

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2014-2015

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **18 May 2015**. 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.

Councillor:	Cheryl Philpott	Electoral Division:	Sketty
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I have attended, on a rota timetable with my 4 fellow councillor colleagues, surgeries in Sketty Park Community Centre, Sketty Library and the Farmers market held in De La Beche School.

I also attended meetings of the Clyne Court residents association; Friends of De La Beche association; Sketty Residents association; Blackpill, Derwen Fawr and Mayals Residents association; Clyne Valley Community project and bi-monthly Pact meetings.

I dealt with numerous matters of casework for example and not limited to - supporting constituents with housing enquiries, mediating over care support, various enquiries that require signposting to other agencies where appropriate, signing passport forms and reporting various highway and environmental issues.

I have an informal 'open door' policy and constituents know that they are able to contact me outside of regular surgeries.

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.

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown below:

Area 2 Development Control Committee	6	/	8	75	%
Council	16	/	17	94	%
Development Management & Control Committee	5	/	7	71	%
Equalities Committee	2	/	5	40	%
General Licensing Committee	10	/	15	67	%
LA Governor Panel	5	/	8	63	%
Planning Committee	5	/	6	83	%
Statutory Licensing Committee	2	/	5	40	%
Statutory Licensing Sub Committee	1	/	1	100	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum	2	/	3	67	%
OVERALL	54	/	75	72	%

Scrutiny Meetings:

Economic Inactivity Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	1	100	%
Education Inclusion	6	/	6	100	%
Social Care at Home Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	6	17	%
Service Improvement & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel	2	/	4	50	%
Schools Performance Scrutiny Panel	8	/	12	67	%
Flood Risk Management Scrutiny Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
School Governance (pre-inquiry)	0	/	1	0	%
Tourism Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	1	100	%
OVERALL	20	/	32	63	%

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Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Convenor of a panel that looked at the subject of children educated other than at school (EOTAS) and the impact that it has on young people, their families and how academic and social outcomes can be improved.

Also the Chair of Governors at Parkland Primary school and governor at Bishop Gore Comprehensive School where I diligently attended governing body meetings at both schools.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Together with ward councillors, the community of Sketty Park, local children, the Youth Service, the Environment Centre and Swansea Council Parks officers a group was formed – Friends of Parry's Park to revamp Parry's Park which is in the centre of Sketty Park but the play equipment had been removed many years ago. The group agreed a layout and costings for new equipment in the park which the councillors agreed to fund from their environmental allowance with the outcome that the new equipment was installed during July 2014.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

12/03/2015 - The Role of Councillors in Planning: Propriety & Good Practice
05/08/2014 - Public Engagement
03/07/2014 - Freedom of Information Training
13/05/2014 - General Licensing

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,300

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>

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