

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Risca East

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Cabinet Member for Environment & Neighbourhood Services until 3rd September 2020
Cabinet Member for Waste and Public Protection from 3rd September 2020

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Community Safety Delivery Group
Corporate Joint Consultative Committee
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal – Crumlin Working Arm
Pensions Compensation Committee
Risca Town Centre Management Group
View Point Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Domestic Abuse Champion
Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee
Local Government Association
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Joint Steering Group
Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership
Welsh Local Government Association
White Ribbon Campaign Champion
Black Vein Miners Memorial Society
Member of Risca East Community Council
Member of Channel View Management Committee

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Risca Community Comprehensive School
Ty Sign Primary School
Treasurer of Risca East Play and Learn Group.

ATTENDANCE

To view my attendance record, please follow the link below:

<https://democracy.caerphilly.gov.uk/mgUserAttendanceSummary.aspx?LLL=0>

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Armed Forces Covenant Briefing (recommended)
2021 Census (seminar)
Mass Vaccination Programme (seminar)
Homelessness (seminar)
Team Caerphilly (seminar)
Treasury Management (seminar)

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

Lockdown brought many new challenges to my Cabinet role, with daily updates and situations never before experienced.

As Cabinet Member for Environment & Neighbourhood Services until 3rd September 2020 and Waste and Public Protection from 3rd September 2020, 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.

I have regular meetings with Directors, Heads of Service, Officers, MP's and AM's and, along with my regularly scheduled committee, cabinet and council meetings during 2020/21, I also attended the following meetings and events:

VE Day Service at Penallta House, WLGA Council, South East Regional Cabinet for Waste, Visit to Nantgarw Crematorium, Rural Development Programme LAG, Visit various Leisure centres, Visit Idris Davies, Bedwas and Risca Schools, Woodland Planting/Carbon Offsetting, Visit to Penallta CA, visit by Lesley Griffiths MS – Sustaining Caerphilly's Landscape Project, Caerphilly Placemaking Plan, Scrap Metal Panel meetings, Bryn Group meetings & Community Engagement, Community Safety Cabinet Members meetings, Site

visit to Morgan Jones Park, School Budget Forum, Carbon Literacy Climate Ready Gwent, Local Development Plan Focus Group.

I met regularly with Heads of Service, Directors, and the Chief Executive with regard to my portfolio priorities. I also attended regular meetings for the Islwyn Bowls Club, Leisure Centres and site visits at the request of local ward Members

WARD ACTIVITY

During lockdown I continued carrying out my role as a Councillor, representing my community and providing assistance during a difficult time.

I helped residents on a variety of issues which included, housing, traffic management, parking and landscaping issues. Dealt with complaints regarding anti-social behaviour, dog fouling and littering. Liaised with various community groups throughout Risca. Helped with the re-opening of the park toilets. Help secure funding for the Risca Covid-19 Volunteers.

My constituents are welcome to contact me by telephone, email or in person and I operate an open-door policy for all. My ward colleagues and I normally hold a surgery on the first Saturday of every month at St David's Church, 11.00 – 12.00 pm and hope to restart these when restrictions allow.