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ELECTORAL WARD: St. James

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Governance.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Cabinet

Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Miners Institute

Joint Consultative Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group

Caerphilly Homes Task Group

Joint Consultative Committee

Non-Domestic Ratepayers Committee

Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Anti Poverty Champion

50+ Champion

Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee

Gwent Archives Joint Committee

Local Government Association
Schools Budget Forum
Welsh Church Fund
Welsh Local Government Association

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

St. James Primary School
St. Cenydd Comprehensive School

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>
Council	10	13
Cabinet	13	18
Cabinet as Trustees of BMI	1	2
Joint Consultative Committee	2	3
Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group	1	2
Non-Domestic Rate Payers Committee	1	1
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee	3	4

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Induction 2017

Pensions Compensations Committee & Appeals Panel

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (20.09.2017)

Treasury Management (Seminar) (16.10.2017)

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (31.01.2018)

Data Protection (Mandatory)

Information Governance (Mandatory)

21st Century Schools (Seminar)

VAWDASV E-Training

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

As Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Governance, 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:-

WLGA Councils, Armed Forces Day Celebrations, Gwent Adult community Celebration of Achievement Event, Potential Linkages with the 50+ Forum Meeting between 50+ Forum Champions & Caerphilly 50+ Forum, Citizenship Ceremony, Mayor's Civic Service, Affordable Housing Road Trip, Visits by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, HR Strategy Group, 50+ Forum Steering Group, BIP Board, Gwent Archives Joint Committee, Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee, Cabinet Secretary Visit to Hafod Deg and Rowan Place in Rhymney, Machen Road Watch, Unveiling of Plaque at Rudry Village Hall,

Launch of Islwyn High School, Presentation of Certificates at Hafod Deg Resource Centre, WLGA Regional Induction Event, Corporate Governance Panel, Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar: Tackling Poverty in Wales, Judge Shwmae Day Competition, Youth Forum Conference, Voluntary Sector Awards Event, 50+ Forum in Caerphilly Castle, Meeting with Twinning Delegation, Affordable Housing Site Visit – Former Goodrich Hotel site, Visit to Bromley by Bow – Unleashing Healthy Communities, Visit to Abermill Care Home, Meeting with Ruperra Castle Preservation Trust, Christina Harray & Hefin David AM, Meeting with Caerphilly County Credit Union, Looked After Children Event (Younger and Older), Mayor's Carol Service, MSO/Lead Members Network (Democratic Services), WAO Scrutiny Review Interview (Focus Group) Wellbeing for Future Generations, Business Rate Meeting, Holocaust Memorial Day, Presentation of the Rugby Shirt for the Diwrnod Shwmae Competition at Cefn Fforest Primary School, Members Seminar – 2018/19 Local Government Settlement, Luncheon Club's, Town Centre Improvement Group, Commonwealth Day – Raising of the Flag, Site Visit to Six Bells Site, Official Opening of Cwrt Goodrich, Official Launch of the Idris Davies 3-18 School, RAF100 Event and the Presentation to Caerphilly Pensioners.

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

These are the issues that I have worked on over the past year many of which are ongoing, planning applications, ward members issues which I needed to resolve, pothole maintenance, speaking to various groups about my role and the work I undertake, I am also the chair of the Van Community Council and recently took part in a family fun day at St James school organised by the parenting association

Taking part in a number of Community Council events i.e. Soup and Carols for the children and parents of the Van area last Christmas, also an Easter event for the same group where every child received an Easter Egg and entertainment was provided by a young entertainer named "Rio".

I attend the Draethen, Waterloo and Rudry Community Lunch once a month in Rudry in Rudry village hall, I was pleased to attend a walkabout in Lansbury park when we were accompanied by Rebecca Evans A. M.

I have dealt with housing matters for residents from damp in the home to lease issues I don't hold regular surgeries, however I have many visitors to my home and people know that I am available.

I attend WLGA Co-ordinating Committee, 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.