

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:	Christine Richards	Electoral Division:	Lower Loughor
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Cabinet/Executive Portfolio:	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Citizen, Community Engagement & Democracy
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I am also a Town Councillor and was Mayor of Llŵchwr Town Council in 2013-2014. I combined these duties & continued to hold regular councillor surgeries at Casllwchwr Primary School along with Town Council colleagues with an additional programme of Street Surgeries throughout the summer. I also attended many local events as mayor.

Again during 2013-2014, I ensured that local residents were able to easily contact me and I dealt with many local issues and personal cases for people in Lower Loughor.

I continued to monitor planning applications for Lower Loughor and tried my best to make sure that local residents had their say. I issued newsletters [Lower Loughor Voice] to keep residents informed of my activities, concerns and local initiatives.

I continue to be an active governor of both Casllwchwr Primary & Penyrheol Comprehensive Schools.

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.

Appeals and Awards Committee	3	/	4	75	%
Appointments Committee	24	/	25	96	%
Area 2 Development Control Committee	7	/	12	58	%
Cabinet	16	/	18	89	%
Chief Executive's Appraisal & Remuneration Committee	2	/	2	100	%
Community / Town Councils Forum	2	/	3	67	%
Constitution Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
Council	13	/	15	87	%
Development Management & Control Committee	6	/	8	75	%
Joint Consultative Committee	6	/	7	86	%
Student Liaison Forum	0	/	3	0	%
Trustees Panel	4	/	5	80	%
OVERALL	84	/	103	82	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

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Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Deputy Leader with portfolio for Citizen & Community Engagement, & Democracy & Participation of Young People.

Developing Citizen Engagement Strategies, Consultation and the Promotion of Openness and Transparency; Developing Local partnerships for Service Improvement, including the Local Service Board; Community Leadership; Democratic Services; Participation – Children and Young People; Petitions; Staff Co-operation and Development. Implementation of equal pay and terms & conditions for council staff.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

As part of the last council budget, initiated & supported consultation with young people over council priorities.

Supported implementation of Living Wage rate for council employees.

Locally, I continued to be active as Chair of Friends of Parc Williams group which works in partnership with City & County of Swansea to aid improvements to our local park and organise events.

Helped organise & supported Loughor Mabsant event- partnership between Folk Club, Boating Club, Friends of Parc Williams, Loughor Lifeboat & St Michael's church.

I also continued to support and took part in our local litter-picking campaign which included local young people.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

08/07/2013 - Personal Development Review
Various dates – Leadership Academy

Section 6: Other activities and issues

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Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Remuneration for 2013-2014 = £37,100 (Senior Salary – Deputy Leader)

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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