City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2018-2019

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines activities over the year ending **08 May 2019**. 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:	Joe Hale	Electoral Ward:	St Thomas	
Senior Salary Position:				

Section 1: Constituency activities

Over the past year, I have again been involved in many in many constituency activities, attended monthly surgeries across St Thomas as well as attending School Governor meetings at Danygraig School and St Thomas School.

I have also undertaken a Learning walk at St Thomas School, which I enjoyed enormously.

I also attended the Christmas concerts at both schools and attended the Christmas Carole service in St Thomas Church. The Teachers and Parents should be justifiable proud of all who took part.

I also took part in 50th celebrations at Port Tennant Community Centre and regularly attend church fairs, fetes and the Eastside Carnival.

We have continued to hold regular residents meetings and continue to challenge (on behalf of the residents) any areas of concern, whether it is anti-social behaviour, drug issues or the state of our environment.

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.

Councillors attendance can be viewed here.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Councillor responsibilities can be <u>viewed here</u>.

Councillor appointments to outside bodies can be <u>viewed here</u>.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Our biggest and most successful campaign has been getting our HMO policy into the local development plan. Something which now gives us protection from unscrupulous landlords and developers turning our community into a student village.

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Other campaigns have included regular meetings with the police concerning on going drug related issues in the ward and attending the inaugural meeting of the Marcroft Road neighbourhood watch scheme which we hope to see spread out across the ward.

Section 5: Learning and Development

Councillors training can be <u>viewed here</u>.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

As St Thomas evolves, I think we will all have many challenges. I am a firm believer that change needs to be developed and delivered from residents up and not the other way round. In the coming years, I would like to see a local planning committee set up so the developer meets communities before they meet the council; a workable car parking strategy that did not just rely on enforcement; and real connectivity to the SA1.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,600

Councillors travel and subsistence claim forms can be <u>viewed here</u>. Councillors annual expenses and allowances can be <u>viewed here</u>.

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