

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

I held surgeries on the 3rd Saturday of the month in Clydach.

Made numerous enquiries with relevant departments on behalf of residents regarding issues and complaints in the ward.

Met with residents, Council officers, the local Police Sergeant and Inspector with regard to issues in 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.

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown below:

Council	10	/	18	56	%
Development Cabinet Advisory Committee	4	/	11	36	%
Economy & Investment Cabinet Advisory Committee	1	/	4	25	%
LA Governor Panel	1	/	8	13	%
Planning Committee	3	/	9	33	%
Trustees Panel	0	/	2	0	%
OVERALL	19	/	52	37	%

Please note my attendance record was affected during this time as my daughter sadly passed away

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Councillor Member Champion for Carers.

1 of the 12 members on the Planning Committee.

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

Council representative on the South Wales Police and Crime Panel.

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Worked with Leader and relevant Cabinet member to compile a list of assets within the City and County of Swansea.

I held regular meetings with Cabinet members and officers regarding ward issues.

I attended various meetings and events in my role as Carer and regular meetings with Council officers. These meetings opened my eyes into the difficulties children as well as adults have to endure.

I attended meetings in my role as a member of the South Wales Police and Crime Panel.

Worked with the Assembly Member for Gower.

Section 5: Learning and Development

18/04/2016 – Child Protection (Governor Training)

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

13/04/2016 - S.106 Planning Agreements / Obligations

12/04/2016 - Residential Design Guide Refresher Training

08/03/2016 - Wales Planning Act - Development Management Procedures

25/02/2016 - Planning Committee Training - Rights of Way

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Have attended various events in the ward including events at the schools where I am a Governor

I have arranged for flowers to be placed in the village using my Councillors Environmental Allowance. President of the Forever Young Club.

My home and mobile phone numbers are available for constituents to contact me. I am going to continue holding my surgeries, Rebecca Evans AM for Gower will also be in attendance.

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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