

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: Rob Stewart	Electoral Division: Morriston
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Senior Salary Position:	Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance & Strategy
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I have been active in my ward over the past year. Working closely with my ward colleagues I have held regular advice surgeries, attended community meetings and helped resolve a number of key local issues.

This included dealing with the issue of 'Legal Highs' where we supported strong action by the police and trading standards and stopped the supply of legal highs in Woodfield Street.

Together with ward colleagues we funded and organised the Christmas lights parade and celebrations, and also funded wild flowers and flower displays throughout the ward during the summer months.

We worked to implement parking schemes and traffic calming measures on a number of roads, replaced lighting columns, and funded the purchase and installation of a number of bus shelters at bus stops across the ward.

I have also spoken on a number of local planning applications during the year relaying and representing resident's views on planning matters.

I have continued to support local groups and organisations, and have attended a number of fund raisers and concerts during the year.

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:

Appointments Committee	12	/	14	86	%
Cabinet	13	/	15	87	%
Community / Town Councils Forum	2	/	3	67	%
Constitution Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
Council	18	/	18	100	%
Development Advisory Group	6	/	6	100	%
External Funding Panel	1	/	7	14	%
Pension Fund Committee	0	/	4	0	%
OVERALL	53	/	68	78	%

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Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I have continued to push the authority forward as Leader, championing the most ambitious redevelopment and regeneration Swansea has ever pursued. I have worked with other Leaders and Sir Terry Matthews to create the City Deal proposal which was given principle approval by the Chancellor in the budget this year. I have worked with Cabinet Colleagues to create the conditions where our schools have delivered the best education results ever achieved in Swansea, and where our Social services is performing very strongly.

I have overseen urgent action to resolve issues with traffic on the Kingsway. I have made significant changes to policies to ensure more money is placed under community control to be spent on local priorities.

I have worked hard to build new collaborative relationships with our two universities and other major employers to create a 'team Swansea' approach to doing business. In doing so I have highlighted that we are a city open for business welcoming new investment to the city, creating new job opportunities within the city.

2015/16 was a great year for Swansea but this year people will really see physical change in the city as our new developments rise out of the ground.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

2015 Morrison Christmas Lights Switch On

Your Morrison Councillors worked together to organise and deliver the second "Christmas Light parade and Switch On" event in Morrison's Woodfield St. While the weather was a bit wet it was again a successful event.

We could not have made it a success with support from Morrison Tabernacle, Community First, our fantastic choirs, local school, and great support from the Police, Fire Service and council officers.

Floral Displays

Working closely with my ward colleagues My Ward colleagues I arranged wild flower and other floral displays throughout the Ward. We plan to increase the size and scale of the scheme year on year with additional displays planned for Morrison Tabernacle, St David's Church and Ynystawe Primary School as well as other locations this year.

Section 5: Learning and Development

This section covers the special knowledge or skills that you bring to the role of Councillor. For example, you may be a specialist planner or have particular experience of one facet of Council activities. Please indicate if there is anything special you bring to the role or there is any special training that you have received that helps you in your role.

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Section 6: Other activities and issues

I held regular Councillor Surgeries with my Ward Colleagues throughout the year, in Morryston Library. I attended regular Police & Community Together (PACT) meetings and Market Street Residents Association meetings. I have dealt with number of ward issues on behalf of Morryston residents, including fly tipping, rubbish, pot holes, parking issues, housing issues and anti-social behaviour.

I continued as a school governor for Glyncollen Primary School.

I have attended numerous civic, charitable, sporting and cultural events as Leader during the past year and have been delighted to support and number of events across the city.

As Leader of the Council I head the Cabinet, Chair various meetings. I was/am a member of the Swansea Bay City Region board. I was/am a director of Business Improvement district and the Swansea Stadium Management Company. I was/am also director of Swansea Bay Futures. I also chaired the Development Advisory Group and Public Service Board. Leader of the Labour Group on the Council.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary: £53,000 – Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance & Strategy

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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