

# City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2017-2018

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines activities over the year ending **23 May 2018**. 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>	Andrea Lewis	<b>Electoral Ward:</b>	Morrison
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<b>Senior Salary Position:</b>	Cabinet Member - Housing, Energy & Building Services
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## Section 1: Constituency activities

Schemes Delivered Across Morrison in 2017/18 - 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 Morrison Ward;
- Organising and funding the Morrison Christmas Switch On for 2017. This year we doubled half of the Christmas lights on the lighting columns on Woodfield Street and as in previous years liaised with lead Council Officers, Morrison Tabernacle, Forest Traffic Services, Morrison Fire Service, South Wales Police, The Wave, the Christmas Market, Phoenix Choir, Morrison Ladies Choir, St Johns Ambulance, and Morrison Comprehensive and Morrison Primary Schools. With special thanks to Kev Johns and Belle and all the families who took part in the lantern parade.
- New road sign & a new bench at Bwlfa Rd and Plascadwgan Road and "No Through Road" sign on Tirpenry Street
- Parking issues near Cwmrhydyceirw Stores – In addition to our previous commitment to tackle indiscriminate parking near the stores, we funded additional guardrail at the pedestrian crossing from our Councillor Community Budgets following concerns for residents and children's safety when using the crossing.
- Flashing sign on Heol Maes Eglwys and removal of the chicanes on Heol Y Fran
- Continuing to work closely with South Wales Police to try and resolve issues of ASB on Woodfield Street and attending a number of PACT meetings
- We have held weekly surgeries every Saturday morning at Morrison Library

## 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 [viewed here](#).

Councillor appointments to outside bodies can be [viewed here](#).

In addition to my Ward Councillor roles and responsibilities, my Cabinet portfolio responsibilities encompass:- Cooperative Housing; Corporate Building Services; Council House Management; Council House Repairs; District Heating Schemes; Energy; Green

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Transport & Green Vehicle Adoption (inc infrastructure works); Homelessness and Supporting People; Homes as Power Stations (City Deal); Housing Adaptations & Renewal Schemes; Housing Policy, Affordable Housing & Housing Options; Lead Elements of Sustainable Swansea; More Homes Delivery; Poverty Reduction; Sheltered Housing; Tenancy Enforcement; Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS)

During 2017-2018, I have worked extensively on areas of delivery within my portfolio, these are just some of the highlights for last year. Our first Council Homes in almost 4 decades (10 x 2 Bed Family Homes and 8 x 1 Bed Apartments built to "Passivhaus" standard) are now fully occupied at Colliers Way. We also made good progress on our second pilot site at Parc Yr Helyg in Birchgrove. We have applied for Welsh Government Funding (IHP2) to fund solar panels and battery storage for these homes, this could mean that they would create more energy than they use over a year, built to "Swansea standard" using the Homes as Power Stations model (City Deal), using our direct workforce. Corporate Building Services who did outstanding work on our first pilot site. This development also supports the provision of apprenticeships to help develop our next generation of young tradespersons.

- We continued to make significant progress on the wider More Homes Development Programme, which will inform how we develop future Council-owned sites to deliver much needed affordable housing in Swansea.

- We continue the major investment of £169.5m ( between now and 2020) to bring our Council homes up to the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS), using the Housing Revenue Account. The programme delivers works such as new kitchens, bathrooms, boilers and enveloping works to improve the energy efficiency of our homes to benefit our Council tenants.

- We trained a team in-house to begin our retrofitting for our Sprinkler Installation Programme in our High Rise Blocks.

- With the help of the Council Events Team, we held our second "Clean Air Road Show" promoting zero-carbon emission vehicles. The event was support by our local public and private sector partners as well as commercial car manufacturers. We also expanded our Corporate EV Fleet are currently working on our Corporate Green Fleet Policy

- We continued delivery of our Corporate Energy Strategy and Carbon Reduction Strategy and are currently considering the establishment of a Council arms-length energy company.

### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Morrison Christmas Lights Switch On 2017 - Your Morrison Councillors worked together to organise and deliver the "Morrison Christmas Lights Switch On 2017" event on Woodfield Street which was again a resounding success. I would like to thank everyone who supported the event including the children, families, schools and local businesses. There was a real sense of Morrison community spirit as always and we look 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

Councillors training can be [viewed here](#).

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

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It has been an exceptionally busy year, dealing with a high volume of ward issues on behalf of Morriston residents. Some of which included 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 Morriston Library, every Saturday morning from 10am until 12 midday.

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 Vice Chair of Governors for Morriston Primary School and as a school governor for Morriston 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.

I was and continue to be Chair of the Association for Public Sector Excellence (APSE) Service Transformation Strategic Forum.

### Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary (Cabinet Member): £32,100

Councillors travel and subsistence claim forms can be [viewed here](#).  
Councillors annual expenses and allowances can be [viewed here](#).

<b>Date:</b>	11/10/2018
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