

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: St. James

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Cabinet

Joint Consultative Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group

Caerphilly Homes Task Group

Rights of Way Cabinet Sub-Committee

WLGA Deputy spokes person for Community Safety, Police and Fire Authorities

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Public Services Excellence (APSE) Welsh Regional Committee

Catalogue Supplies Joint Committee

Gwent Archives Joint Committee

Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee

Heads of the Valley Joint Organics Project Joint Committee

Local Government Association

Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee

Schools Budget Forum

Welsh Church Fund
Welsh Local Government Association
Welsh Purchasing Consortium

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

St. James Primary School
St. Cenydd Comprehensive School

ATTENDANCE

From May 2016 to May 2017 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	6	10
Cabinet	16	21
Joint Consultative Committee	2	4
Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group	2	2
Caerphilly Homes Task Group	5	7
Non-Domestic Rate Payers Committee	1	1

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Treasury Management (Seminar)
City Deal (Seminar)
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)
Dementia Friend
Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group (Annual)
Answering Challenging Questions (Recommended)
Finance
Hate Crime Awareness.
Dealing with the Media.
The Travelling Community.

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

As Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, it means that besides my Constituency work, representing Constituents with various issues and my work as a school governors etc., I have responsibility for Finance, Procurement, Communications, Legal and ICT.

Along with my regularly scheduled committee, cabinet and council meetings during 2016/17 I also attended the following events and meetings:-

WLGA Co-ordinating Committee, Armed Forces Day Celebrations, Mayor's Charity Launch, Looked After Children Event, BIP Board Meeting, Governors Meetings, Caerphilly Homes Celebration Evening, Waste Challenge Board Meeting, Corporate Parenting, Lansbury Park Deep Place Study Focus Group, WLGA Conference, Disability CANDO Celebration, Business Awards, Launch of the Corporate Parenting Handbook, Pension Fun Actuarial

Valuation, Non Domestic Rates Consultation, Launch of the Progress/Cynnydd Initiative, UK National Infrastructure Commission, Parliamentary Review Engagement Event and Commonwealth Day.

I also met regularly with Heads of Service, Directors, the Chief Executive, Police and Crime Commissioner and Trade Unions with regard to my portfolio priorities.

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

My constituency commitments continue to be very busy, I no longer hold surgeries as I have found people can not always find the time to make appointments and would rather visit me at home, or email, or Facebook me, very often their concerns need urgent attention.

Residents have all sorts of concerns and worries which they need help or assistance with, I have made referrals to Social Services for a number of older people who have been experiencing some difficulties, arranging meetings with officers, getting pot holes fixed, attending local events, such as the over 50' luncheon club, Rural Markets etc.

There are never two days the same and I think that is why I enjoy the work so much.