

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Abercarn

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Abercarn
Chair of Housing and Regeneration

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Appointments Committee
Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee (Chair)
Democratic Services Committee
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee
Planning Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal – Crumlin Arm Working Group
Cardiff Capital Region Joint Committee (Chair)
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Education Achievement Service Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
Advisory Panel for the Appointment and Removal of Local Authority Governors

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Joint Steering Group Chair
City Deal Scrutiny

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Code of Conduct Training
Planning Seminar
Licensing Seminar
Introduction to Scrutiny
Equalities and Diversity Training
Local Development Plan Training
Unconscious Bias/Protected Characteristics Equalities Training
Housing Rent Act Seminar
Developments of National Significance Seminar
Performance Framework and Corporate Plan Seminar
Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Seminar
Houses in Multiple Occupation Seminar

MEMBER ACTIVITY

During 2022 -2023 I served as Chair to the Housing and Regeneration Committee. As a subsequence of that stewardship I also sat on the City Deal Scrutiny Committee made up of representatives (elected members) from the 10 local authorities who form the City Deal Partnership. I became Chair at its first meeting in this cycle.

Cwm Ifor Solar, continued activity Twmbarlwm Ancient Site with CADW, Virtual Housing Road Trip, LGC Award Ceremony, Ministerial meetings, Remembrance Day Service, Tydfil Training Consortium Board, LDP Focus Group, EAS Audit Board, Cwmcarn Project Board, Mynydd Maen Wind Farm

WARD ACTIVITY

Over the past year I have continued carrying out my role as a Councillor, representing my community and providing assistance to residents.

Despite my efforts the Planning Committee decided to grant the Planning Permission to the re-cycling company, I fear that this will cause a lasting environmental impact on the community I serve.

Anti-social issues at Cwmcarn Scenic drive and the Nant Gwyddon and, unfortunately, vandalism, have increasingly become causes for concern. Our local police officers have responded well and again I have enjoyed the collaboration between the council, local citizens and other agencies.

I was happy to be re-elected in May 2022.