

## 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.

<b>Councillor:</b>	Robert Smith	<b>Electoral Division:</b>	Upper Loughor
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### Section 1: Constituency activities

I have held monthly surgeries at the Welfare Hall, Loughor which have been supplemented by street surgeries and other opportunities to meet residents. In addition to open surgeries, I convened community meetings to discuss planning and parking issues and conducted a residents' survey in two parts of the ward. Two of the residents' meetings dealt specifically with candidate site applications under the LDP process and another with a specific planning application. I have also continued to engage with a large number of community and voluntary organisations and with the local schools.

### 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:

Audit Committee	7	/	9	78	%
Council	16	/	18	89	%
Development Cabinet Advisory Committee	0	/	1	0	%
Education & Young People Cabinet Advisory Committee	7	/	7	100	%
Prevention & Social Care Reform Cabinet Advisory Committee	6	/	7	86	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	12	/	14	86	%
Services Cabinet Advisory Committee	3	/	4	75	%
West Glamorgan Archives Committee	4	/	4	100	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>%</b>

#### Scrutiny Meetings

Civic Events Scrutiny Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
Tethered Horses Scrutiny Working Group	2	/	3	67	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>%</b>

### Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I have represented the Council on the Board of Directors of the Wales National Pool and on the Swansea Bay Port Health Authority and have contributed to their discussions. I serve as a Councillor on Llŵchwr Town Council and had the honour of serving as Mayor for the 2015-16 municipal year. At the same time, I have served as Chair of Governors at Ysgol Gymraeg Pontybrein and a Governor of Ysgol Gyfun Gŵyr.

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### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

A number of initiatives have been brought to fruition this year. These include the 20mph speed limit and associated traffic calming in Waun Rd and Glanymor Rd and the forthcoming scheme in Belgrave Rd. I am also working with officers to address about road safety issues at Glebe Rd, Borough Rd, Danybryn Rd and Bryn Rd. A number of other community schemes have also been completed this year, including wild flower planting at Heol Cae Copyn and at Loughor Foreshore.

The Council has committed to remedial work at Loughor Foreshore which has been delayed due to the additional work which was identified there and I am currently involved in addressing the problem with the lane leading to Tre-uchaf primary school.

### Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training session:

29/10/2015 - United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Training

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

During the year I served as Mayor of Llŵchwr raising nearly £3,000 for local charities through fund-raising events. I am extremely grateful for the support given to every one of the fund raising events held this year. During my year of office, I visited each of the primary schools in the Llŵchwr area to meet the Year 6 pupils leaving for secondary school and I presented plates to each resident who attained the age of 90. This year, a resident attained the age of 100 and I was honoured to be invited by the family to the celebration. Special thanks are due to my fellow members at Penuel Baptist Chapel, Loughor, who held a civic service to give thanks for my year of office and to the Loughor Workingmen's Club for providing such an excellent venue for the Mayor's evening. I should also like to thank the many local organisations who invited me to witness their varied contributions to our rich community life.

### 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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