

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.

Councillor: Mike White	Electoral Division: Landore
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I held monthly street surgeries in the Ward at Park Llewellyn Community Centre, on the 2nd Saturday of the month and Montana Park Community Centre on the 3rd Saturday. I also carried out walkabouts on a regular basis, where I had the opportunity to meet constituents and dealt with issues by reporting them to the appropriate Department(s).

My Ward Colleague covered the Surgeries in Hafod and Plasmarl, who also undertook Ward walkabouts.

I am pleased to say that after lobbying the Welsh Government, they provided funds to have Flying Start introduced into Plasmarl School, which was very much needed for this Community.

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.

Area 1 Development Control Committee	6	/	7	86	%
Business & Administration Cabinet Advisory Committee	5	/	7	71	%
Council	15	/	17	88	%
Development Management & Control Committee	6	/	7	86	%
LA Governor Panel	5	/	8	63	%
Place Cabinet Advisory Committee	2	/	4	50	%
Planning Committee	4	/	6	67	%
Rights of Way and Commons Sub Committee	5	/	5	100	%
Services Cabinet Advisory Committee	3	/	3	100	%
West Glamorgan Archives Committee	0	/	2	0	%
OVERALL	51	/	66	77	%

Scrutiny Inquiry Panels

Corporate Building Services	0	/	1	0	%
Corporate Culture	5	/	7	71	%
Streetscene	3	/	3	100	%
Tourism	0	/	1	0	%
OVERALL	8	/	12	67	%

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Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

- Chair of Rights of Way Sub Committee, which has now been incorporated into the new Planning Committee.
- Member of the British Port Authority Committee and South West Wales Joint Regional Committee for waste management.
- Appointed to the Archives Committee for the Swansea / Neath region.
- I attended 3 PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings in my Ward on a Monthly / bi-monthly basis.
- I attended School Governors meetings on a termly (or sometimes sooner) basis at Brynhyfryd Primary and Pentrehafof Comprehensive Schools.
- I attended Community Centre / Friends Groups in the Ward.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I was involved in supporting constituents to have a new distributor road introduced in the Ward. This was much needed to allay traffic congestion concerns and the Council gave the go ahead for this project.

I undertook site meetings with Officers from the Traffic Department to look at implementing further road safety measures to be implemented within the ward.

I worked to have disabled spaces for the various constituents who requested them.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

12/03/2015 - The Role of Councillors in Planning: Propriety & Good Practice

13/10/2014 - Safeguarding

05/08/2014 - Public Engagement

23/07/2014 - Data Protection (including role as Data Controller)

In addition, I previously worked for the Authority for 28 years where I was also a Trade Union Representative. Therefore I built up a good understanding of the various Council services available.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Always ready to listen to people's problems or concerns – this is very important and I always do my very best to represent the electorate of the ward.

I make myself available to be contacted – that is the commitment that I give to each and every one that lives in the Landore Electoral Ward. You give me your support to represent you as one of your Councillors and I always endeavour to do my very best for each and every one of you.

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>

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