

# 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.

<b>Councillor:</b> Joe Hale	<b>Electoral Division:</b> St Thomas
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## Section 1: Constituency activities

Last year was a very busy year for me.

I attended regular surgeries and residents meeting as well as attending community first meetings.

I was and (at the time of writing this) still am a member of Mid and West Wales Fire Authority and Local Authority Governor of St Thomas Community School and Danygraig Primary School.

## 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:

Appeals and Awards Committee	6	/	8	75	%
Area 1 Development Control Committee	5	/	7	71	%
Business & Administration Cabinet Advisory Committee	6	/	7	86	%
Council	14	/	17	82	%
Development Management & Control Committee	5	/	7	71	%
LA Governor Panel	7	/	8	88	%
Rights of Way and Commons Sub Committee	0	/	5	0	%
OVERALL	43	/	59	73	%
Scrutiny Meetings:					
Corporate Culture Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	7	14	%
Looked after Children	1	/	1	100	%
Service Improvement & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel	10	/	14	71	%
OVERALL	12	/	22	55	%

## Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I attended on behalf of the Ward the Swansea Area Port Health Authority meetings and at the time of writing was Vice Chair.

I was and still am a Member of the Waste Management Committee of the Tir John Landfill.

Together with my ward colleague we attended regular school governor meetings at both Danygraig and St Thomas Schools.

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### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

We supported many ward activities such the very successful transformation of Polly's Park in Grenfell Park.

A truly inspiring group of Families with young children wanted a better area for their children to play in as their park was "tired" and run down and with the current economic situation they realised very quickly that the council didn't have a lot of money to spend on this resource.

The area has been totally transformed and although not finished it will be a huge asset to our Community.

We also responded to residents' concerns about access to Danygraig Cemetery from Port Tennant and had the Eastern entrance resurfaced.

Together with the help of the neat team, we helped to transform an area of the Ashland's outside the Community Centre in Port Tennant. Unfortunately a lot of the good work was stolen by thieves.

We held meetings to discuss and pursue through Welsh Government a cap on houses of multiple occupancy (HMO's).

We held regular meetings with the University Developers and the Tidal Lagoon Company.

### Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

05/03/2015 - Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking

05/08/2014 - Public Engagement

I believe my many years of working as a Trade Union representative has given me the understanding and common-sense needed to assist me in my role as Councillor.

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

I have enjoyed taking part in varied Community activities and supporting local events a special mention should go to all the Churches in the area and the events and good works they do - Fabian Bay Church, St. Thomas, St. Stephens and All Saints, Kilvey.

### 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>	31.05.15
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