

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Van

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Van
Cabinet Member for Social Care

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Cabinet

Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Institute

Cabinet as Trustees of Cwmcarn Memorial Cottage Hospital Fund

Cabinet as Trustees of Dafydd Williams Park Caerphilly

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group

Pensions/Compensation Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Education Achievement Service Board (substitute)

View Point Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Child Poverty Champion

Domestic Abuse Champion

Domestic Abuse Forum
Mental Health Champion
White Ribbon Campaign Champion
Corporate Parenting Group
Corporate Safeguarding Group
Gwent Regional Partnership Board

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
Code of Conduct Training
Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Training
Performance Framework & Corporate Plan Seminar
Housing Rent Act Seminar
Introduction to Social Services & Housing Seminar
Equalities & Unconscious Bias

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

As Cabinet Member for Social Care 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:

Photocalls – (& Operations Santa), Tour of Borough & numerous site visits, visit variety of Care Homes, MJ Awards Ceremony, Youth Offending Service meetings, Day in the Life Filming at Castle View, GAVO Achievement Awards Ceremony, New Trains Showcase Caerphilly Station, Ministerial meetings, Youth Forum Conference, Disability 6 National Rugby Festival.

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

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

I do not hold surgeries as my constituents preferred to stay in contact with me through email, phone, social media and in person.

- Attended meetings with housing officers and made representations on behalf of tenants with regard to housing issues and repairs.
- Worked with Police to address issues of anti-social behaviour within St James
- Worked with Highways officers and community representatives to instate safety measures and additional parking.

- Represented residents at Planning Committee
- Liaised with residents regarding issues affecting them and tried to find appropriate solutions.