

## 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.

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| <b>Councillor:</b> | Joe Hale | <b>Electoral Division:</b> | St. Thomas |
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### Section 1: Constituency activities

Together with my ward colleague, we carried out regular surgeries throughout the year and held several public meetings on 'Hot Topics'. These in the main were around the issues in relation to planning applications and Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs). We supported the residents during the Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) process and sent in a community response.

We took a lead role in representing the ward in several planning meetings.

In addition, we continued to support Polly's Park, the Jersey Park Bowls Club and the Grenfell Park, St. Thomas & Port Tennant Community Partnership (GSP), Ashlands Community Centre and other groups. I think as a local Councillor I have put the residents at the centre and the focus of everything I do.

### 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:

|  |           |          |           |           |          |
|--|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Corporate Services Cabinet Advisory Committee              | 7         | /        | 10        | 70        | %        |
| Council  | 9         | /        | 16        | 56        | %        |
| Democratic Services Committee                              | 2         | /        | 3         | 66        | %        |
| Joint Consultative Committee                               | 3         | /        | 5         | 60        | %        |
| Prevention & Social Care Reform Cabinet Advisory Committee | 1         | /        | 6         | 16        | %        |
| Standards Committee  | 2         | /        | 4         | 50        | %        |
| Swansea Student Liaison Forum                              | 1         | /        | 2         | 50        | %        |
| <b>Overall</b>   | <b>25</b> | <b>/</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>54</b> | <b>%</b> |

#### Scrutiny Meetings:

|  |           |          |           |           |          |
|--|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Corporate Culture Inquiry Panel                          | 0         | /        | 1         | 0         | %        |
| Houses in Multiple Occupation Working Group              | 2         | /        | 2         | 100       | %        |
| Service Improvement & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel | 5         | /        | 15        | 33        | %        |
| Tackling Poverty Scrutiny Working Group                  | 3         | /        | 12        | 25        | %        |
| <b>Overall</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>/</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>%</b> |

### Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I think I have acted as a first point of contact for many different issues, from elderly residents needing advice on filling out Council forms to dealing with anti social behaviour in the ward, in partnership with several other organisations.

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### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Polly's Park still remains a thriving success due to good partnership working with residents, Councillors and Council officers. We hope to have a similar success with the Ashlands self-management group and the Jersey Park Bowling Club.

### Section 5: Learning and Development

I have taken part in several learning and development courses including:

07/11/2016 - Safeguarding

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

I continued to support the community by attending as many community functions as possible, these include church fetes, Christmas concerts, School functions at St Thomas School and Danygraig School.

I am also a School Governor at both Schools and thoroughly enjoyed the role.

I constantly advocated on behalf of the Tidal Lagoon Scheme as this could see huge investment and opportunity coming to the Eastside.

On the downside the social demographics of the ward are changing we now have young people born and bred in Eastside who will not have a chance of owning their own home in the ward as more and more properties are bought up by letting agents and developers are turning traditional family homes into HMOs.

It is important we get the SPG in place to protect our Community for future generations. Whilst the universities of course will bring opportunities and will hopefully raise the aspirations of our Children and Grand Children this change to the Eastside will not be without it's Challenges and we must make sure we get the best we can out of it for our residents.

It would be nice to see some tangible investment from the University of Wales Trinity St. David's (UWTSD) in the other side of Fabian Way.

### 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>

**Date:**

10 October 2017