

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2018- MARCH 2019

Councillor:	Sue Duffy
Ward:	Thornton and Allerton
Party:	Labour
Date Elected:	May 2015
Basic:	£13,463.16
Special Responsibility:	£10,658.56
Other Allowances:	N/A

Positions held in 2018 – 2019:

Healthy People and Places (Exec Assistant)
Employee Appeals Panel (Ch)
Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (DCh)
Bradford West Area Committee and Grants Advisory Group
West Yorkshire Employers Association
Area Planning Panel (Bradford) (Alt)
Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Alt)

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

Joint Services Committee plus Audit and Governance (DCh), Consultative Com
Yorkshire and Humber Employee Association
Sandy Lane Primary School Governing Body plus three sub committees.
South Square Centre Committee
Thornton Community Partnership
Sandy Lane Parish Council
Thornton in Community Centre
Sapgate Gardens
Thornton Library Steering group
Thornton Medical Centre PPG
Hollyns Health and Well-being Centre Allerton
Weymouth Centre

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

- To continue work with tenants, residents, landlords and other relevant partners to improve the living conditions of constituents in the ward area.
- To continue make Community Safety a priority, including tackling road safety and traffic congestion.

- To continue work with tenants and residents to support the development of the voice and influence of patients and the provision of relevant information of the health services available.
- To continue work with older people to raise their issues and support the development of an older people's partnership to give them a greater voice and to look at ways to tackle social isolation.
- To continue support the development of opportunities for children and young people in their leisure time, education and moving into employment.
- To continue to work with tenants, residents, local businesses and partners to develop a cleaner, greener and more sustainable area.
- To continue to be accessible holding regular surgeries and door to door sessions in all areas of the ward.
- To continue to support the improvement in Educational outcomes locally.
- To continue to work with other agencies support the Safeguarding needs of our constituents.
- To continue to ensure the voice and influence of constituents in consultation processes.
- To continue to work with Health Services and constituents to improve the delivery of services.
- To continue to support and empower local groups to deliver community enhancement.

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)

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- To continue to work with Health Services and constituents to improve the delivery of services.
- To continue to support and empower local groups to deliver community enhancement.
- To continue to support voluntary management groups across the ward.

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)

- Worked with a number of local schools to support the development of educational outcomes in our Ward.
- Worked with L.A. and other agencies to begin to look at how we address the needs of older people within our communities including support in their home, finding alternative accommodation.
- Worked with the L.A. to support residents with council services e.g. street lighting, pavements, highways, gritting etc.
- Worked with local people to support the continuation of Thornton Library.
- Supported the work and development of Sapgate Gardens community group.
- Supported the continuation of South Square and their Community Asset Transfer.
- Supported the development of Thornton Community Centre Management Group and the CAT process.
- Supported the development of Sandylane School Public Library.
- Supported the work of local groups, Christmas, School and Church Fairs, Christmas parties, Food Bank collections and distribution. Job clubs, Older People's luncheon groups, Art centre open nights.
- Worked with L.A. partners and agencies to develop responses to issues impacting on the environment across the Ward e.g. litter, fly tipping, tree preservation, conservation, cleaning of play areas and graffiti removal, clearing and cutting back on overgrown footpaths across the area, etc.
- Worked with the L.A. and partners to develop responses to road safety issues across the Ward e.g. speed humps, renewing road markings, safety barriers, speeding slow down signs, school parking and safety issues, bollards, speed and traffic surveys, etc.
- Worked with the Police and L.A. to develop responses to Drugs, Break-ins, Car Crime, Quad Biking, Animal thefts, Anti-social behaviour, Dangerous driving, Pavement Parking and speeding etc.
- Worked with animal protection agencies to support resident's animal concerns.
- Worked with housing providers to support tenant's issues, to improve the housing conditions for individuals, e.g. rehousing, improvements to communication, land ownership, pathways, repairs and refurbishments.
- Worked and represented residents on lease hold issues.
- Worked with health services to represent the views of patients and improve their services for patients e.g. met with local medical centre re patient participation, attendance at medical centre consultation events.
- Worked with Adult and Children's Social care on a number of safeguarding issues.
- Worked with Children's Social Care regarding the recent Improvement Plan.
- Worked with Public Health to look at responses to obesity.
- Worked with local businesses to resolve issues arising from their services within the communities e.g. litter and parking.
- Represented constituents on a wide variety of issues e.g. Accessing services, housing enquiries, council tax issues, homelessness, disability.
- Represented constituents with school appeals.
- Engaged with School Councils to improve their voice and influence.
- Increased accessibility by holding building based and street surgeries across the Ward and by attending community events across the Ward.

- Supporting the continued delivery of work with children and young people across the area and supporting the sourcing of funding for work with children and young people.
- Worked with council officers to ensure the quality and maintenance of play areas within the ward and refurbishment of Greenwood Park.
- Continue to work with trustees of Millennium Green to bring the land back to the Council for recreational development.
- Worked with the Empty Homes Team to contact owners of empty properties throughout the area.
- Worked with residents groups on residential housing developments.
- Worked with groups across the Ward with funding where possible, e.g. Thornton Community Centre, Cafe West, Scouts, Older People's Keep Fit , Great get together events etc.

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).

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| • Governor training and attendance at regular briefing sessions | • Social Care briefings |
| • Employee Appeals training | • School Appeals Training |
| • Effective Chairing | • Signs of Safety Training |
| • Child Sexual Exploitation training | • Governance Reviews |
| • Welfare Benefit training | • SEND training |
| • Safeguarding update training | • LAC training |
| • Child Protection training | • Prevent training |
| • Housing briefings/training | • Mental Capacity |
| • Education forums | • GPDR |
| • Asset management briefing | • Finance training |
| • Education briefings | • Scrutiny – finance training |
| • Presentation skills | • Dementia |
| | • Protecting Information |