# City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2013-2014

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **7 May 2014**. 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:	Rob Stewart	Electoral Division	n: Morriston
Cabinet/Exe	cutive Portfolio:	Finance and Resources	

#### **Section 1: Constituency activities**

I have worked closely with my ward colleagues for the past year. I have attended numerous community, resident and PACT meetings this year and have engaged in holding weekly councillor surgeries. I have been active in supporting local campaigns to keep the main post office in Morriston open. Along with my ward colleagues I have successfully supported traders and businesses in Morriston. This year I have also delivered a large scheme of flowers and floral displays which has been welcomed by many residents and businesses. I have taken up many issues on behalf of residents including housing, anti social behaviour, residential care support

#### 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.

In addition to the meetings listed below I have attended many meetings with officers, representatives and other members in discharging my duties as Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources. I have also lead the administrations Sustainable Swansea - Fit for the Future programme which provides a strategy for dealing with the significant financial challenges facing Swansea over the next three years. I also lead the budget consultation, which is the most significant and wide ranging consultation ever undertaken by this authority. The obligations of the sustainable Swansea programme and budget review process have clashed with some meetings listed below

Area 2 Development Control Committee	2	/	12	17	%
Cabinet	14	/	18	78	%
Community / Town Councils Forum	1	/	3	33	%
Council	13	/	15	87	%
Development Management & Control Committee	3	/	8	38	%
Joint Consultative Committee	2	/	7	29	%
Pension Fund Committee	2	/	4	50	%
Performance & Delivery Committee	1	/	3	33	%
OVERALL	38	/	70	54	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

### Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

As the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources I was (and still am) responsible for the following council functions as part of my Portfolio:

- Finance
- Resources
- Assets and disposals
- HR & Workforce Development
- ICT & IT Strategy
- Procurement
- Corporate Governance

In addition I Chaired or participated in the following meetings:

- Budget Review Steering Group
- Pension Panel
- Change Fund Panel
- Land Asset sub group

## **Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities**

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## Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training session:

14/10/2013 - Pre Decision Making

I have successfully undertaken the local government leadership academy modules. In addition I have received refresher training on a number of council functions.

#### Section 6: Other activities and issues

I am committed to representing the people of Morriston and work hard with my colleagues promoting Morriston. We work as a team supporting resident, community and other local meetings. As governor of Glyncollen Primary School I was delighted to welcome the significant investment in new buildings at both Glyncollen Primary and Morriston Comprehensive Schools which will create 21st century schools for our children.

## Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary - £31,900 per annum.

Councillors travel and subsistence claim forms can be viewed here: <u>http://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13266&path=0&LLL=</u> <u>0</u>

Councillors annual expenses and allowances can be viewed here: <u>http://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13284&path=0&LLL=</u> <u>0</u>

Date:	15 July 2014