

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Crosskeys

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Deputy Mayor and Ward Member for Crosskeys

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Planning Committee
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee
Audit Committee
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee
Licensing and Gambling Committee (Vice-Chair)
Taxi and General Committee (Vice-Chair)

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Advisory Panel for the Appointment and Removal of Local Authority Governors
Licensing and Gambling Sub Committee

Taxi and General Sub Committee

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal – Crumlin Arm Working Group
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
Pensions Compensation Committee (substitute)

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Greater Gwent Crematorium Joint Committee
Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council
Welsh Books Council and Wales Book Council Executive Committee

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Newbridge School

ATTENDANCE

From May 2018 to May 2019 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Audit Committee	3	4
Caerphilly SACRE	2	3
Council	9	11
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee	8	9
Investigating and Disciplinary	0	1
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal – Crumlin Arm	3	3
Pensions Compensation	1	6
Planning Committee	9	12
Licensing and Gambling Committee	2	3
Licensing and Gambling Sub Committee	0	6
Taxi and General Committee	4	5
Taxi and General Sub Committee	2	12

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I have undertaken the following training and development: -

Planning Rules & Procedures (Mandatory)
Licensing Committee (Annual Refresher)
Planning Committee (Annual Refresher)
Education for Life Scrutiny (Annual Refresher)
Civil Parking Enforcement (Seminar)
Audit Committee (Annual Refresher)
Sport and Active Recreation Strategy (Seminar)
Licensing Procedures (Mandatory)
Gwent Police Wales Anti-Slavery Train the Trainer (Seminar)
Nature Conservation – Planning (Recommended)
Holding Effective Pre-Meetings (Requested)
Licensing Procedures (Mandatory)

The Importance of Questioning Skills (Requested)
Gwent Police Stations Closures (Seminar)
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)
Corporate Safeguarding Briefing (Seminar)
Governance and the AGS (Recommended)
The Appeals Process – Planning (Recommended)
Mon & Brecon Canal Group (Annual Refresher)
Schools Causing Concern (Recommended)
Equalities & Diversity (Requested)
County Lines (Recommended)
Treasury Management (Seminar)

DEPUTY MAYOR DUTIES:

I was proud to be elected as Deputy Mayor 2018/19 and represented the authority at 21 events during the year, including the Gwent Adult Community Partnership Awards Evening and the Voluntary Sector Awards Evening. I also attended a number of concerts which showcased the high level of talent in the county borough.

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

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

Over the past twelve months, I have continued to undertake the many courses and seminars Caerphilly CBC have offered me to develop my knowledge of council and a better understanding of local government. This is helping me gain the knowledge I need to fulfil my role as a councillor. I continue to attend committees and groups at council and local levels that are asked of me, along with my day to day work visiting constituents and working in my communities of Crosskeys and Pontywaun.