

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

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines the activities over the year ending **20 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.

Councillor:	Jane Harris	Electoral Division:	Pontarddulais
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Cabinet / Executive Portfolio:	Services for Adults & Vulnerable People
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I participated in monthly advice surgeries held on the second and last Friday of each month between 5pm and 7pm in Canolfan Y Bont. I worked as Governor of Pontarddulais Comprehensive School and Governor of Pontarddulais Primary School. As a member of Pontarddulais Town Council I attended monthly meetings to receive and help resolve local issues. Minutes of these meetings can be found at www.pontarddulaistowncouncil.gov.uk Constituents contacted me with a range of issues and I advocated, supported, talked to officers and provided advice on; maintenance of council properties; access to social care; access to disability parking; planning; highway issues, footpath issues. I worked together with officers to find resources to manage and plan to resolve: pavement problems; traffic speed; parking near schools; road markings; signage; lighting issues; waste issues; pot holes.

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	5	/	6	83	%
Cabinet	13	/	15	87	%
Corporate Parenting Forum	5	/	5	100	%
Council	11	/	18	61	%
Community / Town Councils Forum	3	/	3	100	%
External Funding Panel	3	/	6	50	%
Gower AONB Partnership Group	1	/	4	25	%
Local Pension Board	0	/	1	0	%
Prevention & Social Care Reform Cabinet Advisory Committee	3	/	4	75	%
OVERALL	44	/	62	71	%

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Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Cabinet Member for Adults and Vulnerable People.

Since achieving my role as Cabinet Member I focused on and participated in: the development and evaluation of the outcomes of the three health and social care integrated hubs including the most effective utilisation of staff; the review of domiciliary care service provision; the review of day care service provision; the review of the residential care service provision; the review of the mental health and learning disability service. I visited the three hubs. I visited and / or re-visited: council residential homes; day services for older adults; day services for adults with mental health problems, learning and physical disabilities; development opportunities for domiciliary care services; services provided through supporting people for the homeless. With the implementation of the Social Care and Wellbeing Act 2014 I have been working in the process of developing policy and practice on Direct Payments, Carers and Complaints.

I have been active in the continuing development of Partnership practice across the region of Western Bay and am: Chair of the Regional Coordinating Committee for Supporting People; Deputy Chair of the Western Bay Area Planning Board for Substance Misuse; Chair of the Corporate Parenting Forum; Chair of the Locality Substance Misuse group; Health and Wellbeing Champion. I attended the following meetings and events: High Five Awards; Western Bay Community Cohesion Committee; Western Bay Partnership Forum ; Welsh Local Government Association; Ageing Well Network 50+ Meetings. Outside Bodies (2015- 2016): Abertawe and Bro Morgannwg Community Health Council; Swansea Bay Regional Equality Council

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Following representation from constituents I continued to pursue: the potential for local cycle routes; the continuing development of the new path from Siding Fach to Goppa road; the continuing development of rights of way from Siding Fach towards Groves end; the preservation of the Primary School Field for the use of the children of Pontarddulais; the preservation and further development of the bowls facility; the preservation and further development of Coedbach Park; the development of facilities for the population of Pontarddulais to ensure that there is capacity to meet need; issues relating to the management of the proposed wind turbines.

Continuously advocated and negotiated for the wishes of the population of Pontarddulais where there was evidence of concern, a potential for the development of services and an improved lifestyle and a need to support developments for the benefit of the community including bollards and / or road marking implemented and planned on Ffordd Y Glowr, Glasfryn Road, St Teilo Street, and Goppa Road; upgrading of the bus shelters; road markings round the schools; a pedestrian crossing for the Primary School on Bolgoed.

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Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training:

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

25/02/2016 - Safeguarding Vulnerable People

05/11/2015 - Introduction to Community Engagement

23/06/2015 - Media Training & Interview Skills

28/05/2015 - Recruitment & Selection

In my role as Governor, I also attended Preparation for Estyn training.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I chaired the charity organisation called the Pontarddulais Partnership that works with constituents in Pontarddulais from the community centre Canolfan Y Bont to promote: access to work opportunities; volunteering; I.C.T, digital inclusion and skills development for all ages; local access to a part time degree (BA humanities including psychology and counselling), heritage issues with local schools; access to grants for facilities; the maintenance of the Churchyard, Railway Station and the Rights of way on the Marsh; maintenance and continuation of the training centre; continued development of the charity shop.

Chair and finance officer of Pontarddulais Age Concern luncheon club that provides a weekly opportunity to meet socially and organised trips to Aberaeron, and Carmarthen and a holiday opportunity to Paignton and Llandudno for adults aged 50 plus to support positive lifestyles. The club obtained grants of £5,300 from three grant funders.

Finance Officer Friends of Coedbach Park;
Trustee for Swansea Council for Voluntary Services;
Deputy Mayor Pontarddulais Town Council.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary: £32,000 Cabinet Member - Services for Adults & Vulnerable People.

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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