

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: Paulette Smith	Electoral Division: Clydach
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I held surgeries every 3rd Saturday in the month in Clydach Library. I acted as a mediator between neighbours and officers on occasions. I assisted constituents with numerous problems regarding housing, neighbour problems, policing and any issues that cause them concerns.

I also attended PACT meetings.

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 1 Development Control Committee	5	/	12	42	%
Council	10	/	15	67	%
Development Management & Control Committee	4	/	8	50	%
Equalities Committee	2	/	9	22	%
LA Governor Panel	5	/	10	50	%
Trustees Panel	4	/	5	80	%
OVERALL	30	/	59	51	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Please note that I was given dispensation for 6 months in 2013 due to my daughter being seriously ill. This affected my attendance statistics shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

School Governor on the Governing Body of Clydach Primary & Junior School and St. Josephs Roman Catholic School.

Councillor Champion for Carers and I represented the City & County of Swansea in meetings at the National Assembly and any group awareness meetings for carers.

Also on the Board of the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Community Health Council.

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Regular meetings held with a number of Cabinet Members regarding ward issues that constituents raised.

I attended meetings with the Minister in the Assembly for Carers. I also attended meetings with the Health Board. I liaise with the Gower Assembly Member and Gower Member of Parliament on some ward issues.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

27/03/2014 - Understanding Asylum Seeker and Refugee Issues

21/02/2014 - Active Listening Skills

19/02/2014 - Chairing Skills

22/01/2014 - Rules of Debate

25/10/2013 - Corporate Parenting

17/10/2013 - Emotional Intelligence

Section 6: Other activities and issues

In relation to my role as School Governor I have supported both schools by attending School Concerts, Easter bonnet, Carol services, etc and any other occasion they need me. All constituents are able to contact me on my home or mobile phone numbers.

I have arranged for flowers to be placed in the village using my environmental allowance.

President of the Forever Young Club.

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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