

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: Jennifer Raynor	Electoral Division: Dunvant
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Cabinet / Executive Portfolio:	Education (from 17 September 2014)
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I held surgeries for all Dunvant residents on the first Saturday of each month from 10 am – 11 am in Dunvant Social Centre. I was and continue to be available by email – cllr.jennifer.raynor@swansea.gov.uk or by telephone 01792 207807.

Issues raised by residents this past year included highway and pavement repairs, city centre parking, protection of trees and woodland, parking on pavements forcing pushchairs into the road, inconsiderate parking in the morning and afternoon on the roads around both primary schools in Dunvant. I also met with Highways and Road Safety Officers to look at improving safety at a number of sites in Dunvant.

I attended PACT meetings and was (and still am) in regular contact with our Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's).

I was (and continue to be) a Governor at Pen-y-Fro Primary School and Olchfa Comprehensive School.

I funded through my Councillor's Environmental Allowance, wild flower planting within the Dunvant area.

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	%
Audit Committee	2	/	3	67	%
Cabinet	10	/	11	91	%
Corporate Parenting Forum	2	/	4	50	%
Council	14	/	17	82	%
Development Management & Control Committee	7	/	7	100	%
Rights of Way and Commons Sub Committee	5	/	5	100	%
OVERALL	50	/	58	86	%

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Scrutiny Meetings				
Planning Services Scrutiny Working Group	0	/	1	0 %
Service Improvement & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel	2	/	3	67 %
Services for Looked after Children Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	1	100 %
Wellbeing Scrutiny Performance Panel	5	/	6	83 %
OVERALL	8	/	11	73 %

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Chair of Rights of Way Committee (prior to the introduction of Planning Committee).
Vice Chair of the Corporate Parenting Forum.
Cabinet Member for Education (from 17 September 2014)

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I represented the Leader of the Council on the Joint Committee of "Education through Regional Working" (ERW), the regional body responsible for improving the delivery of education in the South West Region.

I chaired the Quality in Education (QEd) Steering Group which was tasked with delivering the school building programme, 50% funded by the Welsh Government.

The improvements to Morryston Comprehensive School have been completed.

The new Gowerton Primary School was started and improved sports facilities at the Elba site next to the school were opened for public use.

Lon Las school rebuild plans have commenced and are well underway.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

09/12/2014 - Defamation

09/12/2014 - Media Training and Interview Skills

12/11/2014 - Recruitment & Selection

13/10/2014 - Safeguarding

14/08/2014 - How to get the most out of your tablet / smart phone

03/07/2014 - Freedom of Information Training

Section 6: Other activities and issues

This section is for you to write anything else about which you feel your constituents should be aware.

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Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,300 (prior to 17 September 2014)

Senior Salary: £32,000 (from 17 September 2014)

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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