

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.

Councillor: Cheryl Philpott	Electoral Division: Sketty
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Section 1: Constituency activities

Over the last year my four ward colleagues and I have shared responsibility for attending twice monthly councillor surgeries – a surgery has been held every second Saturday of the month in the Sketty Park community centre and every fourth Saturday in Sketty Library.

I have dealt with numerous emails, correspondence and phone calls with a huge diversity of subject; ranging from parking permits, social services queries, planning applications, parking tickets – the list is endless but very interesting. Most queries were dealt with either with an acceptable response or by signposting to another agency.

I have supported individuals and groups of people through traumatic and disruptive periods in their lives – for example there were a number of issues regarding the refurbishment of Council properties which needed a great deal of liaison between the main contractor, council officers and the residents.

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	13	/	18	72	%
General Licensing Committee	13	/	16	81	%
LA Governor Panel	3	/	5	60	%
Planning Committee	15	/	19	79	%
Statutory Licensing Committee	6	/	7	86	%
Statutory Licensing Sub Committee	2	/	2	100	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum	2	/	3	67	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum - Residents Partnership	0	/	1	0	%
OVERALL	54	/	71	76	%

Scrutiny Meetings:

Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services Working Group	4	/	9	44	%
Economic Inactivity Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	0	/	1	0	%
Local Flood Risk Management Working Group	0	/	1	0	%
Local Service Board Panel	1	/	4	25	%
School Governance Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	6	/	8	75	%
Schools Performance Scrutiny Panel	6	/	12	50	%
OVERALL	17	/	35	49	%

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Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

School governor at Parkland Primary School and Bishop Gore secondary school and have attended governing body meetings at both schools.

I have also attended Clyne Court Residents meetings, Sketty Residents meetings, Friends of De La Beche meetings, Derwen Fawr, Blackpill and Mayals residents association, Warwick Road residents association and Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings as well as a number of public meetings that I was invited to attend.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

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Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

08/03/2016 - Wales Planning Act - Development Management Procedures

25/02/2016 - Planning Committee Training - Rights of Way

25/02/2016 - Safeguarding Vulnerable People

05/11/2015 - Introduction to Community Engagement

03/11/2015 - Role of Ethnic Minority, Language & Achievement Services (EMLAS) (Governor Training)

29/10/2015 - United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Training

12/10/2015 - The Determination of Applications for Town or Village Green Status

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I hope that I have been a 'visible and approachable' councillor. I have tried to support the community to the best of my ability.

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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