

## COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2019- MARCH 2020

<b>Councillor:</b>	Aneela Ahmed
<b>Ward:</b>	City
<b>Party:</b>	Labour
<b>Date Elected:</b>	May 2016
<b>Basic:</b>	£13,463.16
<b>Special Responsibility:</b>	£2964.48
<b>Other Allowances:</b>	N/A

### Positions held in 2019 – 2020:

- Bradford West Area Committee
  - Education Appeals Panel (DCh)
  - Area Planning Panel (Bradford) (Alt)
  - GAG –Grants Advisory Group
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### Other meetings/bodies which you regularly attend: (e.g. School governing bodies, outside bodies etc.)

- Fostering Panel –Elected Member – attended 13 full panels and 1 training session
- Bradford District Care Trust – Appointed Governor – 4 COG + 2 NED (obs) + 1 ext (obs)
- BAME YAS NHS Trust – 5 meetings- 2 recruitment events around Yorkshire
- Bradford Council Dementia Champion – 3 workshops held in City hall
- Bradford University Dementia Stakeholders Advisory Group

### My priorities for the past year (May 2019 to April 2020) were:

- To continue filling my priorities as an elected member
- To continue to take training which will enable me to carry out my role as an elected member effectively.
- To encourage others, by leading by example to support and serve the community.

### 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)**

- Supporting my Ward, keeping the ward clean, organising and leading in clean days by leading example.
- Make myself available as much as possible to my constituents.
- Support my frontline and key worker colleagues in serving the people of City Ward
- To put my community first always.

## **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)**

- I have developed a significant relationship with officers throughout the past 4 years.
- My constituents feel comfortable to ring me and speak to me on any problems they encounter.
- During the year I have successfully supported school appeal applicants, organised cleansing days, organised Highways meetings highlighting and resolving long standing issues , dealt with long standing Street lighting issues, regularly attended Crime briefings and hosted meetings in my own home once a month ,of women's groups educating on drug, alcohol, internet and other crimes , and also helped set up 2 new neighbourhood watch schemes, set up an effective group of 40 local volunteers who assisted in the ground breaking Bonfire Project.
- Held school assemblies in 2 schools speaking to young scholars and leading by example.
- Successfully supported planning applications and also successful objected to many that would be detrimental to the community as well.
- **Bradford West Area Committee.**  
Full and active member helping make decisions that involve and effect Bradford West including city ward.
- **APPOINTED GOVERNOR**  
Bringing CCGs, Health Authority, Adult health, Children's Health, Mental Health and care trusts to task and discussing any issues or changes that may affect the people of Bradford.

It's been a difficult start to 2020 where the Covid pandemic has made attending physical meetings impossible. I have endeavoured to be present at all online meetings hence securing my voice and services to the people of Bradford.

- **Fostering Panel,**  
Full and active member, enabling provisions in placements into fostering homes of children in our local authority system.
- **BME YAS NHS Trust**  
Discussing BME recruitment into the Ambulance service. Holding event to encourage recruitment and reaching out to BME communities, and leading by example. I am a member of the National Ambulance BAME forum as well. In October 2019 I attended 3 schools in Bradford in 1 day to teach scholars CPR a skill for life that would potentially help them save a life.
- **UNISON** active member for 23 years.

- **Bradford Council Dementia Champion**

In December 2016 Bradford Council made dementia awareness training for all 90 Councillors a mandatory factor of their role. I was appointed dementia Champion due to My health background and my role as Deputy Chair of Health Scrutiny. I am no longer on Health Scrutiny but I continue to fulfil this role as it's an illness that I have personal experience of through a loved one.

This year I have held 3 further workshops, plus an online workshop training cross party councillors, the subjects range of the workshops varied. All topics that effect the communities of Bradford, again inviting prominent guest speakers and various training programmes through the year.

I sit as an expert by experience on the Dementia Advisory Group at the University of Bradford Faculty of Dementia Studies.

- This year I supported "say no to FGM" attending meeting, supporting events that were held at City hall. And Raising awareness of a very serious and dangerous issue.
- 2019-2020 I also continued to fulfil a personal promise, to encourage and promote blood donation in the BAME communities I have led by example and have so far given 4 pints of blood in this duration whilst posting on social media and encouraging people from BME communities to come forward to give blood, hence breaking the taboo surrounding donations.

**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 have attended 1 training session in 2019 and an online session for 2020 for Fostering
- Done several online training courses relating to my council duties.
- Been a guest speaker and presented a workshop to future leaders.
- Attended as many courses as possible organised by Member's Support in person and online.
- In September 2019, I was awarded the UK Navigator Emergency Dispatcher of the year. An award that I bring back to Bradford with great pride. Through this I hope to lead others by example that the role of an emergency dispatcher is just as Important as any other roles or jobs out there in the market and being a member of the BAME community to encourage other BAME members to come forward.
- On the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, City ward was selected to be one of the stop of points for the Royal Visit. Whilst supporting the local community centre I was able to ensure that all aspects of the visit relating to the council were carried put fully and a successful visit was taken by Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. I was honoured with the opportunity to show case some of the work carried out by the local community and community centre and had the opportunity of holding an audience/ discussion with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

- In march 2020 I attended an International Women's day event on behalf of YAS which showcased my work for the ambulance service also my work as an elected member. Not just a event that highlighted careers for women in the 3 emergency services it also highlighted that , we can hold several roles within our community and how my work overlaps and helps me in each role.
- I hope to continue to lead by example.