

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

I have held a total of 12 evening surgeries at the Welfare Hall, Loughor and taken part in 'street surgeries' throughout autumn 2016 and spring 2017. I also attended coffee mornings which provided opportunities for residents to meet with local Councillors.

In addition, I have supported local events held by Llŵchwr Town Council, St David's Church, Penuel Chapel, Moriah Chapel, Tre-Uchaf Primary School, Ysgol Gymraeg Pontybrenin, Loughor RFC, and Loughor Workingmen's Club.

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	/	11	64	%
Council	13	/	16	81	%
Education & Young People Cabinet Advisory Committee	9	/	11	82	%
Prevention & Social Care Reform Cabinet Advisory Committee	10	/	12	83	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum	1	/	1	100	%
West Glamorgan Archives Committee	2	/	4	50	%
Overall	42	/	55	76	%
Scrutiny Meetings					
Schools Inquiry Panel	0	/	2	0	%
Overall	0	/	2	0	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Councillor, Llŵchwr 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 Pontybrenin
Governor, Ysgol Gyfun Gŵyr.
Vice Chair of the City and County of Swansea Education and Skills Cabinet Advisory Committee.

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Secured re-surfacing work to pavements at Glebe Rd, Waun Rd, and Corporation Rd.
Secured traffic calming measures and 20mph limit at Waun Rd in response to identified concerns about speed and volume of traffic in this area.

Represented residents' views in relation to proposed development at Ty'r Fry and monitored the progress of the Section 106 Agreement linked to the development.

Lobbied for a Multi-Use Games Area for Upper Loughor.

Commissioned a speed 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.

I also attended the following training sessions:

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

11/05/2017 - Code of Conduct

14/06/2016 - Audit Committee Training - Knowledge and Skills Framework

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Deacon, Penuel Chapel, Loughor.

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

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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