

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Ynysddu

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Cabinet Member for Education and Achievement

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee
Council
Cabinet
Pensions Compensation Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Joint Consultative Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Coleg Harlech WEA North
Corporate Parenting Group
Corporate Safeguarding Group
PFI Liaison Committee
School Admission Forum
Schools Budget Forum

Youth Forum

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Ysgol Gyfn Cwm Rhymni

Ynysddu Primary 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>
Appointments Committee	2	2
Council	10	13
Cabinet	12	18
Cabinet as Trustees of BMI	2	2
Pensions Compensation Committee	3	3
Joint Consultative Committee	3	3

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I have undertaken the following training and development: -

Induction 2017

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (20.09.2017)

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (31.01.2018)

Data Protection (Mandatory)

21st Century Schools (Seminar)

Affordable Housing and The LPD

Audit Risk

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (Seminar)

VAWDASV E-Training

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

As Cabinet Member for Education and Achievement, 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:- Gwent Adult Community Celebration of Achievement Event, Mayor's Charity Launch, Visit to Islwyn High, Standing Conference, Hash Tag Connect with Gwent Music, Visit by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, Corporate Safeguarding Board, Four Counties Concert, Velvet Coalmine Festival 2017 Opening Reception, Lower Sirhowy Valley WLGA Regional Induction Event Residents Group, Welsh Medium 14-16 Provision, Blackwood Basement Open Day, WLGA Regional Induction Event, Annual Ynysddu Community Flood Group Meeting, Judging Shwmae Day Competition, Meeting with Twinning Delegation, Leadership Academy Programme, Admission Forum Meeting, Looked After Children Event Younger and Older, Heolddu EIP Meeting, Caerphilly Welsh in Education Forum, Caerphilly Welsh in Education Forum, School Budget Forum, Presentation of the Rugby Shirt for the Diwrnod Shwmae

Competition, Conference on School Standards in Wales, Dementia Friendly Award Presentation at Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School, Commonwealth Day – Raising of Flag, Site Meeting to Six Bells Site, Meeting to discuss Islwyn High, Official Opening of the Idris Davies 3 to 18 School, RAF100 Event, Caerphilly Youth Forum Question Time and The Youth Service Awards

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: -

Lower Sirhowy Communities Partnership – regularly attended meetings and contributed to several actions (Sirhowy river clean up, HGV watch at Nine Mile Point with Gwent Police, facilitated in the setting up two half term play scheme activities in the valley).

Lower Sirhowy Residents Group - attended regular meetings around the planned fuel recycling plant at Nine Mile point – as a key member being involved in protests, petitions, liaison with the media and holding public meetings keeping residents informed on the current position-ongoing.

Police and Councillor Surgeries - Wattsville and Cwmfelinfach combined with a leaflet drop raising awareness of Bonfire night safety

Air Quality Updates - providing residents with CCBC tube readings for set periods of time plus an update on the newly installed air quality machine in Wattsville.

Community Flood Group - attended annual meeting with NRW about best practise

General Activity

- Attended local Nativity and Carol concerts
- Attended community events
- Casework – both local and general household issues.