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ELECTORAL WARD: Pengam

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Deputy Leader and 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 2016 to May 2017 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	9	10
Cabinet	21	21
Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Miners Institute	2	2
Cabinet as Trustees of Dafydd Williams Park	1	1
Joint Consultative Committee	4	4
Caerphilly Homes Task Group	6	6
Rights of Way Cabinet Committee	1	1

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Answering Challenging Questions (Recommended)
Rent Smart Wales (Seminar)
Information Governance (Mandatory)
Dementia Friend
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)
Launch of the Corporate Parenting Handbook (Seminar)
City Deal (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.

During 2016/17 I attended the following meetings and represented Caerphilly County Borough Council at the following events: -

Housing related site visits with Ward Members, WHQS Project Board meetings, Caerphilly Private Landlord Forum, Tarragan Launch Event, Mayor's Civic Services, WHQS Environmental Programme, Aberbargoed Junior School Site Visit, Meetings with Gerald Jones MP and Dawn Bowden AM, Caerphilly Homes Transforming Lives and Communities Awards, Act Travel Act – Member Engagement Event, Caerphilly Homes Celebration Evening, Lansbury Park Deep Place Study Focus Group, Launch of the Giant of Gelligaer, Site Visit to the Oak Terrance Bypass Traffic Light Signals (A4049), Standing Conference, Annual Youth Forum Conference, WLGA Conference, visit to the Supported Housing Scheme in Risca, Business Awards, Affordable Housing Development, Common Housing Register Launch, City Deal, Turf Cutting Ceremony at Abertyssefy/Pontlloftyn Primary School, Launch of Growth and Competitiveness Commissioners Report, Pride in Your Place Awards, Flats Fire Safety Initiative, Holocaust Memorial Day, Launch of the Progress/Cynydd Initiative, WLGA Cabinet Members' Housing Network Meeting, Launch of the Tool Library at Graig y Rhacca Resource Centre, Cardiff Capital Region City Deal

Signing Event, Caerphilly Public Services Board, Commonwealth Day and Life Through a Lens Exhibitions.

As well as these meetings and events I regularly meet with Directors, Head of Service, Officers, Assembly Members and Members of Parliament in relation to my portfolio priorities.

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I continue to regularly attend Britannia, Pengam, & Fleur-de-Lis association meetings where a wide range of topics are discussed.

The Fleur-de-Lis Flower Festival is now a permanent item in my diary. It's exciting to see this festival grow from its small beginnings to the major village event it has now become.

Since the demise of Fleur-de-Lis's British Legion I have organised the armistice parade, applying for road closures etc.

I continue to respond to residents requests for help on a wide range of services, housing complaints, highway problems to name but a few.