

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:	Elliott King	Electoral Division:	Cockett
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I held surgeries in the ward in conjunction with ward councillor colleagues, holding them in Fforestfach Library and Waunarlwydd Community Centre. These were successful with residents being able to access advice, but also being present in the community. Surgeries were well attended, and I have met and spoken with many groups of people and I also took part in Street Surgeries with ward colleagues.

Took part in Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings, and liaised with the Police on a number of issues. I have been involved in arranging meetings with residents to discuss issues, recently arranging a meeting in Cockett to discuss a particular planning issue.

Throughout the year I have also spent time answering and dealing with queries from a number of individuals, across a variety of issues, and met with residents to assist them.

In addition, I have been a Governor at Gors Community School.

We have as a group of Councillors in the ward, been able to use out community budget to undertake a number of projects in the ward, such as welcome signs and wild flowers.

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:

Corporate Services Cabinet Advisory Committee	0	/	1	0	%
Council	13	/	18	72	%
Prevention & Social Care Reform Cabinet Advisory Committee	4	/	7	57	%
West Glamorgan Archives Committee	3	/	4	75	%
OVERALL	20	/	30	67	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I have been the Councillor Champion for gender, sexual orientation and gender reassignment. This enabled me to jointly chair the Swansea Bay LGBT+ Forum with South Wales Police, to bring together many organisations to co-operate and network within the community. I was very pleased to support the Swansea Sparkle Event, which was very successful.

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I have recently been appointed one of the representatives to the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board Community Health Council, from the City and County of Swansea. I look forward to working in this group to help improve and monitor health services across the Health Board.

Also I have been one of the Council representatives on the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I was involved in the scrutiny inquiry into Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, being able to give some input as an area of interest and previous experience. This has involved attending meetings to formulate the inquiry, but also meeting with various stakeholders and groups to engage with them.

I have been supportive of the Friends of Ravenhill Park, helping out with their fundraising events.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

24/07/2015 - Introduction to Scrutiny

03/07/2015 - Council / Cabinet (Executive Functions), Council Constitution (General)

03/07/2015 - Council Procedure Rules, Etiquette & Behaviour, Good Decision Making

03/07/2015 - Bias, Pre-determination & Rules of Natural Justice

12/06/2015 - Introduction to Code of Conduct & Standards

12/06/2015 - Interests, Gifts & Hospitality including Public Services Ombudsman for Wales guidance

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I have been very pleased to be part of the Committee at Gendros Community Centre, haven taken on the role of Premises Manager recently to take responsibility for health and safety and fire safety. It has been important to support this important community asset in the Ward.

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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