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ELECTORAL WARD: Cefn Fforest

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE:

Cabinet Member for Highways Transportation & Engineering

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Cabinet

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Blackwood Town Centre Management Group
Joint Consultative Committee
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal – Crumlin Arm Working Group
Rights of Way Cabinet Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Public Services Excellence (formerly APSE) - Welsh Regional Committee
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Regeneration Partnership
South East Wales Transport Alliance
South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Blackwood Comprehensive School
Cefn Fforest Primary School

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>
Blackwood Town Centre Management Group	2	3
Cabinet	24	26
Council	12	12
Joint Consultative Committee	4	4
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal (Crumlin Arm)	2	2
Rights of Way Cabinet Committee	1	1

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (x2)	Performance Objectives
Common Housing Register (Seminar)	Webcasting
NATO Summit (Seminar)	Collection Services (Seminar)
School Categorisation (Seminar)	20mph Zone (Seminar)
WIMD (Seminar)	Appointments (Mandatory)
Information Governance (Mandatory)	Constitution (Mandatory)
Pensions/Compensation (Mandatory)	
Rights of Way Cabinet (Mandatory)	
Roles and Responsibilities of Cabinet Members (Recommended)	

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

As Cabinet Member for Highways, Transportation and Engineering I act as Cabinet expert in these areas, ensuring 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 attended the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Cymru Wales National Transport and Logistic Awards in Cardiff. Caerphilly CBC was awarded first place in the 'Partnerships' category for Pengam Park and Ride Scheme and first runner-up under the 'Transportation Policy, Planning and Implementation' category for the Sewta Park and Ride package.

A number of major works and developments across the county borough were completed last year including the re-lining of a section of the Brecon and Monmouth Canal, the reopening of the A469 between New Tredegar and Pontllottyn, flood prevention works at Glyn Terrace, Ynysddu, the Crumlin Rail Bridge refurbishment, Phase 4 Bargoed Regeneration, A469 Treceenydd to Pwllpant road was reconstructed and resurfaced and drainage improvement works were carried out in Crosskeys.

A number of bids were also submitted to Welsh Government relating to local walking, cycling, public transport schemes, the Safe Routes in Communities scheme and other road safety schemes.

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I held street surgeries on a regular basis from which I investigated every complaint.

As Cabinet Member for Highways, Transportation and Engineering I met with the Head of Engineering on a regular basis to discuss all related issues within Caerphilly CBC.

I dealt with the following complaints on a day to day basis with local residents: -

Made referrals to the Highway Department for problems such as potholes.

Made referrals to Environment Department regarding street cleansing, grass cutting and maintenance and liaised with the relevant officers to secure successfully outcome for my constituents.

Made referrals to Housing Department on numerous issues e.g. housing repairs.

I liaised with the police and local community safety wardens on behalf of local residents with regard to anti-social behaviour and other community issues.

Chair of Cefn Fforest Eco Park Committee.