

## 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.

<b>Councillor:</b> Bob Clay	<b>Electoral Division:</b> Llansamlet
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### Section 1: Constituency activities

Llansamlet Councillors held surgeries every first and third Friday of the month between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm at Birchgrove Community Centre, Lon Gwesyn, and every second and fourth Saturday of the month at Stadwen Youth Centre, Bethel Road, between 10.30 am and 11.30 am. 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.

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown below:

Area 2 Development Control Committee	3	/	8	38	%
Audit Committee	7	/	10	70	%
Council	14	/	17	82	%
Democratic Services Committee	4	/	4	100	%
Development Management & Control Committee	6	/	7	86	%
LA Governor Panel	5	/	8	63	%
People Cabinet Advisory Committee	4	/	4	100	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	15	/	16	94	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>%</b>
Scrutiny Meetings:					
Inward Investment Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	0	/	3	0	%
Transformation of Adult Social Services Scrutiny Panel	7	/	7	100	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>%</b>

### Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I was a governor of Birchgrove Primary School and briefly, Birchgrove Secondary School. I regularly attend Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings and was actively involved in Birchgrove Community Association.

From December 2014 I chaired the "Transforming Adult Social Services" Scrutiny Panel.

I played a leading role on the Special Scrutiny Programme Committee examining the process for identifying Gypsy Traveller sites.

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### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Both through my political group and also the Council's formal structures I campaigned for a return to Council House building which had become Council policy by the end of this period.

I attended a number of meetings and had to spend considerable time over the replacement of Lon Las School.

Problems relating to traffic congestion, inadequate public transport and inappropriate car parking have been prevalent.

I continued to deal with the multiplicity of problems relating to the non-adopted infrastructure on the Brynheulog Parc estate.

### Section 5: Learning and Development

During this period I have tried to develop a detailed expertise in relation to Housing policy (particularly new building).

I have also taken a very close interest in the challenges that are arising from the impact of an ageing population on Adult Social Services.

During the year I have attended numerous briefings and seminars on various aspects of Council services.

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

The spending reductions that the Council has been forced to adopt are causing increased frustration with various constituents who have expectations that they believe should be met.

Along with Ward colleagues I have tried to engage the community in taking over important, but non-essential assets and services.

### Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,300

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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