

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: Paul Meara	Electoral Division: Sketty
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Section 1: Constituency activities

Management Committee Member: Sketty Park Community Centre.

Chair: Sketty PACT.

Councillor Surgeries in Sketty Park Community Centre and Sketty Library.

Support for local business initiatives

Support for local community initiatives

Free concerts for Residential Homes

Dealt with:

Potholes, rubbish collection, fly-tipping and other environmental issues

Housing and Benefits issues

Schools Admission Issues

Issues arising from cuts in bus services

Planning issues

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.

Area 1 Development Control Committee	10	/	12	83	%
Audit Committee	10	/	11	91	%
Corporate Parenting Forum	2	/	6	33	%
Council	13	/	15	87	%
Democratic Services Committee	7	/	8	88	%
Development Management & Control Committee	5	/	8	63	%
Equalities Committee	7	/	12	58	%
LA Governor Panel	8	/	10	80	%
Rights of Way and Commons Sub Committee	4	/	6	67	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	12	/	16	75	%
Student Liaison Forum	3	/	3	100	%
West Glamorgan Archives Committee	3	/	5	60	%
OVERALL	84	/	112	75	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Also Chaired two scrutiny enquiry panels: (Allotment services, Historic Buildings)

Swansea Bay Port Health Authority

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Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Vice-Chair of the Friends and Families Foster Panel

Chair of Governors: Sketty Primary School

Governor: Pen y Bryn School

Champion for Language Issues and Vice-Chair: Blue Plaque Scheme.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Last year's special initiative had to look in detail at the data provided by the Fischer Family Trust. This data informed a very large number of decisions that affected schools. I was very uneasy about the quality of this data, and the lack of transparency in the way it was used. I made the Director of Education aware of these concerns, and intend to pursue them urgently during the next Council year.

Section 5: Learning and Development

Before becoming a Councillor, I taught linguistics and ran a research group at Swansea University. My special skills are that I speak several languages and can handle complex statistical reports.

I have taken a basic course in Deaf Sign Language.

I also attended the following training sessions:

27/03/2014 - Understanding Asylum Seeker and Refugee Issues

05/03/2014 - Social Media; Making Social Media work for Councillors

25/10/2013 - Corporate Parenting

08/07/2013 - Personal Development Review

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary - £13,175

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:

1 October 2014