

# ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2015 - MAY 2016



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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Pengam

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:**

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**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Health Social Care and Well-Being Scrutiny Committee

**SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS**

N/A

**OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

N/A

**SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Fleur-de-Lys  
Pengam

**ATTENDANCE**

From May 2015 to May 2016 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	4	12
Sustainable Development Panel	0	3

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Information Governance (Mandatory)

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

I do not hold surgeries my constituents prefer to contact me by telephone and email. I continue to work hard to support my community in the best way that I can. Over the last year I have dealt with a number of issues regarding planning, traffic, anti-social behaviour and housing. We have recently experienced a spate of break-ins right across the ward which has caused damage and loss to private property, our community buildings and some local businesses. I will be doing all I can to help ensure that crime and community safety is kept high on the agenda. I continue to work closely with Fleur de Lys Institute and the Friends of the Ecopark (two thirds of which is in Pengam) and this year's tenth anniversary of the Fleur de Lys Flower Festival was amazing to say the least.

Local Government finances are still being seriously degraded due to the continuation of austerity measures implemented by the UK government. This has obvious consequences for local government expenditure and the delivery of frontline services. Caerphilly Council continues to do all that it can to protect our constituents from the worst effects of this policy through a range of measures, and we continue to lead many other councils' in protecting key community services such as leisure centres, libraries and life-long learning.

Welsh Government introduced the Future Generations Wales Act 2015 which came into effect April 2016. This means that public bodies must work together to promote sustainable living and working. The legislation makes explicit the responsibility of local authorities across Wales to deliver sustainable prosperity, health, equality, community, culture and the environment.