

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: Terry Hennegan	Electoral Division: Penderry
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Section 1: Constituency activities

- 2 monthly surgeries held at St Teilos Church, Portmead and Penlan South Community Centre.
- Gypsy Traveller Site Consultation Queries.
- Blaenymaes Football Field and dressing room issues.
- New Blaenymaes play area.
- Communities First NW Cluster Environmental Project and Training across area – ongoing project with further consultation.
- Removal of overgrown trees in Penderry.
- Road safety and off road bikes.
- Attended PACT meetings in Penlan, Blaenymaes and Mount Batten Court.
- Quarterly Police 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	2	/	3	67	%
Area 2 Development Control Committee	6	/	12	50	%
Council	15	/	15	100	%
Development Management & Control Committee	6	/	8	75	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	1	/	1	100	%
OVERALL	30	/	39	77	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

- Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service elected member
- Chair of Performance Audit Scrutiny Committee
- Chair of Scrutiny Working Group
- Business Risk Management
- Appointments Panel Shortlisting Interviews – (appointment has recently been made for the Mid and west Wales Fire and Rescue service new Chief Fire Officer)

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

- Newly Elected to the Scrutiny Programme Board.
- Chair Convenor – Housing Single Allocation List.
- Chair Convenor – Affordable Housing Scrutiny Panel – Full report to Cabinet with recommendations.
- Scrutiny – Public Transport, Public Engagement.

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- Payday Loans - success.
- Food Bank – Assistance.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

19/02/2014 - Chairing Skills
25/10/2013 - Corporate Parenting
14/10/2013 - Pre Decision Making

In addition:

- 20 years of Social Housing, Law/Legislation covering Allocations, Transfers, Bedroom tax, The Daylight Robbery Campaign, Subsidiary to treasury at last Councils (with the City and County of Swansea not having to pay back £6 million per year), displacement, decants and the Land Compensation Act.
- Self-employed Independent Housing Consultant – Welsh Government working groups looking at WHQS. Best Value Housing Management and Major and Minor works.
- People in Communities/Communities First – Cluster Steering Group member and involved in programme since inception.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

As a Local Ward Member for the Penderry Ward I stick to the three A's:

Available,
Accountable,
Accessible,

I demonstrate this through part of my daily duties which include giving help and advice over the telephone. I also visit the homes of constituents on invitation to advise as appropriate. I try and give constituents the right advice and think it is important to put this clearly and in a concise way. I have developed a reputation for giving my constituents 100%, and I believe that the most important people are those I represent.

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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