

# City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2017-2018

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines activities over the year ending **23 May 2018**. 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>	Nick Davies	<b>Electoral Ward:</b>	Uplands
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<b>Senior Salary Position:</b>	n/a
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## Section 1: Constituency activities

With my ward colleague I have held regular surgeries at Uplands market. As the market is a popular and well-attended event this ensures maximum visibility, accessibility and contact with residents (if any resident requests a private meeting that can also be arranged, of course). Both in public and behind the scenes with individual residents or groups I have worked to improve the quality of life for all residents of Uplands. In particular I have sought to overcome divisions between long-term residents and students and instead sought to work collaboratively with all sections of the community to build an Uplands that works for everyone.

In the interests of community cohesion I sought to protect Uplands against HMO over-density by engaging with residents and Council officers in the drafting of the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG). Thereafter, following the non-adoption of the SPG, I have, by opposing planning applications, sought to protect Uplands from further HMO over-density, despite there being no legally robust means of opposing appeals to the planning inspectorate. I have engaged with residents and council officers in the preparation of the Local Development Plan in so far as it relates to HMO density. I have also been taken up the concerns of residents about poorly managed HMOs.

I have taken up the concerns of residents about traffic congestion and inconsiderate or illegal parking outside the three schools in the ward, seeking to work with the schools, residents and parents for a workable and lasting solution.

I have worked with the police both in PACT meetings and informally in addressing issues of community concern such as anti-social behaviour. I have encouraged the participation in PACT meetings of student representatives, so that these events reflect the whole of our community and that any we can solve problems that emerge together.

I have worked with the University, residents, students and the police in trying to find alternatives to University staff parking during the day in Brynmill and to students bringing cars to Swansea.

I am working to extend the cycle network into Uplands by extending the network from the new Kingsway road system along Mansel Street and Walter Road.

I have supported both Uplands Market and the Uplands Traders' Association in their efforts to improve the commercial and recreational well-being of Uplands. With my ward colleague I have worked with Uplands market and council officers to arrive at a solution to parking difficulties on market days.

I have used my Community budget to provide a new bollard, at the entrance to Rosehill Quarry, preventing encroachment by vehicles.

## 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.

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Councillors attendance can be [viewed here](#).

### Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Councillor responsibilities can be [viewed here](#).

Councillor appointments to outside bodies can be [viewed here](#).

I am the Council champion for sustainable transport which is walking, cycling and public transport, in other words any alternative to the private car. I have worked with cabinet and council colleagues, officers, the Universities and bus operators, to make the Quality Bus Partnership work to enhance both the bus network and the infrastructure, to ensure that bus travel is an attractive option for the people of Swansea.

I chair the Cycle Action Programme in which I work with officers and cycling organisations such as Wheelrights and Sustrans in enhancing and expanding the cycle network throughout Swansea so that cycling to work or study, to the shops or to socialise is seen as easy and safe. I have liaised with Wheelrights in their consultation with residents in extending the cycle route into Uplands.

### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Following the success, along with Council colleagues and AMs, in getting the Welsh government to change the planning rules to give the Council more control over HMO planning applications I worked, with Council colleagues, for the implementation of effective Supplementary Planning Guidance to give Uplands protection against HMO density and capable of withstanding appeals against the authority to the planning inspectorate. In the interests of community cohesion and maintaining a balanced community, I have continued to work for an effective and workable mechanism for controlling HMO density as part of the authority's Local Development Plan. In so doing I remain committed to serving the interests of all the residents of Uplands, whether they are students or long term residents.

### Section 5: Learning and Development

Councillors training can be [viewed here](#).

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

Uplands is thriving. It is a lively vibrant community. To keep it that way a balance has to be between the interests of those who are long term residents, those who are studying here, those who work here and Upland's night time economy. As a local representative much of my work has been preserving that balance and making sure Uplands is as good as it can be.

### Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,400

Councillors travel and subsistence claim forms can be [viewed here](#).

Councillors annual expenses and allowances can be [viewed here](#).

**Date:** 31/10/2018

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