

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.

Councillor:	Desmond Thomas	Electoral Division:	West Cross
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I held weekly surgeries with Councillor Mark Child.

Supported and attended West Cross Community Centre's Management Committee.

Quarterly meetings held with West Cross Housing Managers in order to oversee the management of the Council estate.

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	7	/	12	58	%
Audit Committee	4	/	11	36	%
Constitution Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
Council	14	/	15	93	%
Development Management & Control Committee	4	/	8	50	%
Local Development Plan Advisory Group	0	/	1	0	%
Performance & Delivery Committee	3	/	3	100	%
Rights of Way and Commons Sub Committee	5	/	6	83	%
OVERALL	38	/	57	67	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Chairman of Council.

Chairman of Constitution Working Group

Member of Welsh Purchasing Consortium.

Responsible for overseeing the opening of tenders in excess of £1,000,000.

Responsible for the overseeing of the allocation of seats for Council Members at the Liberty Stadium.

Member of Whitestone Primary School Governing Body. Also its Finance Committee, Premises Committee and Senior Staff Appointment Committee.

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Sheperded through Council the application for "Village Green" status for green areas at Heathwood Road and Alderwood Road, West Cross.

Oversaw the design and location of "Village Green" signs at above locations.

Following First Cymru's decision to cease the 3A service via Woodland Avenue, negotiated between Council and the bus company for its reinstatement.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training session:

22/01/2014 - Rules of Debate

Many years' experience of Local Government working. Past member of Swansea Borough Council, Swansea District Council, West Glamorgan County Council and Chairman of City & County of Swansea (2013-2014)

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Lifelong member of Trade Union.

Member of Mumbles Branch of the Labour Party.

Interested in DIY and gardening (if any time leftover).

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary (Chair of Performance & Delivery Committee) £21,910 pro rata from 9.5.13 – 30.07.13

Basic Salary - £13,175 from 31.07.13 pro rata

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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