

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:	Rob Stewart	Electoral Division:	Morrleston
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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 very 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. We were all successfully re-elected in the 2017 Local elections.

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.

I have worked with colleagues 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 Benches, bus shelters and other community priorities across the ward. We have also provided financial support to local schools and community action groups as well as securing investment for our parks

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:

Cabinet	14	/	15	93.33	%
Community & Town Councils Forum	0	/	2	0.00	%
Constitution Working Group	2	/	2	100.00	%
Council	16	/	16	100.00	%
Development Advisory Group	6	/	6	100.00	%
External Funding Panel	2	/	8	25.00	%
Overall	40	/	49	81.63	%

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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 led the regions bid to secure the Swansea Bay City Deal, at £1.3bn the biggest city deal in Wales. This was signed with the First Minister and Prime Minister in March 2017. 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 the start of major redevelopment projects within the City. I am fully supporting the bid team for Swansea to become City of Culture 2021, and continue to lead the campaign for approval of the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon. 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 even closer 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.

2016/17 was a great year for Swansea and the Labour Administration I lead was returned with a bigger majority in the 2017 local elections. We now have to deliver our manifesto commitment and in the coming year but people will really see physical change in the city as our new developments rise out of the ground creating new jobs and opportunities for the people of Swansea.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

2015 Morrision Christmas Lights Switch On

Your Morrision Councillors worked together to organise and deliver a "Christmas Light parade and Switch On" event in Morrision's Woodfield St. This was a huge success with 1000's of people attending to see Santa.

We could not have made it a success with support from Morrision 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 we 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 Morrision Tabernacle, St David's Church and Ynystawe Primary School as well as other locations this year.

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Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training session:

11/05/2017 - Code of Conduct

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I held regular Councillor Surgeries with my Ward Colleagues throughout the year, in Morrision 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 Morrision 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 and Chair various meetings. I am the lead person for the Swansea Bay Joint Committee. I am Chair of Western Bay. 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 Swansea Public Services Board. Leader of the Labour Group on the Council. I was also elected as deputy leader of the WLGA with special responsibility for Europe, Economic development and Energy.

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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