

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2015-2016

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **18 May 2016**. 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: Mark Child	Electoral Division: West Cross
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Senior Salary Position:	Cabinet Member – Wellbeing & Healthy City
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Section 1: Constituency activities

Conducted street surgeries in a number of areas, picking up issues such as street signs, pot holes, parking, children's play equipment, dog mess, and a number of other matters then taken up with the council including individuals issues and problems too.

Held regular surgeries for constituents, dealing with housing, development, social services, street maintenance and numerous other matters related to the council, giving advice and assistance whenever possible.

Met regularly with officers from West Cross Housing Office to discuss and address matters relating to the wellbeing of tenants and the housing estate in West Cross.

Met with businesses locally to work to help sustain them and help them add to the locality.

Worked with the new committee of Baywood Hall Community Centre to help successfully launch this facility locally.

Worked to increase safety around local school, including 20mph limits, yellow lines, increase parking patrols, signs, and trying to make parents aware of the dangers they create and the benefits for their children of walking to school, including Whitestone, Newton, and Llwynderw.

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:

Appointments Committee	1	/	1	100	%
Cabinet	14	/	15	93	%
Community / Town Councils Forum	0	/	3	0	%
Council	14	/	18	78	%
Development Advisory Group	2	/	5	40	%
External Funding Panel	2	/	7	29	%
Gower AONB Partnership Group	2	/	3	67	%
Sustainable Development Fund	3	/	4	75	%
OVERALL	38	/	56	68	%

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Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Governor at Grange Primary School, helping particularly with Finance and issues of governance during the year Vice Chair of Governors at Bishop Gore Comprehensive School with special responsibility for Mathematics and Safeguarding, and member of the Finance Committee.

Member of Gower AONB Partnership Group and on its Grants sub-committee.

Member of the board of Wales National Pool.

Attended and participated at UK Healthy City Forum.

Chair of Swansea's Healthy City Forum where Council, Health, Police, Fire, Universities, the Third Sector and others seek to improve the Health and Wellbeing of all Citizens of Swansea, through its own initiatives and through instruction from the Swansea Local Service Board.

Member of Swansea Local Service Board.

Member of Western Bay Partnership Forum.

Member of Safer Swansea Partnership.

Member of Swansea Biodiversity Partnership.

Councillor with responsibility for Biodiversity in Swansea.

Participated in selecting and awarding Swansea's Annual Sports awards.

Gave evidence to a number of Scrutiny Committees.

Met with a number of Sporting Clubs and associations about protecting and enhancing their ability to grow and enable others to participate including cycling, boxing, and cricket.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Actively promoted Local Area Co-ordination initiative, including appointing first 3 in Swansea, holding a Forum introducing the initiative to all interested parties in Swansea, with follow up meetings successfully increasing partner involvement in Looked After Children (LAC). This aims to improve people's quality of life and communities' resilience and consequently their need for any external intervention.

Established the Early Years Working Group, to improve the start in life for children in Swansea, with a wide membership including the very welcome Chairing by Andrew Davies, chair of Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABMU).

Continued to see the growth of the Friends of Parks Groups and network across Swansea. Launched Caswell Bay as Swansea's first and UK's second smoke free beach, as part of a policy of removing smoking cigarettes from family environments, and adding to the cleanliness of our beaches.

Ever adding to the sites for wild flowers around Swansea, and talking to organisations across UK who want to copy this idea.

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Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

25/01/2016 – Child Protection (Governor Training)

05/11/2015 - Introduction to Community Engagement

16/07/2015 - Recruitment and Selection Training

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Member of City Centre Advisory Group, trying to ensure a Healthy City Centre, with fewer cars, space for safe cycling and walking, green spaces and mini-parks, architecture design so people feel they fit in as well as it being inspiring.

Attended Association of Town Centre Managers awards and received Purple Flag, plus a "highly recommended" for our city centre offer, it's safety, variety and quality.

Attended Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Policy Workshop.

Participated in Beach Clean on Swansea Beach then I was guided on a blindfold walk through the city centre to experience the difficulties blind and partially sighted encounter.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary: £32,000 Cabinet Member for Wellbeing & Healthy City

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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