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ELECTORAL WARD: Pengam

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Cabinet Member for Housing

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Cabinet
Joint Consultative Committee
Pension Compensation Committee
Cabinet Rights of Way Sub Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Homes Task Group
Caerphilly Community Partnership Group
View Point Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Public Services Excellence (APSE) Welsh Regional Committee
Care and Repair – Caerphilly
Consortium of Local Authorities Wales (CLAW)
Joint Council for Wales
Local Government Association
South East Area Environment Group
Welsh Local Government Association
White Ribbon Campaign

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Pengam Primary School
Fleur-de-Lis 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>
Council	10	12
Cabinet	18	21
Joint Consultative Committee	4	4
Pension Compensation Committee	1	1
Caerphilly Homes Task Group	7	7

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

New Thinking in Performance Management
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar x 2)
Treasury Management (Seminar)
Health and Wellbeing Act (Seminar)

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

In my capacity as the Cabinet Member for Housing, I am responsible for the Welsh Housing Quality Standards (WHQS) programme.

The WHQS programme is a £200m investment in the Council housing stock and is the largest capital programme ever undertaken in the history of Caerphilly County Borough Council

The programme initially got off to a poor start with an under-estimate of the procurement process. I am pleased to say that the programme has now gathered momentum and it is forecast that all 10,000 plus Council houses will be improved to the WHQS standard by 2020.

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

It has generally been a quiet year in the Pengam Ward.

I have continued to attend the Britannia, Pengam and Fleur de Lis Association meetings, which are well attended by residents and numerous complaints and comments are forthcoming. This has proved useful in highlighting problems.

I continue to have a dialogue with Highway Services about the traffic problems in Plas Road and Bude Terrace which is still an ongoing problem.

I held a number of surgeries with Gwent Police but unfortunately these were not well attended.

It was pleasing to attend the opening of a new playground in Warne Street. I was able to obtain finance from various sources to build the playground.

I have and will always answer all telephone calls and make house calls where required as I believe it is the duty of a Councillor to represent their community and act as an advocate for individuals and community groups.