

WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBER ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding their key activities over the year ending 31 May 2018. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

Completion instructions.

Councillor: David A Bithell

Party: Independent

Ward: Johnstown

Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

I sit on the following committees (Attendance figures supplied by WCBC) :

1. Executive Board (Lead Member Environment & Transport)
2. Executive Board Corporate Trusts
3. Executive Board Sub Group (Scrap Metal Dealers Act)
4. Leader of Wrexham Independent Group
5. Strategic Transport Working Group
6. Full Council.
7. Pay and Reward Panel
8. Corporate Land and Building Strategy Working Group
9. Chair of the Chester-Shrewsbury Rail Partnership
10. Member of the Shropshire, Telford, Wrekin Strategic Rail Group
11. M.D.A (Mersey Dee Alliance)
12. Chair of the Transport Advisory Group (Ambition Board)
13. North & Mid Trunk Road Agency
14. APSE member for the Council

I sit on the following external committees (Attendance figures supplied by Councillor) :

1. Rhos Community Council.(Johnstown ward)
2. Johnstown Resource Centre Management Committee
3. Chair of Governors Johnstown Ysgol Yr Hafod
4. Hafod Liaison Group Co- Chair

Section 2: Constituency Activity

1. Produce twice yearly newsletters to keep residents informed of local activities and contact details.
2. Work on a daily basis with a large number of constituency issues covering a wide range of topics and activities.
3. Worked with the Housing Department to support capital investment in Johnstown to bring homes up to the Welsh Housing Quality standards. This has been significant work in the last 12 months.
4. Supported more off road parking schemes.
5. Working with Highway officers on new Traffic Orders in Bangor Road, High Street and Moreton Street following concerns of inconsiderate parking.
6. As part of the Management committee for Johnstown Community Centre I have been working with Rhos Community Council to secure funding for its continued use and transfer of the asset.
7. Liaised with the Flooding officer following concerns of flooding to properties due to a blocked culvert on private land.
8. As Chair of the School Governors at Ysgol Yr Hafod I meet on a regular basis with the Senior Management Team and Chair the school's governing body.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities

1. Worked with the Children at Ysgol Yr Hafod as part of their ECO project and arranged a visit to the Waste Recycling Plant for them to see how recycling works. They also developed a no-dog fouling poster which I arranged to be made into a poster.
2. Worked with local resident to start a campaign to fund money for the Stiwrt Clock and asked Rhos Community Council to support the campaign with a pledge of £2.500 to help reach the total of £10k.

Section 4: Learning & Development

1. Attend training sessions provided by the council as well as a number of workshops on various subjects during the calendar year. I have also attended Media Training in my role as Lead Member.

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues

1. As Lead Member, I have Lead responsibility for the Environment and Transport portfolio. I am the political spokesperson in my area of responsibility and prepare and present reports to scrutiny the Executive Board.
2. As Leader of Wrexham Independent Group, I meet on a monthly basis with the Chief Executive and officers of the council to ensure that members of the group are kept informed on current issues and raise any particular areas of concern in particular the budget issues affecting constituents.
3. I meet on a regular basis with some North Wales Assembly Members to discuss key issues in Welsh Government and the impact this has on local government.
4. Act as spokesperson for Wrexham Independent Group on key issues at meetings at full Council and Executive Board meeting including responding to the media.
5. Attend Scrutiny Committees to answer questions in my area of responsibility.

Signature of Councillor: David A Bithell

Date: 25th June 2018 2015