

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:	Christine Richards	Electoral Division:	Lower Loughor
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Senior Salary Position:	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Services for Children & Young People [until 4th May 2017]
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Section 1: Constituency activities

My thanks to the people of Lower Loughor for their continued support. During the year, I once again dealt with a wide variety of local issues and personal cases for people in Lower Loughor.

I ensured that local residents could easily contact me. I worked with local Town Councillors to hold regular street surgeries, walk-in surgeries at Parc Williams pavilion and 'walked the ward' whenever I could. I advertised surgeries on Council website, posters, in my newsletters and on social media.

I used my Councillor's Community Budget (previously called Environmental Allowance) to continue the wild flower scheme and fund improvements to Parc Williams, including a new basket swing. I also donated some of my community budget to fund new stretchers for Loughor Lifeboat.

I continued to organise and 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 a series of 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

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	11	/	15	73	%
Chief Executive's Appraisal & Remuneration Committee	0	/	1	0	%
Community / Town Councils Forum	0	/	2	0	%
Constitution Working Group	2	/	2	100	%
Corporate Parenting Forum	3	/	6	50	%
Council	14	/	16	88	%
External Funding Panel	4	/	8	50	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum	1	/	2	50	%
Trustees Panel	2	/	3	67	%
OVERALL	37	/	55	67	%

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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 included: Social Services for children & families; Play; Youth Services & promoting youth inclusion; Early Intervention & Prevention; Youth Offending Service; Children's Rights [including United Nations convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Champion & Rights Respecting Schools]; Regional Adoption Service; Children & Young People's Board

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 the Lead Member for Safeguarding [keeping people safe], both Adults and Children attending Corporate Safeguarding Steering Group and the Councillor Champion for Children & Young people.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

'Get joined up around children & young people' - includes setting up CYP Partnership Board & CYP Strategic Partnership plan. Aim is for partner organisations to work together to ensure CYP in Swansea are safe, happy & healthy & develop to achieve their full potential.

Drive to ensure Councillor colleagues completed safeguarding training. This training is now compulsory & part of the Councillor Induction Programme.

Section 5: Learning and Development

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Section 6: Other activities and issues

Founder member of Friends of Parc Williams since 2009. Continue to support events, activities & improvements to our park.

Trustee of Loughor Town Trust, working to bring Loughor's Old Town Hall back into public use.

I was / still am a Llchwyr Town Councillor. www.llchwrtowncouncil.gov.uk

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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>

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