

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:	Erika Kirchner	Electoral Division:	Castle
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I held weekly surgeries within the ward and act as mediator between neighbours and officers and outside bodies and residents regarding disputes, housing issues and any other concerns that residents had. I worked with the Police and other bodies that were directly involved in Castle ward issues.

I also attended residents meetings and PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings within the ward.

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.

Appointments Committee	10	/	15	67	%
Area 1 Development Control Committee	5	/	12	42	%
Corporate Parenting Forum	3	/	6	50	%
Council	11	/	15	73	%
Democratic Services Committee	3	/	8	38	%
Development Management & Control Committee	3	/	8	38	%
Equalities Committee	6	/	12	50	%
Student Liaison Forum	3	/	3	100	%
OVERALL	44	/	79	56	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

I received dispensation at the beginning of 2014 due to health issues.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

School governor of St. Joseph's Primary School and Chair of Governors at Terrace Road Primary School. I sat on the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Community Health Council.

Also Councillor Champion for Domestic Abuse and chaired both the Domestic Abuse Forum and One Stop Shop. Also Council representative on Wales National Pool.

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

As Chair of the Domestic Abuse Forum I oversaw support from the Swans and the Ospreys against domestic abuse.

I supported the development of Bryn y Don Park and the Vetch Veg project at the old Swansea City Vetch field.

I also negotiated access for residents on bus routes.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions.

25/10/2013 - Corporate Parenting

14/10/2013 - Pre Decision Making

08/07/2013 - Personal Development Review

I also commenced a WLGA Equality Champion Development Programme in March 2014, which will continue into the 2014-2015 municipal year.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

As Chair of the Student Liaison Forum I secured a post for an officer to oversee all the issues regarding students across Swansea, with the result of integrating students into community life and reducing problems.

I often visited residents at home and have an open door policy and public mobile phone number advertised.

I attend any public event that I am invited to.

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>

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