

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2019- MARCH 2020

Councillor:	Cllr Geoff Winnard
Ward:	Bingley
Party:	Conservative
Date Elected:	May 2019
Basic:	£12,087.99
Special Responsibility:	£2,154.13
Other Allowances:	£1,031.60 (West Yorkshire Combined Authority)

Positions held in 2019 – 2020:

- Employee Appeal Committee
- Shipley Area Committee (Alt)
- Licensing Committee
- Miscellaneous Licenses Panel (Alt)

- Conservative Shadow Spokesman – Education and Skills

- West Yorkshire Pension Fund Joint Advisory Committee (DCh)
- West Yorkshire Pension Fund Investment Advisory Panel
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- West Yorkshire Joint Services Committee (Reserve)

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

- Bingley Town Council (elected member and Staffing Committee (Ch))
- Neighbourhood Forums in Bingley, Eldwick, Crossflatts and Gilstead
- Bingley Ward Officer Meetings
- Shipley Conservative Association and Bingley Ward meetings
- Surgeries across the ward
- Conservative Group Meetings

My priorities for the past year (May 2018 to April 2019) were:

- Serve the residents of Bingley Ward to the best of my ability whilst constantly learning as much as possible about how Bradford Council operates to ensure Bingley Ward receives a fair share of resources and services.

- Work closely with (and learn from) my experienced ward colleagues Cllr David Heseltine and Cllr John Pennington to deliver new and improved services/facilities for Bingley.

- To be available to residents to offer help, advice and support - keeping in touch with residents through regular surgeries, attending local events, speaking to community groups/organisations and businesses to discuss their interests and needs and advocate for them.
- To continue working with and supporting Bingley Town Council (as a town councillor) to support initiatives for a better Bingley including clean up events across the ward to improve the local environment and attempts to establish a regular market.
- To attend and contribute to the Bingley Partnership and neighbourhood forum meetings.
- Ensure local people are informed about Bradford Council issues that have implications for Bingley.
- Work with local residents to air their concerns on local police and crime, planning and community issues.
- Support, challenge, scrutinise initiatives to improve Council services and those partner organisations.

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

- Serve and advocate for the residents of Bingley Ward to the best of my ability whilst constantly learning as much as possible about how Bradford Council operates to ensure Bingley Ward receives a fair share of resources and services.
- Continue to support residents, local businesses and community organisations of Bingley through the Covid-19 pandemic and its aftermath.
- Work closely with my ward colleagues Cllr David Heseltine and Cllr John Pennington to deliver new and improved services/facilities for Bingley
- To be available to residents to offer help, advice and support - keeping in touch with residents through regular surgeries, attending local events, speaking to community groups/organisations and businesses to discuss their interests and needs and advocate for them.
- To continue working with and supporting Bingley Town Council (as a town councillor) to support a voice for Bingley and initiatives for a better Bingley including clean up events across the ward to improve the local environment and to support the monthly farmers market.
- To develop greater knowledge and understanding of education, training and skills challenges facing the Bradford District.
- From November 2020 – as newly appointed Chair of Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee – develop greater understanding of the challenges facing children’s services in Bradford and to ensure that that the committee continues to carry out its duties effectively.

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 engaged with local Bingley residents and provided support and representation on a variety of issues including road safety, parking, street lights, school admissions, anti-social behaviour.
- I have developed effective working relationships with my fellow ward councillors, Bingley Town Council, local Police and our MP.
- I have continued to support and attend local Bingley events including the regular market, village societies and community groups.
- Been an active member of WYCA overview and scrutiny committee serving on a working group on the effectiveness of grants and support to business.
- Appointed as Conservative Group spokesman on Education and Skills during the year - asked related questions in council meetings and had media coverage.
- Spoken in debates at full Council meetings and regularly asked questions in meetings.

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).

- Local Government Pension Fundamentals (3 days)
- Local Government Pensions Investment Summit Conference
- Domestic violence
- Prevent Training
- Safeguarding
- Scams
- Dementia Awareness
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Homeless and Rough Sleeping Services Visit
- Information governance/GDPR