

## City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2015-2016

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **18 May 2016**. 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> Ryland Doyle | <b>Electoral Division:</b> Llansamlet |
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### Section 1: Constituency activities

During 2015-16, I have held regular monthly surgeries and interacted with residents through using Social Media in the form of Twitter (Ryland1) and Facebook (Councillor Ryland Doyle). Through these and other means of communication such as Email and phone calls I have dealt 163 residents of Llansamlet. These residents have requested assistance with housing issues, School issues, raising complaints about a variety of public services. The largest two issues in terms of numbers were queries to do with the traveller site's and issues to do with road adoptions and the management of the Public Open space on the estate of Ynysallan Road.

Governor of Birchgrove Primary School and during the year became the Vice Chair of Birchgrove Comprehensive School Govs. This involved being part of a process to appoint a new Head Teacher for the Comprehensive School. Changes to the Senior Management of the school means the school is well placed to meet the challenges in the years ahead.

I was/am on the management committee of Birchgrove Community Centre and have attended meetings to support the future of the community centre. I have attended PACT meetings throughout the ward during the year. I have been a regular attender at meetings of Birchgrove Community Association and supported their activities through the year. I have been part of the Liaison group which was set up to look at issues to do with The Emily House Construction site.

During the year I became chair of the subcommittee organising a Community Fun Day in Heol Las Park in July 2015; this was a very popular event, attended by over 2000 people. This event will be held again in July 2016 with a larger range of events. I have used my Councillors Environmental Allowance to provide wild flower planting and to contribute towards the costs of a new bridge in Heol Las Park to link the Park to the Rugby Club.

### 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 :

|  |           |          |           |            |          |
|--|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Council  | 15        | /        | 18        | 83         | %        |
| Development Cabinet Advisory Committee                     | 1         | /        | 1         | 100        | %        |
| Education & Young People Cabinet Advisory Committee        | 7         | /        | 8         | 88         | %        |
| Engagement & Inclusion Cabinet Advisory Committee          | 1         | /        | 4         | 25         | %        |
| Prevention & Social Care Reform Cabinet Advisory Committee | 3         | /        | 7         | 43         | %        |
| Services Cabinet Advisory Committee                        | 3         | /        | 4         | 75         | %        |
| <b>OVERALL</b>   | <b>30</b> | <b>/</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>71</b>  | <b>%</b> |
| <b>Scrutiny meeting:</b>                                   |           |          |           |            |          |
| Tree Preservation Scrutiny Working Group                   | 1         | /        | 1         | 100        | %        |
| <b>OVERALL</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>/</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>100</b> | <b>%</b> |

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### Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Until 22 September 2014 I was a member of The Cabinet as Cabinet Member for Target Areas. As an Ex Cabinet Member I am restricted in what Council Committees I can attend; you are not allowed to serve on Scrutiny Committees for a period of time where they may still be reviewing work you may have initiated as a Cabinet Member.

I sat on the Education Cabinet Advisory Committee which conducted a review of Young People in Swansea readiness for work. I also sat on the prevention and Social Care Cabinet Advisory, which looked at various pieces of work connected to Social Services.

I acted as the Convener for Cllr Mark Child – this involved providing a support function for Cabinet Members; I undertook pieces of research for Mark and attended meetings with him and on his behalf.

### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I have been involved in setting up The Friends of Swansea Vale Nature Reserve. This is a resident led group dedicated to promoting the use of Swansea Vale Nature Reserve as a resource for local people and children. A committee was formed and I was asked to be Vice Chair.

The committee has organised several events such as a bug hotel building session for local children where they could build a hotel which would house various bugs which could be observed through the year.

The group has also organised regular work parties on the first Sunday of the month (meet at 10 am Pantyblawd Road entrance – all welcome).

### Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

18/01/2016 – Safe Recruitment (Governor training)

13/04/2016 - S.106 Planning Agreements / Obligations

25/11/2015 - Introduction to Community Engagement

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

### 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>

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