

## City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2014-2015

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **18 May 2015**. 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> Sybil Crouch	<b>Electoral Division:</b> Castle
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<b>Cabinet / Executive Portfolio:</b>	Sustainability until 16 September 2014
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### Section 1: Constituency activities

Together with the other Castle Ward Councillors, I attended the weekly surgeries held on Saturday mornings in Brynmelin, Marina, Sandfields and Dyfatty. Additionally I attended Brynmelin/Waun Wen, Mount Pleasant, Marina & Sandfields Residents & PACT (Police & Communities Together) meetings.

I responded and dealt with a large number of residents' issues including complaints about waste, parking, cleansing, anti-social behaviour, transport, traffic, highways etc.

I was, and remain a Governor of Terrace Rd school. I attended meetings of the District Housing Office to hear about tenant issues.

I attended meetings in regards to the Sandfields Housing Renewal Area.

I took and continue to take, great interest in the Vetch Veg Community Garden which brings together a wide range of people from across the Sandfields.

I have taken a keen interest in planning matters related to my ward.

Attended meetings of Communities First – with Castle ward being in 2 cluster areas (South – Sandfields & North West – Waun Wen/Brynmelin). I have met with police and PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers) to discuss issues around licensing activity, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour.

Attended meetings of the Boulevard Art Steering Group

### 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:

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Area 1 Development Control Committee	6	/	7	86	%
Cabinet	5	/	5	100	%
Chief Executive's Appraisal & Remuneration Committee	1	/	1	100	%
Council	10	/	17	59	%
Development Management & Control Committee	5	/	7	71	%
Economy & Investment Cabinet Advisory Committee	1	/	3	33	%
External Funding Panel	1	/	1	100	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	9	/	12	75	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum	3	/	3	100	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>%</b>
Scrutiny Meetings					
Sustainability Scrutiny Working Group	0	/	1	0	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>%</b>

### Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Member of the Scrutiny Programme Committee.

### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

As Cabinet Member for Sustainability I continued to champion the development of both the District Heating Scheme and the progression of my own initiative to develop a Community Renewable Energy and Enterprise Scheme (CREES) involving PV on community buildings in Target Areas and scoping a bigger scheme to put PV on council owned residential properties with a view to developing local skills, alleviating fuel poverty etc. I took a keen interest in developing cycling routes and facilities, meeting on a regular basis with Swansea Wheelwrights organisation and liaising with Sustrans.

I continued to press for action requiring organisations dealing with substance misuse to employ a community liaison officer to deal with the impact of such premises on local residents.

I continued to champion work I had initiated in regard to community growing schemes to assist people in deprived areas to grow food and eat healthily. I chaired meetings of the Grow Local panel allocating small grants to community groups and schools.

I chaired an initiative involving arts organisations with a view to develop cultural activity to support the Purple Flag initiative.

I continued to press for a change in Use Class Orders to bring all HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupation) into the planning regime with a view to controlling density and quality and I met with the Minister responsible in Welsh Government.

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I chaired the Sustainable Development group - Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) & City & County of Swansea (CCS) and attended a number of events including the launch the launch of the Future Generations "Generation 2050" report.

I launched the CCS Guides to Community Growing which I had initiated in my Cabinet role.

As a ward councillor and with ward colleagues we were successful in setting up a Friends of Bryn Y Don Park group. We were involved in organising and taking part in a range of activities for young people including barbecues and stargazing.

I met with officers of the Sandfields Residents Association to support them in seeking to retain the whole of the Vetch Field for community recreation and celebrations.

I met with officers and the Cabinet Member to press for improvements to green space as part of the refurbishment programme for Croft Street flats.

I continued to press for improvements in green space for city centre residents and in particular recreation space – Fields in Trust (FIT).

### Section 5: Learning and Development

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

### Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary - £32,000 Cabinet Member for Sustainability (up to 16 September 2014)  
Basic Salary - £13,300 (from 17 September 2014)

Councillors' travel and subsistence claim forms can be viewed here:

<http://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13266&path=0&LL=L=0>

Councillors' annual expenses and allowances can be viewed here:

<http://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13284&path=0&LL=L=0>

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