

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: Andrea Lewis	Electoral Division: Morriston
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Senior Salary Position:	Cabinet Member for Next Generation Services
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Section 1: Constituency activities

Schemes Delivered Across Morriston - We delivered a number of schemes across the Ward, listening to your requests, concerns and issues, including the following:-

- Wild Flowers and Floral Displays across the Morriston Ward;
- Organising and funding the Morriston Christmas Switch On 2016, liaising with lead Council Officers, Morriston Tabernacle, Forest Traffic Services, Morriston Fire Service, South Wales Police, The Wave, Morriston Market, Phoenix Choir, Morriston RFC Choir, St Johns Ambulance, and Morriston Primary Schools
- Supporting the Regeneration of Woodfield Street with the establishment of a monthly Morriston Farmers Market
- Installation of new guardrail on Woodfield Street
- Picnic Table for Llys Gwernen Complex
- Parking Issues near Cwmrhydyceirw Stores – Public meetings held to agree the Traffic Regulation Order for the link road between Chemical Road / Heol Dyfan, with yellow lines and “no parking” installed
- Supply and installation of bus shelter at Clydach Road, Ynystawe
- Double yellow lines on Park Road
- Installation of uncontrolled crossings (dropped kerbs) at the junction of Heol y Deri / Chemical road and the junction of Maes y Gwernen Road / Cwmrhydyceirw Road to improve access for the public.
- We held a number of site visits and public meetings to address highways issues on Heol Y Fran and Heol Maes Eglwys, this work is ongoing
- Donations to primary schools for educational equipment
- We campaigned for the protection of Morriston Crown Post Office
- We continue to work closely with South Wales Police to try and resolve issues of ASB on Woodfield Street and attended a number of meetings with local traders to help address this issue
- We have held weekly surgeries at Morriston Library and a monthly surgery at the Farmers Market.
- Regular surgeries held at Memorial Hall

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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Cabinet	14	/	15	93	%
Chief Executive's Appraisal & Remuneration Committee	1	/	1	100	%
Community / Town Councils Forum	0	/	2	0	%
Council	16	/	16	100	%
External Funding Panel	4	/	8	50	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum	1	/	1	100	%
OVERALL	36	/	43	84	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

In addition to my Ward Councillor roles and responsibilities, my Cabinet portfolio responsibilities encompass:-

Council House Management; Council House Repairs; Housing Policy, Affordable Housing & Housing Options; Housing Renewal Schemes; Housing Renewals & Adaptations; Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS); Identify & Implement New Commercial Models; Deliver income from new Commercial Models; Councillors Delegated Budget Schemes; Improve Procurement Frameworks; Energy Schemes; City Deal (Link with Enterprise, Development & Regeneration); District Heating Schemes; Sheltered Housing (Link with Adults & Vulnerable People); School Building Programme – Quality in Education (QED) 2020; Lead Element of Sustainable Swansea

During 2016-2017 I have worked extensively on areas of delivery within my portfolio. Due to changes in the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy, we have found ourselves able to return to Council House building for the first time in decades. We identified two pilot sites, the first at Colliers Way, Penderry (formerly known as Milford Way) and the second at Parc Yr Helyg, Birchgrove. We have made significant progress with the first pilot delivering 10 x 2 Bed Family Homes and 8 x 1 Bed Apartments, built to “Passivhaus” standard, to help tackle fuel poverty and reduce energy bills for our council tenants. The first keys were handed over to our new tenants in October 2017. This pioneering development was delivered using our direct workforce with Corporate Building & Property Services, helping build on our in-house expertise gaining specialist knowledge of Passivhaus whilst also supporting the provision of apprenticeships to help develop our next generation of young tradespersons.

Significant progress has also been made with the wider More Homes Strategic Plan which will inform how we develop future Council-owned sites to deliver more affordable housing in Swansea to meet the ever increasing demand.

- Major investment using the Housing Revenue Account has been allocated to Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) schemes carried out on our Council homes, delivering works such as new kitchens, bathrooms, boilers and enveloping works to improve the energy efficiency of our homes to benefit our Council tenants.

- With the help of the Council Events Team, we held first “Clean Air Road Show” held on Earth Day which was a resounding success, promoting zero-carbon emission vehicles. The event was supported by our local public and private sector partners as well as commercial car manufacturers.

- I worked closely with the new Council Commercial Team to explore new ways of working within the Local Authority, with the team delivering a significant amount of savings and efficiencies through their collaborative working with all Council Departments.

- I worked closely with the Cabinet Member for Education to support the School Building Programme, seeing projects such as the refurbishment of Pentre'r Graig Primary School come to fruition.

- Our first Corporate Energy Strategy was formulated, with the energy action plan working alongside our Carbon Reduction Strategy.

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Morrison Christmas Lights Switch On 2016 - Your Morrison Councillors worked together to organise and deliver the "Morrison Christmas Lights Switch On 2016" event on Woodfield Street which was a resounding success. I would like to thank everyone who supported the event including the local community with approximately 2,000 people in attendance the atmosphere was the best yet! Looking forward to doing it all again next year!

Floral Displays - Your Morrison Councillors arranged the extensive floral and wild flower displays throughout the Morrison Ward.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

16/05/2017 - Local Government Finance

11/05/2017 - Code of Conduct

05/01/2017 – New Chair (Governor Training)

07/07/2016 - Wales Planning Act - Development Management Procedures

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I dealt with a high volume of ward issues on behalf of Morrison residents, including fly tipping, parking issues, housing issues and dealing with various other concerns.

I held regular weekly Councillor Surgeries, in rotation with my Ward Colleagues, in Morrison Library, every Saturday morning from 10am until 12 midday. I also held surgeries in Memorial Hall, Cwmrhydyceirw, on a regular basis.

I was and continue to be a board member for Memorial Hall. I attended regular Police & Communities Together (PACT) meetings and a number of public meetings and attended regular meetings as Chair of Governors for Morrison Primary School and as a school governor for Morrison Comprehensive School. I attended regular Labour Executive and Group meetings. I was and continue to be Secretary of the City & County of Swansea Labour Group.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary: £32,000

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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