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.

Councillor: Mark Thomas Electoral Division: Penclawdd

Section 1: Constituency activities

During the 2016 – 2017 Municipal Year, I held monthly Surgeries in Penclawdd Community Centre and at Llanmorlais Hall.

I continued with the much-appreciated planting of wild flowers.

I made Financial Donations to many Voluntary and Charitable Organisations which make our Community what it is.

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.

Corporate Services Cabinet Advisory Committee	5	/	10	50.00	%
Council	11	/	16	68.75	%
Pension Fund Committee	5	/	6	83.33	%
Planning Committee	7	/	12	58.33	%
Overall	28	1	44	63.64	%

Attendance 64% based on Committee membership shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

As a member of the Pension Fund Committee I attended conferences in Bournemouth and Newport

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

24/05/2017 - Good Decision Making, Bias, Pre-determination & Rules of Natural Justice

23/05/2017 - Well Being of Future Generations Act

18/05/2017 - Local Government Finance

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Section 6: Other activities and issues

I was a Governor at Penclawdd Primary School and Chair of its Finance Committee.

Throughout the year I liaised with residents on numerous issues and constantly addressed concerns about everyday issues such as pot holes, grass and hedge cutting.

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=

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Councillors annual expenses and allowances can be viewed here:

 $\underline{\text{http://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc\&cat=13284\&path=0\&LLL=0}$

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