

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2014-2015

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **18 May 2015**. 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:	Chris Holley	Electoral Division:	Cwmbwrla
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Senior Salary Position:	Leader of the Largest Opposition Group
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I was and still am always available to my constituents by email, phone or in person. I have dealt with many concerns and issues raised such as: residents parking, fly tipping, housing queries, highway problems i.e. pot holes, street lighting, licensing issues regarding Public Houses 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:

Appointments Committee	2	/	3	67	%
Area 1 Development Control Committee	6	/	7	86	%
Chief Executive's Appraisal & Remuneration Committee	1	/	1	100	%
Constitution Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
Council	17	/	17	100	%
Development Management & Control Committee	6	/	7	86	%
Joint Appointments Sub Committee	1	/	1	100	%
Local Development Plan Advisory Group	1	/	1	100	%
Trustees Panel	2	/	3	67	%
OVERALL	37	/	41	90	%
Scrutiny meetings:					
Economic Inactivity Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	1	100	%
Service Improvement & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel	14	/	15	93	%
Tourism Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	0	/	1	0	%
Transformation of Adult Social Services Scrutiny Panel	10	/	10	100	%
Wellbeing Scrutiny Performance Panel	5	/	6	83	%
OVERALL	30	/	33	91	%

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Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Member of a number of Scrutiny Inquiry Panels (as outlined above). I was the Convener of The Economic Inactivity Scrutiny Inquiry Panel and when that finished I then went onto the Transformation of Adult Social Services Scrutiny Panel, which looked at:

- Our residential homes
- Day care services
- Home care

I also sat on the following:

- Appointments Committee,
- Chief Executive's Remuneration Panel.

I also attended a number of other one-off meetings with senior officers.

Chair of Burlais Primary School Governing Body. Last year we had to manage two sites on Manor Road and Stepney Street prior to moving to the new school in September 2015.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

This year has been quite difficult in many terms, in particular the ongoing issues around budget cuts and reducing staff and service improvements.

As Leader of the Largest Opposition Group my main role is to bring forward my own plans for the budget which I put before all the other opposition parties on the Council. They fully supported these suggestions.

Unfortunately when these amendments were put forward at the Council meeting, they were voted down the ruling Labour Group. In addition, the Chief Financial Officer also said he could not support my amendment. The Chief Executive instructed that Council would have to decide if they were willing to take the risk.

In addition, I also sent the proposals to all the schools in Swansea. This was because the main part of my budget was to stop any form of cuts to the Education Budget by taking money from third party spending.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

- 25/11/2014 - Making the best use of Performance Information
- 23/10/2014 - Safeguarding
- 03/07/2014 - Freedom of Information Training

In addition, I undertook some Tablet computer training with an external provider and time management training.

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Section 6: Other activities and issues

Apart from the work in the council I worked hard in my ward and as Chair of the local school governing body (Burlais).

This year was also the General Election year which also took up a considerable amount of time for local members.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary: £22,000 Leader of the Largest Opposition Group

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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