

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2015-2016

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **18 May 2016**. 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: David Hopkins	Electoral Division: Townhill
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Senior Salary Position:	Cabinet Member for Housing (prior to 01.09.15) Cabinet Member for Environment and Transportation (from 01.09.15)
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I held monthly surgeries in Mayhill and Gors.

I was a member of (and at the time of writing this) Plasmarl Governing Body.

I held regular meetings with the Housing Manager of Townhill Housing Office.

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	87	%
Community / Town Councils Forum	1	/	3	33	%
Council	15	/	18	83	%
External Funding Panel	1	/	6	17	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum	1	/	3	33	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum (Residents Partnership)	1	/	1	100	%
OVERALL	32	/	46	70	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

One of my roles was to oversee all Highways, Transportation, Waste Management and Cleansing across the City.

I had regular meetings with the Police to discuss ward issues.

I have met regularly with the other two Councillors for "walk-about" around the ward to try and tackle fly-tipping and identify any problem areas.

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I have been very involved in improving the road traffic safety along the Kingsway and changing the directional flow of the buses along this stretch of road.

I have been in discussions with First Cymru to set up a working partnership document to improve bus services across Swansea. This will also enable us to apply for funding from the Welsh Government.

I have worked with Officers to improve our recycling targets across the City with a view to reduce landfill costs.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

18/04/2016 – Guidance on Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment & Scrutinising Changes to Community Services

09/02/2016 – Safeguarding Vulnerable People

25/11/2015 – Introduction to Community Engagement

16/07/2015 – Recruitment and Selection Training

13/07/2015 – Media Training and Interview Skills

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Over the many years that I have been a Councillor in the Townhill Ward I have always been there for my Constituents and taken on board their problems and tried to solve them. At the time of writing this I am Deputy Lord Mayor and have carried out many civic duties across Swansea and it is my intention to continue to be there for the people of Mayhill, Townhill and Gors.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary: £32,000 Cabinet Member for Housing (prior to 01.09.15)

Cabinet Member for Environment and Transportation (from 01.09.15)

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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