

## 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>	David Cole	<b>Electoral Division:</b>	Penyrheol
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### Section 1: Constituency activities

- As Treasurer I worked with local businesses, committee members, police and Swansea City Licensing to deliver a 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive community carnival in 2015.
- Attended and presented information on 26 August 2015 to repudiate appeal against rejection of Planning Application to deliver solar farm at Pencefnarda Farm.
- Worked with Grovesend Community Council and officers to deliver a pedestrian crossing on Coalbrook Road to allow safe pedestrian crossing point to underpin recent establishment of 20 mph zone. Also identification of box road traffic issue.
- Worked with officers to identify lack of play area equipment in Penyrheol and alleviating issue with plans to update Gower View Road play area.
- Worked with Officers to identify parking issues eg Heol Pentrebach, Rufus Lewis Avenue. Provision of double yellow lines to protect those junctions.
- Championed open space issues such as Parc y Werin, Parc Melyn Mynach, retention of school land in Penyrheol Comprehensive and Primary and Pengelli School and park.

### 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	12	/	14	86	%
Communities Cabinet Advisory Committee	12	/	13	92	%
Council	17	/	18	94	%
Development Cabinet Advisory Committee	10	/	11	91	%
Economy and Investment Cabinet Advisory Committee	2	/	2	100	%
General Licensing Committee	16	/	16	100	%
LA Governor Panel	8	/	9	89	%
Local Pension Board	1	/	1	100	%
Planning Committee	18	/	19	95	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	13	/	15	87	%
Statutory Licensing Committee	6	/	7	86	%
Statutory Licensing Sub Committee	2	/	2	100	%
Sustainable Development Fund Panel	1	/	1	100	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Scrutiny Meetings:</b>					
Building Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Working Group	8	/	9	89	%
Economic Inactivity Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	1	100	%
School Governance Inquiry	8	/	8	100	%
Service Improvement & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel	10	/	11	91	%
Streetscene Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	1	100	%
Sustainability Scrutiny Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
Tethered Horses Scrutiny Working Group	3	/	3	100	%
Tree Preservation Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
Welsh Housing Quality Standard Scrutiny Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>%</b>

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### Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Vice Chair of Joint Resilience Unit (Swansea / Neath Port Talbot Councils). Member of Petty Officer Edgar Evans Fund Raising Committee. Convenor of Planning Services Scrutiny Working Group which delivered a significant fall in enforcement cases outstanding. This decrease in numbers is being monitored continuously. Attended and supported Welsh cyclo-cross meet at Parc Melin Mynach on 21 November 2015. Attended Swansea Bus Station bus users event.

### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I dealt with constituents complaints and liaised with the local Housing Office, Police and other agencies to alleviate issues such as Anti-Social Behaviour, property damage, boundary disputes, drainage, rubbish collection, blue badge application, appeals against Council Tax banding, reported defective street lighting, footway maintenance (pot holes), overgrown vegetation, environmental issues (fly tipping).

### Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training:

04/05/2016 - Development Economics & Financial Viability Training

18/04/2016 - Guidance on Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment & Scrutinising Changes to Community Services

13/04/2016 - S.106 Planning Agreements / Obligations

12/04/2016 - Residential Design Guide Refresher Training

08/03/2016 - Wales Planning Act - Development Management Procedures

25/02/2016 - Planning Committee Training - Rights of Way

25/02/2016 - Safeguarding Vulnerable People

02/02/2016 – Child Protection (Governor Training)

09/12/2015 - Members Responsibility to Gypsy & Traveller Communities under the new Housing & Equality Acts

29/10/2015 - United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Training

12/10/2015 - The Determination of Applications for Town or Village Green Status

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

Attended regular meetings with Police, surgeries held in Penyrheol and Grovesend and Grovesend Community Council meeting. I completed 5 years of attending Gorseinon and Penyrheol Council meetings in December 2015. As a member of Penyrheol Primary School Governing Body I was allocated the role of Governor for attendance and attended Estyn review meetings. I was an active member of the newly constituted Planning Committee attending various site visits, training, Local Development Plan (LDP) meetings, etc.

### 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>

<b>Date:</b>	20.05.2016
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