

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

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| <b>Councillor:</b>             | Cllr Paul Sullivan |
| <b>Ward:</b>                   | Bingley            |
| <b>Party:</b>                  | Conservative       |
| <b>Date Elected:</b>           | May 2019           |
| <b>Basic:</b>                  | £12,087.89         |
| <b>Special Responsibility:</b> | £2,486.34          |
| <b>Other Allowances:</b>       | N/A                |

### Positions held in 2019 – 2020:

- Area Planning (Bradford)
- Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Alt)
- Shipley Area Committee
- Licensing
- Employee Appeals Panel
- Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Panel
- Miscellaneous Licences Panel

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

- I will attend Council meetings
- Parish Council meetings
- Promote community events by attending meetings and use of Social Media

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

- To learn the role of a Ward Councillor and to dovetail that with serving as a Harden Village Councillor
- Learn and understand my new role as Ward Councillor
- Dovetail with my role as Harden Parish Councillor
- I will be accessible in person and via council email and build a prominent social media presence.
- Serve the residents of Bingley Rural 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.

- Learn from my experienced ward colleagues Cllrs Mike Ellis and Naveed Riaz to deliver new and improved services for Bingley Rural.
- 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 work with and support Harden Parish Council (as a Parish Councillor); Denholme Town Council; Cullingworth Parish Council; Wilsden Parish Council and Bingley Town Council (for Cottingley) to support initiatives to improve Bingley Rural including clean up events across the ward to improve the local environment.
- To attend and contribute to neighbourhood forum meetings.
- Ensure local people are informed about Bradford Council issues that have implications for Bingley Rural.
- Work with local residents to air their concerns, to maintain relationships with my former Police colleagues to better liaise on matters including, local crime, speed reduction and anti-social behaviour, planning and community issues.
- Support, challenge, scrutinise initiatives to improve Council services and those partner organisations.
- Work with Council Ward and Area Officers
- Work with our Member of Parliament, a resident in the House of Lords and to improve regional subsidiarity and democracy by working with the Campaign for a Yorkshire Parliament.

**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)**

- Building on the experience of my first year and expanding my knowledge to better serve my constituents to make a Stronger & Safer Community

**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)**

- My key achievement was learning and developing my role as Village Councillor into that of Ward Councillor
- I became a trustee for Denholme Youth Café and raised over £1,000 for one of their outlets.

**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).**

- GDPR
- Speech making (to better promote the needs of my ward).
- Chairing skills (to better able progress in local meetings)
- Planning; took part in a “Planning Tour” of the District for Councillors designed as an introduction for newly elected Members, to highlight some relevant current Planning issues.
- Innovative councillors
- Core strategy – environment
- Core strategy – housing infrastructure
- Core strategy – transport
- Licensing