

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2017-2018

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines activities over the year ending **23 May 2018**. 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:	Oliver James	Electoral Ward:	Cockett
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Senior Salary Position:	n/a
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Section 1: Constituency activities

Over the past year I have been involved in many individual cases on behalf of residents within the ward. Myself and my fellow ward councillors hold surgeries twice a month in Fforestfach and Waunarlwydd.

I am available to be contacted at any time by residents by phone and email and have helped with a wide range of issues from dog mess, to litter, to unstable pavements to overgrown hedges, planning applications and much more.

I have worked closely with residents and our brilliant local PCSOs on a wide range of issues from antisocial behaviour, to abandoned vehicles, from speeding to illegal behaviour.

I have also taken part in a number of council training sessions such as Safeguarding for children and adults, GDPR, and more - which help me fulfil my council role.

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.

Councillors attendance can be [viewed here](#).

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Councillor responsibilities can be [viewed here](#)

Councillor appointments to outside bodies can be [viewed here](#).

I am on the governing body for Gower College, which is attended by a number of students living in my ward. It is warming to see the brilliant achievements of the students and college.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I am heavily involved in the campaign by supply teachers to stop the exploitation of these staff by private agencies. I have done social media work on this and have had a number of meetings with high level politicians and civil servants regarding the need to end the practise of having private companies making money from our schools - especially at a time when budgets are so tight.

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Section 5: Learning and Development

Councillors training can be [viewed here](#).

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I have worked on a number of initiatives in the area trying to improve facilities and the general living standards in our ward. I have been happy to meet or speak by phone at any time, and will take forward issues to the relevant Council department with pleasure. Myself and my fellow ward colleagues have donated money out of our community budget to Ty Dewi Sant, Roots, Fforestfach Senior Citizens Club and other groups, and helped by donating to Ravenhill Park and Ty Fforest Community House.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,400

Councillors travel and subsistence claim forms can be [viewed here](#).

Councillors annual expenses and allowances can be [viewed here](#).

Date:	29/10/2018
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