

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**MAY 2016 - MAY 2017**



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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Crosskeys and Pontywaun

**PARTY:** Labour

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Planning Committee  
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee  
Audit Committee  
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee  
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

## **SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS**

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal – Crumlin Arm Working Group

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Greater Gwent Crematorium  
Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Newbridge School  
Waunfawr Primary School, Crosskeys

## **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>
Audit Committee	4	4
Caerphilly SACRE	1	3
Council	10	10
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee	2	2
Education for Life	5	8
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal	2	3
Planning Committee	9	11
Policy and Resources Scrutiny	7	8

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Finance (Recommended)  
Education for Life Scrutiny (Annual and Update)  
Audit Committee (Annual)  
Developments of National Significance (Recommended)  
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal (Annual)  
Scrutiny of Public Services Boards (Annual)  
Planning Committee (Annual)  
Rent Smart Wales (Seminar)  
Information Governance (Mandatory)  
Dementia Friend (Recommended)  
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)  
Launch for the Corporate Parenting Handbook (Seminar)  
City Deal (Seminar)  
Treasury Management (Seminar)

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

This is now my second Annual report since being re-elected to serve the Crosskeys and Pontywaun Wards of Caerphilly County Borough.

Over the past year I have undertaken training courses offered to me to give me a better understanding of the various aspects of local government. This is to enable me to conduct my roles as a Councillor more effectively, I regularly attend all committees I have been assigned to. This is additional to my day to day case work which is: -

Visiting constituents in both of my wards.

Resident meetings.

Crosskeys and Pontywaun Partnership meetings (when possible).

Working along side Crosskeys College Senior Management.

Working closely with Gwent Police and Community Wardens concerning issues of speeding, antisocial behaviour and area updates.

I have tried to start up a 'Drop-In' Surgery with little success, but remain committed to any constituent that requires a house visit, 24-7.

I am grateful to all the residents of Crosskeys and Pontywaun who have entrusted me as their Councillor for the next five years.