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ELECTORAL WARD: Risca East

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PROFILE:

Cabinet Member for Education & Lifelong Learning

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Cabinet
Appointments Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Joint Consultative Committee
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal - Crumlin Arm Working Group
View Point Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Arts Council for Wales - South East Wales Board
Children and Young Peoples Partnership
Coleg Harlech WEA North
PFI Liaison Committee
Risca Town Centre Management Group
Schools Admission Forum
Schools Budget Forum
WLGA Education Cabinet Lead Focus Group

WLGA Representative : Wales Youth Reference Group and Feasibility Study
Young Persons Forum
Corporate Parenting Group
Youth Forum

ATTENDANCE

From May 2014 to May 2015 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Appointments Committee	1	1
Council	9	12
Cabinet	23	26
Joint Consultative Committee	4	4
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal (Crumlin Arm)	1	3
Pensions Compensation Committee	1	2
Risca Town Centre Management	0	2

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I undertook the following training and development seminars and courses: -

Appointments (Mandatory)
School Categorisation (Seminar)
Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (Seminar)
Collection Services (Seminar)
R & R of Cabinet Members (Recommended)
Webcasting S1 (Additional)

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

As Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning I acted as the Cabinet expert in these areas, to ensure that the views and needs of the service are built into the Council's policy framework and the decision making process. I attended 6 Scrutiny meetings where I regularly updated other Members about my key portfolio activities.

I provided updates on the Schools Challenge Cymru programme and the Welsh in Education Plan, the success of the Bedwas Adult Education Centre, where in conjunction with Bedwas Leisure Centre, 8 young people achieved their Level 2 pool lifeguarding QCF qualification award and was proud to announce the various learning results recorded for Caerphilly County Borough. These included the Adult Community Learning Results and the Gwent 5 County Welsh for Adults Partnership. The ACL Service won a 'Tutor of the Year' award and one of the 'Learner of the Year' awards.

On 29th September 2014, I attended the opening of the Risca Integrated Children's Centre Unit (ICC). The ICC will host a multi agency team of health visitors; nursery nurses, family support workers and childcare and in October 2014 Caerphilly County Borough Council was highlighted for excellence in our strategic planning of Public Library Services. Caerphilly Library Services also took part in the first Harry Potter celebration evening on 5th February with 690 children and adults attending the evening hosted in various libraries throughout the county borough.

I also presented a report at the Cabinet meeting on the proposal to rationalise Abertysswg and Pontlottyn Primary Schools into one new primary school, which will be based on the Rhymney Comprehensive School site and also highlighted to scrutiny that, as a result of the

work undertaken as part of the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Review, a satellite class had been established in Cwm Ifor Primary School which aims to improve opportunities and educational outcomes for identified pupils from Trinity Fields.

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

Attended community, voluntary group meetings.

Worked with residents and tenants with housing, repairs, complaints and local issues.

Worked to facilitate a multi-agency support network with Agape Church at the single person council accommodation premises. Working with environmental and nature trail voluntary teams.