

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Pontllanfraith

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** Cabinet Member for Corporate Services

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Appointments Committee  
Cabinet  
Cabinet as Trustees for Blackwood Miners Institute  
Council  
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee  
Joint Consultative Committee  
Rights of Way Cabinet Committee

## **OUTSIDE BODIES**

Association of Public Services Excellence (Formerly ADLO) – Welsh Regional Committee  
Catalogue Supplies Joint Committee  
Citizens Advice Bureau Trustee Board  
Domestic Abuse Champion  
Joint Council for Wales  
Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee  
Welsh Church Fund  
Welsh Purchasing Consortium

## **ATTENDANCE**

From May 2017 to May 2018 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Appointments Committee	2	3
Cabinet	18	18
Cabinet as Trustees for BMI	2	2
Council	13	13
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee	4	4
Joint Consultative Committee	3	3
Pensions Compensation Committee	1	1

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Induction 2017

Data Protection

Information Governance Training (Mandatory)

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (20.09.2017)

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (31.01.2018)

21st Century Schools (Seminar)

VAWDASV E-Training

## **CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY**

As Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, I acted as the Cabinet expert in these areas, to ensure 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.

Along with my regularly scheduled committee, cabinet and council meetings during 2017/18 I also attended the following events and meetings:-

HR Strategy Group, Standing Conference, County Armed Forces Day, Live Vacancy Event in Sue Noakes Sport Centre, Visit by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, Meeting with Cabinet Member for HR from Newport County Council, Corporate Customer Service Standards Workshop, Meeting re Blue Badge Enhancements, WLGA Regional Induction Event, Joint Council for Wales Meeting, Youth Forum Conference, Citizen Advice Bureau Meeting, BIP Improving Service Programme – Customer Services, Pride in Your Place Awards, Visits to Loftus Gardens and the Gaer Project, Official Launch of the Idris Davies 3-18 School and 1 RAF100 Event.

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**

I am Vice Chairman of the Penllwyn Partnership, which provides assistance to and identifies funding for local projects.

These are the issues that I have worked on over the past year many of which are ongoing: -

During the last year, together with my Pontllanfraith Councillors Mike Adams and Gez Kirby, I held monthly surgeries for Pontllanfraith residents.

I have participated in numerous Council meetings, School Governors meetings and community based organisations as follows:-

Bryn Primary School  
Councillor/Police Liaison  
Penllwyn Community Partnership

I worked with fellow Pontllanfraith Councillors and various Ward Councillors, Council Officers, Local Ward Police Officers and numerous other bodies to address residents' concerns in relation to the following matters:-

Drainage problems throughout the ward  
Grass cutting  
Housing problems  
Parking issues  
Potholes/road repairs  
Replacing stolen/vandalised signs