

# City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2018-2019

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines activities over the year ending **08 May 2019**. 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>	Louise Gibbard	<b>Electoral Ward:</b>	Dunvant
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<b>Senior Salary Position:</b>	
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## Section 1: Constituency activities

Alongside my ward colleague, Cllr Jennifer Raynor, I have held monthly no-appointment surgeries open to all residents in Dunvant. I receive many casework issues via email and phone calls and ensure I respond in a timely manner, chasing up with relevant council officers and cabinet members as required. We are in regular contact with constituents via newsletters, two community noticeboards and via our Facebook page.

We continue to look at road safety concerns with local residents and council officers. We arranged for the installation of a zebra crossing on Derlwyn to aid families crossing from Dunvant Primary School and improved signage on Dunvant Square and Garrod Avenue. Other sites and solutions around the ward are being explored.

We have once again funded displays of wildflowers around Dunvant, regularly report fly-tipping, potholes and overgrowth and have carried out litterpicks. Alongside pupils at our local schools we have put up signs encouraging dog owners to clean up after them.

I've made bringing our community together a top priority, supporting groups and schools, and helping to organise local activities open to all such as two children's film events, afternoon teas at Dunvant Social Centre and events with Friends of Dunvant Park like the Easter egg hunt and Halloween fun day. From our community budget we funded a defibrillator for Pen Y Fro and compost for Dunvant Primary school eco-club's raised beds project.

I am a governor at both Pen Y Fro and Dunvant Primary schools and a committee member of Friends of Dunvant Park. I regularly attend PACT meetings and continue to work with our PCSOs and police officers regarding community safety, particularly concerns about Anti-Social Behaviour and irresponsible parking.

## 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 [viewed here](#).

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### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

As Champion for Women I have continued my focus on the issue of 'period poverty' and have helped organise the introduction of the provision of free menstrual products for all who need them at many council venues including all our libraries, the Glynn Vivian, Dylan Thomas Centre and other sites.

### Section 5: Learning and Development

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

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

I have been working hard to improve my own knowledge and understanding of the issues facing our city and our diverse communities and have attended events such as the Green Fayre at the Waterfront Museum, Women 4 Resources and PEN Cymru's International Women's Day events, Stand Up to Racism, Holocaust Memorial Day, White Ribbon Day, National Safeguarding Week event about exploitation (including talks on County Lines, scams and modern slavery), Race Equality Conference, City Centre Conference and many many more.

### Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,600

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

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

<b>Date:</b>	11/07/2019
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