

## City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2013-2014

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **7 May 2014**. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose. The views expressed in this report are those of the Councillor and do not necessarily reflect the views of the City and County of Swansea.

<b>Councillor:</b>	Ryland Doyle	<b>Electoral Division:</b>	Llansamlet
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<b>Cabinet/Executive Portfolio:</b>	Target Areas
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### Section 1: Constituency activities

During 2013-14 I held regular monthly surgeries and interacted with residents through using Social Media in the form of Twitter (@Ryland1) and Facebook (Councillor Ryland Doyle). Through these and other means of communication such as Email and phone calls I have dealt with 144 residents of Llansamlet. These residents have requested assistance with housing issues, School issues, raising complaints about a variety of public services. The largest two issues in terms of numbers were queries to do with the Planning application for The Emily and issues to do with road adoptions and the management of the Public Open space on the estate of Ynysallan Road.

I was (and still am) a Governor of Birchgrove Primary School and during the year became the Vice Chair of Birchgrove Comprehensive School Governing Body. This entailed supporting the school through a school inspection process which saw the school rated as good by the ESTYN inspectors. In the course of my role as a Governor, I attended over 20 formal meetings during the year as well as many informal visits to the schools.

I was (and still am) on the management committee of Birchgrove Community Centre and attended 6 meetings to support the future of the community centre.

I attended PACT meetings throughout the ward through the year.

I have been a regular attender at meetings of Birchgrove Community Association and supported their activities through the year, including their work to get footpaths registered as public rights of way.

I have attended fetes in Glais and Llansamlet Church and attended various activities organised by the Communities First team in Llansamlet following the launch of the programme in the Ward in 2013.

I have attended community litter picks in Parc Yr Helig, the area around CKs and the open space at Herbert Thomas Way. I used some of my environment allowance to pay for the planting of wild flower meadow flowers at Parc Yr Helig.

During 2013/14 I attended and answered questions at public meetings regarding the location of a second Traveller Site.

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### Section 2: Councillor attendance at selected Council body meetings

*Attendance at Council body meetings is only one of the important elements of a Councillor's duties.*

*Councillors are also active by holding surgeries, attending meetings and dealing with general electoral division enquiries.*

Area 1 Development Control Committee	11	/	12	92	%
Cabinet	18	/	18	100	%
Community / Town Councils Forum	1	/	3	33	%
Council	15	/	15	100	%
Development Management & Control Committee	7	/	8	88	%
OVERALL	52	/	56	93	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

### Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Cabinet Member for Target Areas; this involves being responsible for the work the council does to reduce Poverty and Social Exclusion in the areas of the City with the highest poverty levels. These areas are the Wards of Townhill, Penderry and parts of Castle Ward including Brynmelin, Waunwen, Dyfatty and the areas North of High Street including Matthews Street and Croft Street Flats. It has involved working with other partners and agencies to coordinate their work with the council. The work I have been involved with during 2013-2014 includes -

Cabinet Lead on the new £1.5 Million Health and Family Centre in Mayhill

Cabinet Lead in Swansea for the Communities First programme and for Community Cohesion. In Respect of these roles I Chaired the 5 Community First Cluster Steering Groups, The City wide Communities First Programme Board and the Community Cohesion Steering and Assurance Groups.

Cabinet lead for work with Development Trusts.

Cabinet lead on Community Cohesion.

Council nominated trustee to the board of LASA Credit Union.

As part of my responsibilities as a Cabinet member I have attended -

Monthly Cabinet Away days

Cabinet Briefings on specific topics

I held weekly meetings with members of the Senior Management Team of the council, and weekly meetings with Heads of Service.

I attended 3 visits by Welsh Government Ministers to projects based in Target Areas and have met with WG ministers on other occasions to discuss portfolio issues.

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## Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I have been involved in the setting up of Friends of Heol Las Park and Scotts Pit which is a resident led group to promote the development and use of Heol Las Park and to retain the old mine buildings at Scott Pit, integrating both in to a facility which benefits local people.

Local sports groups and the Community Association are involved in the committee and a large scale public consultation will be conducted to evidence what the local community want to happen in the park.

## Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

27/03/2014 - Understanding Asylum Seeker and Refugee Issues  
14/10/2013 - Pre Decision Making  
Various dates – Leadership Academy

## Section 6: Other activities and issues

I was a member of the Labour Group Executive and attended group meetings and group executive meetings in this capacity in 2013/14.

## Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary - £31,900 per annum.

Councillors travel and subsistence claim forms can be viewed here:

<http://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13266&path=0&LLL=0>

Councillors annual expenses and allowances can be viewed here:

<http://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13284&path=0&LLL=0>

<b>Date:</b>	29 June 2014
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