

## 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.

<b>Councillor:</b> Wendy Fitzgerald	<b>Electoral Division:</b> Penllergaer
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### Section 1: Constituency activities

I kept my residents regularly updated on my activities by delivering three non-political newsletters to all homes in Penllergaer (4 pages of A4 issued in April 2014, Sept 2014, Nov 2014 and March 2015). One of the most significant concerns I continued to be heavily involved with was the Local Development Plan (LDP) and the potential impact of 850 or more new homes in our community. I therefore held another well-attended meeting in January 2015 to update residents on the LDP process and went to many more organised by the Action Committee of which I am a founder member.

I also kept residents informed, via my newsletter, of the progress in obtaining the long awaited upgrade of the playground on Gors Common.

### 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	3	/	3	100	%
Area 2 Development Control Committee	7	/	8	88	%
Chief Executive's Appraisal & Remuneration Committee	1	/	1	100	%
Constitution Working Group	2	/	2	100	%
Council	17	/	17	100	%
Development Management & Control Committee	6	/	7	86	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	21	/	22	95	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>%</b>

Scrutiny Meetings:

Corporate Building & Property Services Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
Education Inclusion Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	4	/	6	67	%
Local Flood Risk Management Scrutiny Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
Streetscene Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	2	/	3	67	%
Sustainability Scrutiny Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>%</b>

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### Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I was and still am a Community Councillor and Board member of the Penllergare Trust as well as being active in several other village organisations, two of which – Icers and Crafters - organise regular fund raising events for charity.

### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I held a meeting for residents of Parc Penllergaer in October 2014 to discuss the plans for Traffic Regulation Orders along the entrance road. These proposals have since been implemented. I was also extremely proactive in obtaining the pedestrian link into the school from Parc Penderri. Residents will be familiar with this saga and the high costs involved which were finally whittled down significantly until they became affordable and the link was opened early in 2015.

### Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

04/08/2014 - Public Engagement

03/07/2014 - Freedom of Information Training

03/07/2014 - Data Protection (Including role as Data Controller) Training

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

I undertook many 'hands on' activities in the Ward such as regular litter picks and clean ups, tree trims etc.

I responded quickly to the numerous calls and e-mails I received on a daily basis and personally visited many residents who had particular problems that could not be dealt with other than in a face to face situation. My caseload included a number of very sensitive and private matters.

### 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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