

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: Bob Clay	Electoral Division: Llansamlet
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Section 1: Constituency activities

Llansamlet Councillors held surgeries every first and third Friday of the month between 5-00pm and 6-00pm at Birchgrove Community Centre, Lon Gwesyn, and every second and fourth Saturday of the month at Stadwen Youth Centre, Bethel Road between 10-30am and 11-30am. No appointments were needed.

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	1	/	9	11	%
Audit Committee	8	/	9	89	%
Council	9	/	10	90	%
Democratic Services Committee	6	/	6	100	%
Development Management & Control Committee	6	/	7	86	%
Equalities Committee	3	/	7	43	%
LA Governor Panel	3	/	4	75	%
Standards Committee	1	/	3	33	%
OVERALL	37	/	55	67	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I was elected in July 2013 at a By-Election. I was on the Governing body of Birchgrove Primary School and Birchgrove Secondary School. I attended PACT meetings both for the Birchgrove area and the Trallwn area. I also played an active part in Birchgrove Community Association.

I was co-opted to the Special Scrutiny Committee reviewing the process for Gypsy Traveller site provision.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I have been involved in Campaigns relating to the Emily Fields Development, Friends of Heol Las Park, the Future of Adult Services in Swansea, the need for Affordable housing, non-adopted roads, the inadequacy of our local bus services and many other issues.

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Section 5: Learning and Development

12/02/2014 - Standards (Committee)
13/11/2013 - Equalities, Social Inclusion & Welsh Language
18/10/2013 - Councillors Handbook and Allowances
14/10/2013 - Pre Decision Making
07/08/2013 - Chief Officer Presentations
02/08/2013 - Good decision making / Bias / Pre-determination and Rules of Natural Justice
22/07/2013 - Constitution and Procedure Rules, Etiquette and Behaviour etc.
12/07/2013 - Council / Cabinet (Executive) Functions
05/07/2013 - Code of Conduct / Standards (Introduction)
05/07/2013 - Interests, gifts and Hospitality

I have engaged in various activities to improve my understanding of Local Authority finance in order to offer positive suggestions about our increasingly difficult Budget process

Section 6: Other activities and issues

The unresolved issues around Traveller sites takes a great deal of my time. The related issues of traffic congestion, car parking and traffic measures pose a huge and worsening challenge to the people of Swansea and their elected representatives.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary - £13,175 per annum.

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>

Date:	30 June 2014
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