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:	Andrea Lewis		Electoral Ward:	Morriston	
Senior Salary Position:		Cab	Cabinet Member - Homes & Energy		

Section 1: Constituency activities

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

- We fully funded a WWI Memorial Bench at the Cenotaph in Morriston Park and lamppost poppies across the Ward.
- We have fully funded a dedicated cleaning operative for Morriston Ward to concentrate on clearing areas across the Ward which has been hugely successful since being introduced over the past few months. This is in addition to the cleansing programmes already in place.
- Responding to safety concerns we funded the installation of a guard rail at the pedestrian crossing in front of Cwmrhydyceirw Stores on Chemical Road
- We funded a new No-Through Road sign and Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) for Fagwr Place and Tirpenry Street
- We contributed towards a basket swing in Heol Tir Du Park, gave a donation to the Morriston Chess Club and Tabernacle Choir, and funded a number of defibrillators in Morriston Primary, Pentre'r Graig Primary, Glyncollen Primary and Ynystawe Primary Schools.
- I also dealt with a high number of Ward issues relating to Highways and Housing with the majority being brought to a positive conclusion.
- We have held weekly surgeries at Morriston 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 <u>viewed here</u>. Councillor appointments to outside bodies can be <u>viewed here</u>.

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

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More Homes Delivery; Homes as power stations (City Deal); Corporate Building & Property Services (CPBS); Council House Management; Council House Repairs; Housing Policy, Affordable Housing & Housing Options; Housing Adaptions & Renewal Schemes; Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS); Energy; District Heating Schemes; Sheltered Housing; Green Transport & Green vehicle adoption (inc. infrastructure works); Tenancy Enforcement; Homelessness & Supporting people; Cooperative Housing; Poverty Reduction; Lead elements of Sustainable Swansea.

During 2018-2019 I have worked extensively on areas of delivery within my portfolio. Our return to Council House building has seen the completion of the first pioneer site in Colliers Way which is now fully occupied. We have been successful with our Welsh Government bid for Innovative Housing Programme 2 (IHP2) funding for our second and third sites. This has enabled us to progress our second site in Parc Yr Helyg, Birchgrove and Phase 2 of Colliers Way to be built to our "Swansea Standard" which includes Solar, Battery Storage, Ground Source Heat pumps and Swift Bricks, continuing to provide quality, safe, warm, affordable homes to benefit our tenants and help tackle fuel poverty.

Significant progress has been made with the wider HRA Development Programme to develop future Council-owned sites to deliver more affordable housing in Swansea to meet the ever-increasing demand.

We continue to commit major investment using the income from Council rents from our Housing Revenue Account to bring our Council homes up to Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) with schemes for our Council homes, 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 our "Clean Air Road Show" promoting the use of zero-carbon emission vehicles. The weather was unfortunately against us but this year's event in September promises to be even bigger and better, together with a Greenfleet conference at the Brangwyn Hall. The CAR event was supported by our local public and private sector partners as well as commercial car manufacturers.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Morriston Christmas Lights Switch On 2018 - Your Morriston Councillors worked together to organise and deliver the "Morriston Christmas Lights Switch On 2018" 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 Morriston Councillors arranged the extensive floral and wild flower displays throughout the Morriston Ward.

Section 5: Learning and Development

Councillors training can be viewed here.

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Section 6: Other activities and issues

I held regular weekly Councillor Surgeries, in rotation with my Ward Colleagues, in Morriston Library, every Saturday morning.

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 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.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary (Cabinet Member): £32,300

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

Date:	20/05/2019	