

## 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.

<b>Councillor:</b> Christine Richards	<b>Electoral Division:</b> Lower Loughor
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<b>Senior Salary Position:</b>	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Services for Children & Young People
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### Section 1: Constituency activities

Throughout the year I have dealt with a variety of local issues and personal cases for people in Lower Loughor.

I ensured that local residents can easily contact me. I held regular surgeries at Parc Williams pavilion and 'walked the ward' whenever I could. I advertised surgeries on Facebook.

This past year I used my Councillor's Environmental Allowance budget to continue the wild flower scheme and fund improvements to Parc Williams. I was/am still a Llchwyr Town Councillor and work with Town Councillors to support local initiatives and activities, including litter-picking. I monitored planning applications for Lower Loughor and tried my best to make sure that local residents had their say. I again issued newsletters to keep residents informed of my activities, concerns and local initiatives.

Governor of Casllwchwr Primary, Penyrheol Comprehensive & Gower College Swansea.

### Section 2: Councillor attendance at selected Council body meetings

2015/16 - I have been absent due to family issues, supporting my elderly father. I also broke my ankle and have been unable to attend meetings.

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown below:

Appointments Committee	8	/	14	57	%
Cabinet	7	/	15	47	%
Community / Town Councils Forum	1	/	3	33	%
Constitution Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
Corporate Parenting Forum	3	/	5	60	%
Council	10	/	18	56	%
Student Liaison Forum	0	/	3	0	%
Student Liaison Forum (Residents Partnership)	0	/	1	0	%
Trustees of the Christmas Amenities Fund	0	/	1	0	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>%</b>

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### Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

In my role as Deputy Leader I supported and deputised for the Leader of the Council.

My Cabinet portfolio includes: Social Services for children & families; Play; Youth Services & promoting youth inclusion; Early Intervention & Prevention; Youth Offending Service; Youth Citizenship; Children's Rights [including United Nations convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Champion & Rights Respecting Schools]; Young people neither earning or learning [NEETS -Link with education]; Regional Adoption Service; Children & Young People's Board; Flying Start.

I Chaired the Board of Directors of Swansea Stadium Management Company [Liberty Stadium]. I also sat on various outside bodies & partnership boards such as Welsh Local Government Association, Joint Council of Wales, Swansea Local Service Board / Public Service Board, Joint Resilience Board.

I was /am the Lead Member for Safeguarding [keeping people safe], both Adults and Children and the Councillor Champion for Children & Young people.

### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

### Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training:

04/02/2016 – Supporting Looked After Child in our Schools (Governor Training)

02/06/2015 - Media Training and Interview Skills

12/05/2015 - Anti-Slavery & Human Trafficking Awareness

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

Active member of Friends of Parc Williams and a trustee of Loughor Town Trust – Old Town Hall, Loughor.

### Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary: £37,000.

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>

<b>Date:</b>	17.05.2016
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