

# City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2016-2017

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **24 May 2017**. 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.

<b>Councillor:</b>	Nick Davies	<b>Electoral Division:</b>	Uplands
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## Section 1: Constituency activities

With ward colleagues I held regular surgeries at Uplands Market. As the market is a well-attended community event, this ensures maximum visibility and contact with residents.

I have taken up the concerns of residents about Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) density by organising petitions against HMO applications. I have also taken up residents' concerns about poorly managed HMOs, which harm the quality of life of those living in them and near them.

I have taken up residents' concerns about traffic density and congestion outside the schools in the ward and about parking issues generally.

I have attended meetings with residents, such as Police & Communities Together (PACT) meetings, dealing with anti-social behaviour and I have worked with the police in trying to combat this, for the benefit of residents.

I have supported the efforts of the Uplands Traders Association to improve the commercial and residential environment in Uplands and Brynmill. I have supported the Uplands Market and the Do Not Go Gentle festival.

Until June 2017, when my term ended, I was a governor at Brynmill School. I used my Community budget to ensure that both primary schools in the ward, Brynmill and Brynymor, received the IT equipment they needed.

## 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:

Communities Cabinet Advisory Committee	4	/	9	44	%
Council	12	/	16	75	%
Democratic Services Committee	3	/	3	100	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	8	/	13	62	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum	0	/	1	0	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>%</b>

### Scrutiny Meetings:

Education Inclusion Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	0	/	2	0	%
Houses in Multiple Occupation Working Group	2	/	2	100	%
Public Services Board Scrutiny Panel	1	/	6	17	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>%</b>

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## Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I was the Council champion for sustainable transport. Sustainable transport is any alternative to the private car: walking, cycling and public transport. In this role I have worked with cabinet and council colleagues, officers, the Universities and bus operators, in the context of the Quality Bus Partnership, to enhance both the network and the infrastructure, to ensure that bus travel is an attractive option for the people of Swansea. I have worked with officers and cycling organisations such as Wheelrights and Sustrans in enhancing and expanding the cycle network so that cycling to work or study, to the shops or to socialise is seen as easy and safe.

## Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Following the success, along with Council colleagues and AMs, in getting the Welsh government to change the planning rules to give the Council more control over HMO planning applications I have worked, with Council colleagues, for the implementation of effective Supplementary Planning Guidance to give Uplands protection against HMO density and is capable of withstanding appeals against the authority to the planning inspectorate. I shall continue to work for an effective SPG. In so doing I remain committed to serving the interests of all the residents of Uplands, whether they are students or long term residents.

## Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

19/05/2017 - Good Decision Making, Bias, Pre-determination & Rules of Natural Justice  
18/05/2017 - Local Government Finance

## Section 6: Other activities and issues

I am committed to ensuring that there is a balance between the Uplands night-time economy, its retail sector and the interests of all residents, be they long term or here to study, to ensure that Uplands remains a sustainable, cohesive and thriving community

## Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,300 (2016-2017)

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>

**Date:**

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