

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** New Tredegar

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** Cabinet Member for Finance & Performance  
Chair of Non-Domestic Ratepayers Committee

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Cabinet

Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Institute

Cabinet as Trustee of Cwmcarn Memorial Cottage Hospital Fund

Cabinet as Trustee of Dafydd Williams Park Caerphilly

Joint Consultative Committee

Rights of Way Cabinet Committee

Governance & Audit Committee

NNDR

Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

Pensions/Compensation Committee

Appointments Committee

## SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Viewpoint Panel

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Education Achievement Service Board (EAS)

Industrial Communities Alliance (formally Coalfield Community Campaign)

Joint Council for Wales

Welsh Church Fund

Welsh Local Government Association

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Phillipstown Primary School - Chair

White Rose Primary School

## **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Equalities & Diversity Training

Housing Rent Act Seminar

Developments of National Significance Seminar

Performance Framework & Corporate Plan Seminar

Code of Conduct Training

Information Governance & Data Protection Training

Introduction to Social Service & Housing Seminar

Planning Seminar

Introduction to Scrutiny Seminar

Public Speaking Training

Houses in Multiple Occupation

Equalities & Unconscious Bias

## **CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY**

As Cabinet Member for Finance & Performance 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 2022/23, I also attended the following Teams events and meetings:

Launch of Cwmcarn Drive, Tour of Borough & numerous site visits, LGC Awards Ceremony, Twinning Visit to Ludwigsburg, GAVO Achievements Awards, CSC Foundry Board, New Trains Showcase Caerphilly Station, School Budget Forum, Ministerial meetings, Photocall – Operation Santa, Anti-racism Wales Action Plan

I also met regularly with the Chief Executive, Directors, Heads of Service, Police and Crime Commissioner and Trade Unions with regard to my portfolio priorities.

## **WARD ACTIVITY**

After being re-elected in May 2022, the Upper Rhymney Valley Team have been holding Street surgeries on a monthly basis to engage with residents and pick up any complaints or concerns residents may have.

During 2022/23 we saw the Queens Platinum Jubilee and I was involved in a host of events and activities that were held to celebrate this within the ward of New Tredegar. This included a fireworks display which was funded by New Tredegar Community Council.

November 2022 saw the annual fireworks display being hosted again funded by the Community Council and was a great success.

Over the past year, I have been contacted by many residents and very often the complaints are quite similar. These issues range from housing problems, anti-social behaviour, litter, fly-tipping, stray animals and dog mess. Details of complaints received are passed onto the relevant Council Department to pick up and, on most occasions, are dealt with swiftly. However, there are occasions when complaints are not easily resolved, and this leads to working with other partners such as Police, Fire Brigade etc.

I operate an open-door policy and any persons wishing to speak to me can call at my home at any time. I can also be contacted by phone, email or social media.

I have attended meetings with the local residents associations from all areas of New Tredegar, where again complaints were received, and solutions sought.

I attended regular meetings with New Tredegar Community Partnership where I am Vice Chair.

I also sit on the Board of Directors at White Rose Resource Centre where, along with other directors, we work to keep this facility open and thriving in New Tredegar.

I am also Chairperson of the Phillipstown Forever Fund working alongside Building Community Trust and, along with other members, attend monthly meetings.

I have close links with both primary schools within my ward. I am Chair of Governors at Phillipstown Primary School and a Governor at White Rose Primary School. Throughout lockdown, virtual meetings have been held and the day-to-day business of school governors has continued. These roles make me proud of the young people who attend both schools, and being a Governor gives me the opportunity to see these children develop and see what huge talent the children of New Tredegar have.