

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2014-2015

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **18 May 2015**. 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:	David Cole	Electoral Division:	Penyrheol
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Section 1: Constituency activities

- Establishment of a 20 MPH zone in Grovesend in order to control traffic speeds through the village.
- Introduced the Leigh Halfpenny Bursary in partnership with Penyrheol Comprehensive School to recognise and reward the best female/male sportsperson in any given year.
- Worked with officers in protecting a part of the apron outside NISA store on Frampton Road in order to prevent a reoccurrence of the near miss resulting in an injury to an employee.
- Worked with Gorseinon Hospital management to address parking and wall safety issues on the boundary and outside the hospital.
- Worked with local businesses, Committee members, Town Council, Police and Swansea City Licensing to deliver a 2nd Community Carnival in 2014 & was treasurer.
- I was instrumental in the formation of the idea and setting up the Friends of Gorseinon Parks which includes Parc y Werin, Parc Melin Mynach and Argyle Gardens.

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:

Appointments Committee	3	/	3	100	%
Area 2 Development Control Committee	8	/	8	100	%
Communities Cabinet Advisory Committee	3	/	3	100	%
Council	16	/	17	94	%
Development Management & Control Committee	7	/	7	100	%
Engagement and Inclusion Cabinet Advisory Committee	6	/	6	100	%
Equalities Committee	5	/	5	100	%
General Licensing Committee	16	/	16	100	%
LA Governor Panel	8	/	8	100	%
People Cabinet Advisory Committee	2	/	2	100	%
Place Cabinet Advisory Committee	2	/	2	100	%
Planning Committee	6	/	6	100	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	22	/	22	100	%
Statutory Licensing Committee	5	/	5	100	%
Statutory Licensing Sub Committee	2	/	2	100	%
OVERALL	111	/	112	99	%
Scrutiny Meetings:					
Affordable Housing Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	1	100	%
Car Parking Scrutiny Working Group	2	/	2	100	%
Corporate Culture Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	7	/	7	100	%
Economic Inactivity Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	1	100	%
Planning Services Scrutiny Working Group	2	/	2	100	%
School Governance (pre-inquiry)	1	/	1	100	%
Service Improvement & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel	9	/	10	90	%
Streetscene Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	3	/	3	100	%

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Scrutiny Meetings cont'd				
Sustainability Scrutiny Working Group	1	/	1	100 %
OVERALL	27	/	28	96 %

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I was a member of the following: Sustainable Development Fund Grants Panel (AONB – Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty); Joint Resilience Unit in conjunction with Swansea / Neath Port Talbot Council; Petty Officer Edgar Evans Memorial Fund Raising Committee; Planning Services Scrutiny Working Group Convenor.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I dealt with constituent's complaints and liaised with the Housing office, Police and other agencies to alleviate issues including ASB, property damage, boundary disputes, drainage, rubbish collection etc. Reported defective - street lighting, footway maintenance (pot holes), environmental issues (fly tipping). Drainage- alleviated drainage issues where necessary, e.g. Pontardulais Road adjacent to Penyrheol Comprehensive School, Waungron, Pentre Road. Became a member of a New Planning Committee that was established in 2015 and underwent the relevant training in order to carry out our responsibilities effectively.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

07/04/2015 - Human Trafficking & Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness

12/03/2015 - The Role of Councillors in Planning: Propriety & Good Practice

29/01/2015 - Making Scrutiny More Effective

09/12/2014 - Defamation

25/11/2014 - Making the best use of Performance Information

19/11/2014 - Elected Members Role in Supporting & Promoting Gypsies, Roma & Travellers

13/10/2014 - Safeguarding

04/08/2014 - Public Engagement

03/07/2014 - Freedom of Information Training

03/07/2014 - Data Protection (Including role as Data Controller) Training

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Attended regular meetings with Police, quarterly Surgeries in Penyrheol and Grovesend and achieved 100% attendance (for the second consecutive year) in attending Gorseinon and Penyrheol Town Council meetings (G+PTC). Also attended Grovesend Community Council meetings. Along with colleagues on G+PTC secured extra play equipment and exercise equipment installed in Parc Y Werin. As a Governor of Penyrheol Primary School I was part of a small group that set up the EHS Meeting. This was seen as a significant strength when the last ESTYN report was conducted.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,300

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>

Date: 19 May 2015

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