

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

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **07/05/2014**. 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.

Councillor: Mark Child	Electoral Division: West Cross
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Cabinet/Executive Portfolio:	Cabinet Member for Wellbeing
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I held joint weekly surgeries with Councillor Des Thomas every Monday between 6pm and 7pm in West Cross Community Centre. I had quarterly meetings with West Cross Housing Office and quarterly "walk-about" with West Cross Housing Officers. I was a Governor at Grange Primary School, West Cross Avenue, West Cross and a Parent Governor at Bishop Gore Comprehensive School, De-la-beche Road, Sketty. I consulted on various parking and traffic management issues locally, including Fairwood Road, and around Norton, and Chestnut Ave. I worked with schools and other councillors to improve safety outside Mayals School. I also maintained regular contact with the Local Police.

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 2 Development Control Committee	1	/	12	8	%
Cabinet	14	/	18	78	%
Community / Town Councils Forum	0	/	3	0	%
Council	13	/	15	87	%
Development Management & Control Committee	1	/	8	13	%
Gower AONB Partnership Group	3	/	4	75	%
OVERALL	32	/	60	53	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

In addition to my role as Cabinet Member for Wellbeing I attended the following meetings:

- Cabinet Briefing
- Cabinet Away Days
- WLGA Social Services National and regional meetings
- Established Western Bay portfolio holders meeting
- Chair of Swansea Healthy Cities
- Mumbles Development Trust meetings

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I undertook extensive consultations on budget proposals
I participated in Underhill Park Community group
I assisted in Mumbles Yacht Club bid for the European Dart Championship.
I also assisted the Circle community initiative in West Cross

Section 5: Learning and Development

Leadership Academy - 6 day course.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Attended Young Carers Event, Active Swansea Sports awards, Carers Rights day, Interplay Conference, Mumbles Oyster Festival

Visited Caer Las, Swansea Young Homeless Project, TOPIC House, all Council Care Homes and most Day Centres, Plas Melyn, Hazel Court.

Met with the Dementia Society, Time to Change, The Safe House project, Esgyn, UCL Marmot Team, Colreane Council visitors delegation, European Teachers visitors delegation, ABMU Acute Mental Health team, Older People's Commissioner, and others

Chaired meetings around Mental Health Provision in parts of Swansea

Gave evidence at a number of Scrutiny meetings.

Participated in Mumbles Beach Clean, Tidy Mumbles.

I was a member of Electoral Reform Society and a member of CAMRA

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>

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