

ANNUAL REPORT

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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

Joint Consultative Committee
Rights of Way Cabinet Committee
Blackwood Town Centre Management Group
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal – Crumlin Arm Working Group
Pensions Compensation Committee
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 2015 to May 2016 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Blackwood Town Centre Management Group	3	3
Cabinet	21	21
Council	12	12
Joint Consultative Committee	3	3
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Group	2	3

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Investigating and Disciplinary Committee (Mandatory)

New Thinking in Performance Management

Finance (Seminar)

Gypsy and Travellers and the Housing Act

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar x 2)

Health and Wellbeing Act (Seminar)

Blackwood Town Centre Management Group (Annual)

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 Scrutiny meetings where I regularly updated other Members about my key portfolio activities.

I attended numerous visits and events throughout the borough in relation to my portfolio priorities including a visit to General Dynamics UK, Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Regeneration Steering Group and WLGA Annual Conference.

LDP Site Visits as part of the review of the Local Development Plan, I also made highway and transportation site visits in relation to Cwm Darren Place, The Rhiw, Cwm Argoed, Islwyn Road, Wattsville, Aberbargoed, Grove Park, Blackwood, Cefn Forest Allotments, traffic issues in Rhymney, Glyn Derw, Deri, Highway House, Gordon Road, Blackwood and From Wen, Pengam. I also attended the Metro Event: Cardiff Capital City Region Urban Transport Network, the official opening of Llancaiach Fawr, Caerphilly Homes Awards, Annual Youth Forum Conference 2015, 20mph Event with Schools, Traveline Cymru Annual General Meeting, Anti Drink Drive Launch, Pride in Your Place Awards, Holocaust Memorial Day and the Standing Conference.

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

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

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.