

# ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2015 - MAY 2016



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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Blackwood

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** I have lived in Blackwood for 3 years, Ystrad Mynach before that for four years, a further 3 years in Caerphilly Town and since a birth I lived in the Aber Valley. At 36 this year I am one of the younger councillors in the authority.

I work full time as a social worker in a busy child protection team, so although I endeavour to make it to all committees and panels I am associated with, I do have to give my apologies on occasion. In terms of attending the Blackwood town centre management meetings one of the three Councillors in Blackwood will always attend and report back to those who are unable to attend.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Council  
Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee  
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee

**SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS:**

Blackwood Town Centre Management Group

**OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS:**

Corporate Parenting Group  
Fostering Panel

**SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY:**

Blackwood 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>
Council	5	12
Health Social Care and Wellbeing	5	8
Regeneration and Environment	7	8
Blackwood Town Centre Management Group	0	3

**TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

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

WLGAs Young Councillor Weekend  
Regeneration and Environment (6 Monthly Update)  
Health and Wellbeing Act (Seminar)

**CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY:**

For full details of my activity please keep visiting [www.blackwoodlabour.org.uk](http://www.blackwoodlabour.org.uk) or [www.facebook.com/blackwoodlabour](https://www.facebook.com/blackwoodlabour)

In Blackwood we hold drop in sessions on the third Saturday of every month where members of the public can come to talk with their councillor about issues that affect them locally or nationally. Matters that we cannot deal with on a national basis we refer on to the Local MP or AM who we keep a close connection with.

Casework has been varied from addressing issues relating to antisocial behaviour, potholes, dog fouling and helping a resident move into sheltered accommodation. I strongly feel that the tradition of the councillor being an advocate for the residents of the borough is fundamental to our role as well as representing people's views at full council.

Your Local Councillor Team in Blackwood, Cllr Nigel Dix, Cllr Pat Cook and I work together to ensure we get the best for our community. I've campaigned against the Local Development Plan which had outline planning to build a significant amount of houses on Green Wedges around Blackwood and I'll continue to represent Blackwood residents on such matters for the rest of my term as County Councillor for Blackwood.