

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: Robert Smith	Electoral Division: Upper Loughor
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I held a total of 12 evening surgeries at the Welfare Hall, Loughor and taken part in 'street surgeries' throughout the spring.

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 2 Development Control Committee	10	/	12	83	%
Audit Committee	8	/	11	73	%
Council	13	/	15	87	%
Development Management & Control Committee	7	/	8	88	%
Rights of Way and Commons Sub Committee	6	/	6	100	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	2	/	3	67	%
Student Liaison Forum	3	/	3	100	%
West Glamorgan Archives Committee	4	/	5	80	%
OVERALL	53	/	63	84	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Councillor, Llchwyr Town Council
Member of the Swansea Bay Port Health Authority
Director, Wales National Pool, Swansea
Member of the Swansea Festival Advisory Committee.
Chair of Governors, Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pontybrein
Governor, Ysgol Gyfun Gŵyr.
Chair of the City and County of Swansea Gypsy Traveller Site Scrutiny Enquiry.

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Successfully promoted the Globe Field as a suitable location to commemorate the outbreak of the Great War and initiated improvements to its facilities.

Worked with officers to address the need for improvements to access lanes in Upper Loughor.

Secured surfacing work to the pavement at Westland Close which had not been undertaken since the houses were built.

Convened special meeting with representatives of the City and County of Swansea Planning Policy Team to discuss the LDP as it affects the Loughor area.

Lobbied officers about the need to minimise any future development on green field sites.

Scrutinised all planning applications as they relate to Upper Loughor, calling in those applications that required scrutiny in committee by Councillors.

Advocated greater use of demographic data to predict the type of residential accommodation which will be needed in Swansea in the future

Lobbied for a Multi Use Games Area for Upper Loughor.

Commissioned a parking survey in parts of Upper Loughor.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I have worked in the field of education policy and analysis for many years, delivering a range of services to local authorities, the Welsh Government and other clients. These have been in areas such as reform of school support systems, development of 14-19 learning provision, workforce remodelling, the use of school support staff, school leadership, curriculum reform and assessment issues.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Deputy Mayor of Llŵchwr since May 2014,

Deacon, Brynteg Chapel, Gorseinon

Member of Steering Group examining local history trail in the Llŵchwr area.

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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