

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2018- MARCH 2019

Councillor:	Cllr Mike Pollard
Ward:	Baildon
Party:	Conservative
Date Elected:	May 2015
Basic:	£13,463.16
Special Responsibility:	£3,860.00
Other Allowances:	£1,023.75 (West Yorkshire Combined Authority) £3,521.04 (West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority)

Positions held in 2018 – 2019:

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (DCh)
Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Alt)
Shipley Area Committee (Alt)
Regulatory and Appeals Panel (Alt)
Corporate Parenting Panel (Alt)
Governance and Audit Committee
Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Panel
Housing and Non-Domestic Rates Appeals Panel
Social Services Appeals Panel

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

- Baildon in Bloom (Treasurer)
- Titus Salt School (Governor)
- Schools Forum (Observer as Deputy Chair of Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee)
- West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority

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

- To continue to support the residual education function of Bradford Council through my role as a school Governor at a maintained school and have an active insight and involvement in matters relating to wider governance issues relating to Children's Services in the district. With regard to this last aspect I have been involved in some searching Regulation 44 visits to residential homes for Looked After Children as a result of which I have been consulted on the creation of a "best practice toolkit" for Councillors carrying out Regulation 44 Monitoring work.
- As appointed Deputy Chair of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, I sought to ensure that the Committee continues to carry out its duties effectively.

- To be readily available to residents of Baildon Ward and to address promptly concerns they raise.
- To represent effectively the residents of Baildon Ward regardless of their political view point.

My priorities for the coming year (May 2019 to April 2020) are:

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

- To continue to support education in Bradford through my roles as a school Governor.
- As appointed Deputy Chair of Children’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee, I will seek to ensure that the Committee continues to carry out its duties effectively and, with the Chair will continue my involvement in Work Programme planning.
- To be readily available to the residents of Baildon Ward and to address promptly concerns they raise.
- To represent effectively the residents of Baildon Ward regardless of their political viewpoint.
- To continue to be involved in planning matters as they relate to Baildon Ward, in the context of dealing with the wider implications of the Council’s “Core Strategy”. To continue to address Planning Panels of behalf of residents where appropriate.
- As a member of the Council’s Governance and Audit Committee I will continue to robustly challenge, as a “critical friend” all relevant aspects of the Governance financial functions of the Council.

What I have achieved in the past year (May 2018 to May 2019)

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

- Helped Ward residents with a variety of local and/or personal concerns, including liaising with, and facilitating assistance from, an assortment of outside bodies on a multi-agency basis.
- Continued to work as an active member of the voluntary Baildon in Bloom group.
- In my work with Regulation 44 Monitoring of Children’s Homes, I would be able to cite an example of specific success in improving the life chances of an individual young person following my visit feedback intervention. Of course the matter has to remain strictly confidential and will, therefore, not be placed in the public domain. However, it was arguably the most rewarding piece of work carried out in my time as a Member of Council.

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).

- In my 2018/19 role as a member of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee, I attended several briefing sessions on matters relating to new frameworks for the Governance and Scrutiny of LEP activity.
- Took part in a “Planning Tour” of the District for Councillors designed as an introduction for newly elected Members and as a “refresher” for longer serving Members like myself, to highlight some relevant current Planning issues.