

## COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2018- MARCH 2019

<b>Councillor:</b>	Martin Love
<b>Ward:</b>	ShIPLEY
<b>Party:</b>	Green Party
<b>Date Elected:</b>	May 2002
<b>Basic:</b>	£13,463.16
<b>Special Responsibility:</b>	£1,603.75
<b>Other Allowances:</b>	NA

### Positions held in 2018 – 2019:

Leader of the Green Party  
Member of Regeneration of Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
Member of Shipley Area Committee Grants Advisory Group  
Keighley and Shipley Planning Panel (Alt)  
Shipley Area Committee

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

- Monthly briefings with Chief Executive
- Regular briefing with Finance Director
- Regular briefings with local Highways officers
- Regular briefings with local Highway officers
- Regular briefings with ward officer and Area Coordinator
- Saltaire World Heritage Site steering group meetings.
- Salt Foundation meetings
- Sir Titus Salt Charity Trustees meetings
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- Shipley Neighbourhood Policing Team Briefings
- Shipley Area Committee Street Planning Panel (Alt)
- Shipley Area Committee (Alt)
- Shipley Ward Officer Team meetings
- Hirst Wood Regeneration Group
- Higher Coach road Residents' Group

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

- To continue to be an effective link between ward residents and council officers.
- To continue to be accessible to residents at all times.
- To communicate with residents at all times.
- To continue to alert residents to proposed developments in their neighbourhood
- To continue to put individual and community concerns before corporate concerns.
- To continue to go out of my way to represent those less able to speak for themselves, by nature of age, language, disability or any other reason.
- To continue to put the needs and safety of pedestrians and cyclists, particularly where there are children, before the convenience of motorists.
- To continue to liaise between community groups and council officers to ensure speedy resolution of issues.
- To continue to highlight the need for our community, led by its Council, to change its lifestyle in order to avert the disaster of climate chaos that will ensue if we continue with business as usual.
- To attempt to mitigate the on-going impact of central government funding cuts to the local authority in order to protect the most vulnerable residents on my ward and wider Bradford District.

**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 be an effective link between ward residents and Council officers.
- To continue to be accessible to residents at all times.
- To continue to communicate with residents through regular quarterly newsletters.
- To continue to be available to residents at all times.
- To continue to alert residents to proposed developments in their neighbourhoods.
- To continue to put individual and community concerns before corporate concerns.
- To continue to go out of my way to represent those less able to speak out for themselves, by nature of age, language, disability or any other reason.
- To continue to put the needs and safety of pedestrians and cyclists, particularly where these are children, before the convenience of motorists.
- To continue to liaise between community groups and Council officers to ensure speedy resolution of issues.
- To continue to highlight the need for our community, led by its Council, to change its lifestyle in order to avert the disaster of climate chaos that will ensue if we continue with business as usual.
- To attempt to mitigate the ongoing impact of central government funding cuts to the local authority in order to protect the most vulnerable residents of my ward and wider Bradford District.

## **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)**

- Along with my ward colleague, Cllr Kevin Warnes, I have dealt with many hundreds of individual issues on behalf of residents, including such everyday matters as blocked gullies, street sweeping, gritting, missed bin collections etc, as well as more urgent individual issues such as advising on school appeals, benefits appeals, housing complaints, untidy land, fly-tipping, anti-social behaviour etc.
- I have also acted as a link between ward residents and non-Council bodies such as Incommunities, West Yorkshire Combined Authority (Metro), the Neighbourhood Policing Team, the rail and bus companies and the utilities such as Yorkshire Water and Northern Gas Networks, and I am also in regular contact with my ward's MP.
- On a larger scale I have continued to advise and, where necessary, represent residents on planning matters throughout the ward, objecting where necessary to inappropriate developments and unwanted in-fill developments, and assisting applicants to compromise where necessary so that their developments do not adversely affect their neighbours.
- I have continued to support local community groups in their bids for funding from outside bodies, for example Friends of Northcliffe, Hirst Wood Regeneration Group, Norwood Residents Association, and the Higher Coach Rd Residents' Group as they bid for funds to improve their local communities.
- I have acted as a go-between to assist residents where they are in dispute with Council or other organisations and also assisting in neighbour disputes.
- I have had regular get-togethers with the Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector and her team to discuss problems in the ward, such as anti-social behaviour and drug-dealing. This has allowed me an insight to their work and gives me the chance to raise residents' concerns directly with the police.
- As Green Group Leader I have represented the group at a number of civic functions, including the Shipley Remembrance Day Service, the Holocaust Day Memorial and the Bradford City Fire Memorial, and various other district-wide cultural and sporting events and receptions. I have regularly attended meetings and briefings with senior Council officers dealing with Council-wide issues such as the budget.
- Along with my ward colleagues I have regularly spent Saturday mornings knocking on doors throughout the ward to ask residents who might not come to forums what needs doing in their neighbourhoods. We attempt to knock on every accessible door at least once during the year and I have individually knocked on over 1500 doors during the year to discuss issues with residents.

**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).**

- Member briefings on:
- Housing and Homelessness Strategy
- Waste and Recycling Strategy
- Single Use Plastics
- Dementia
- Bradford District Youth Summit
- WYCA Travel Planning Expo