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.

Councillor:	Wendy Lewis		Electoral Ward:	Cockett
Senior Salary Position:		n/a		

Section 1: Constituency activities

I have dealt with case work issues every day, liaising with council officers who are very supportive. I always get back to constituents whatever the outcome.

Attended 2 surgeries every month and attended PACT meetings every 3 months. As LA Governor of Y Login Fach and Waunarlwydd Primary schools, I attended all meetings, school events, concerts and acted as a support network for the schools with the Authority.

I have been in close contact with Roots foundation, Ty Fforest Community House, Community Farm helping any way I can.

Attended Remembrance Day events and all council organised activities.

Liaised with Police to cut down on anti-social behaviour and drug problems within the ward.

Liaised with officers in the ward on road safety issues.

Attended street surgeries with police and housing officers.

Alongside my ward colleagues I have managed to organise road improvements to Waunarlwydd which are ongoing.

I organised for a retaining wall to be built in Cockett which was an ongoing problem for many years.

Also, wild flowers and flower boxes planted across the ward.

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.

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 <u>viewed here</u>.

I am Councillor Champion for Councillor Support and Development.

As Deputy Whip I have given support to individual Labour Councillors to help continue with their Councillor roles.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

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Organised with a fellow colleague to set up a Friends of Waunarlwydd Park Committee of which I am chair.

Organised surgeries in a local Sheltered Accommodation to help the elderly residents with their issues.

Organised a union between police, housing and myself to deal with major drug issues in a part of the ward.

Section 5: Learning and Development

Councillors training can be viewed here.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

My previous job working in a local Post Office helped me to interact with residents and to be able to deal with sensitive issues that occur in my role as Councillor.

Supported Ty Fforest Community House in activities to help them support vulnerable people in the Ward. I also organised the road closure for their Fun Day and for the Fire Service to attend. I also attended this event.

Helped the Community Farm to obtain 2 Brecon Geese for them to be able to breed to bring much needed revenue to the farm.

As part of my Councillor Champion role I organised for Councillors to help out and participate in the Together at Christmas event for homeless and vulnerable of Swansea.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,400

Councillors travel and subsistence claim forms can be <u>viewed here</u>. Councillors annual expenses and allowances can be <u>viewed here</u>.

Date: 28/10/2018