

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2016-2017

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **24 May 2017**. 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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Senior Salary Position:	Cabinet Member for Education
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I held surgeries for all Dunvant residents 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 and at the Guildhall on 637429.

Issues raised this past year include dangerous parking on pavements, blocking the way for pedestrians. Inconsiderate parking near Dunvant Primary, blocking in local residents who want to go to work. Parents in cars not looking out for other children on foot when they try and park and pull off. This is a serious issue and PCSO's have visited the school.

Residents asked me to improve traffic safety on Dunvant Bridge by providing a white line in the centre of the bridge. The white line was painted on the road.

I have used my Councillor's Environmental Allowance to extend the planting of wildflowers within the Dunvant area. I contributed some of my allowance towards the grant application for play equipment made by the Friends of Dunvant Park. At the Meadow Playground, I arranged for the surface to be improved and paid for the installation of the junior zip wire. I have made donations to Dunvant and Pen Y Fro Primary Schools. I have made donations to Dunvant Social Centre and to the Horticultural Club towards running community activities.

At the request of residents concerned about road safety, I used my allowance to install School Warning Amber Flashing Lights (SWAFL's) on Goetre Fawr Road near the junction with Dunvant Road. I paid for the Traffic Regulation Order at Y Berllan.

I am a member of the Friends of Dunvant Park group. I attend their meetings regularly and liaise with relevant Cabinet Members on issues, which the Friends Group raised.

I attended Police and Communities Together (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.

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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:

Cabinet	13	/	15	86.67	%
Council	13	/	16	81.25	%
External Funding Panel	6	/	8	75.00	%
Overall	32	/	39	82.05	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Vice Chair of the Corporate Parenting Forum.

Vice Chair Education Strategy Group composed of representations from the Heads of both Primary and Secondary Schools, School Governors and senior Education Officers, which looks at maintaining high standards of education during this period of austerity. The Leader of the Council is the Chair.

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.

The Education agenda is being addressed. Swansea Secondary Schools achieved their best attendance rates. School attainment continues to improve.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

19.05.2017 - Good Decision Making, Bias, Pre-determination & Rules of Natural Justice

18.05.2017 - Local Government Finance

11.05.2017 - Code of Conduct

Section 6: Other activities and issues

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Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary: £32,000 – Cabinet Member for Education.

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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