

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2016-2017

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **24 May 2017**. 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: Desmond Thomas	Electoral Division: West Cross
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Senior Salary Position:	Chair of Education & Young People Cabinet Advisory Committee
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Section 1: Constituency activities

Together with my ward colleague Councillor Mark Child, we held weekly surgeries. We also held regular street surgeries across the ward.

I attended and supported West Cross Community Centre's Management Committee.

I held quarterly meetings with West Cross housing managers in order to oversee the management of the council estate.

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:

Constitution Working Group	2	/	2	100	%
Council	15	/	16	94	%
Education & Young People Cabinet Advisory Committee	10	/	11	91	%
Planning Committee	12	/	12	100	%
Overall	39	/	41	95	%
Scrutiny Meetings:					
Child & Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel	3	/	12	25	%
Service Improvement & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel	5	/	15	33	%
Overall	8	/	27	30	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Presiding Member of the Council.

Deputy Cabinet Member for Education.

Chair of the Council's Constitution Working Group.

Member of the Planning Committee, Child & Family Services Scrutiny Panel and Service Improvement & Finance Performance Scrutiny Panel.

Member of Whitestone Primary and Ysgol Llwyn Derw Primary School Governing Bodies.

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Chair of Education & Young People Cabinet Advisory Committee looking at ways of reducing the number of students who are not in education, employment or training at the age of 16 = NEET's.

Section 5: Learning and Development

Extensive experience 40+ years as an elected representative on successive Councils.

I also attended the following training sessions:

19/05/2017 - Good Decision Making, Bias, Pre-determination & Rules of Natural Justice

18/05/2017 - Local Government Finance

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Lifelong member of Trade Union.

Member of Mumbles Branch of the Labour Party.

Interested in DIY, gardening and dance.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary: £22,000 Chair of Education & Young People Cabinet Advisory Committee

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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