019 – 2020:

- Executive Member for Regeneration, Planning & Transport
- Shipley Area Committee (Alt)
- WYCA Panel Member for:
 - Investment Committee
 - Inclusive Growth Panel
 - Place Panel
 - Business, Innovation and Growth Panel
 - Business Investment Panel
- Board Member for:
 - Bradford BID
 - Keighley BID
 - Ilkley BID
- Airedale Partnership (Chair)
- Canal Road Urban Village Limited (CRUVL) (Board member)

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

- WYCA Transport Committee
- Neighbourhood Forums, Community Coffee mornings, Consultation events etc.
- Bolton Villas Residents Association (Chair)
- Wrose Parish Council (Chair)
- Wrose Carnival organising committee
- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Outbreak Control Board
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My priorities for the past year (May 2019 to April 2020) were:

- I continued to focus on key priorities both within Windhill & Wrose and for the district as a whole.
- We continued our emphasis on road safety and encouraging active travel with the expanded roll-out of our 20mph zones in urban centres and around schools. We also focused on air quality and encouraging no idling across the district, particularly around schools.
- Regeneration and transport continue to be key themes for Bradford district and I sought to ensure continued progress on major projects such as Bradford Live and the markets in the city centre, the £1m Healthy Streets project in Shipley and supporting the work of the Business Improvement Districts in Bradford, Ilkley and Keighley.
- In Windhill & Wrose I continued to support the development of the Parish Council after taking the Chair recently. This empowered other parish councillors to take over the running of the council and drive forward an agenda that meets the ambition of themselves and their constituents.
- I also continued to push for further improvements to our green and open spaces, looking at the potential for tree planting, orchards and meadow planting.

My priorities for the coming year (May 2020 to April 2021) are:

(Please list or describe your priorities or targets as a Councillor for the coming year)

- Our covid response continues to be our overwhelming priority for this year. Further tranches of Emergency Active Travel funding have been secured delivering more semi-permanent changes across the district that support active travel and social distancing, including pop-up cycle lanes, pavement extensions and ten school streets pilots. As more lockdown funding is announced by government our business support teams will work round the clock to distribute this as quickly and fairly as possible within the criteria set by national government.
- Covid recovery will be a huge task for Bradford district, and therefore ensuring our key growth projects are in a strong position to be delivered will be vital. Hard Ings road improvements in Keighley will be completed. The Shipley and Keighley Towns Funds will be key projects for delivery during this period, to secure up to £25m for each town area for investing and delivering growth in these areas.
- Locally the work of the Parish Council and District Councillor continues and residents continue to come to us for assistance and support with various issues, which we do our best to try resolve with them.

What I have achieved in the past year (May 2019 to May 2020)

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

- Clearly the latter part of this period has been fully focused on our covid response and I've been proud of the work of our teams in delivering emergency responses to support social distancing on our public highways and footpaths, and our business support teams in issuing millions of pounds worth of grants and support to keep businesses afloat during this unprecedented time. Locally I supported the local community centre with contacting residents to check they were OK and see whether they needed any support from the centre.
- Nonetheless we've also continued to push forward with our strategic priorities and key schemes such as Darley Street Market, One City Park and our Business Development Zones. Last year I mentioned that Hard Ings in Keighley was on site, that work has progressed well during this period and we are nearing being on-site at the New Line/Greengates junction in Bradford East.
- Our work on No Idling went live with great success with a number of schools across the district getting involved and expressing an interest. This complements our schools 20mph zone work and we are looking beyond this to consider additional complementary schemes that may augment this work, such as Play Streets or School Streets.

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).

- I attend regular briefings on all aspects of my portfolio including Asset and Estate Management, Regeneration, Housing, Planning and Transport