

WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEMBER ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding their key activities over the municipal year ending May 2016. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

Completion instructions

Councillors are free to include as much or as little information as they wish in each section, however, the report is to be kept to a 2 page (maximum) format.

Councillor: David A Bithell

Party: Independent

Ward: Johnstown

Section 1: Role and Responsibilities:

I sit on the following Committees (attendance figures supplied by WCBC):

1. Executive Board (Lead Member Environment and Transport)
2. Executive Board Corporate Trusts
3. Executive Board Sub Group (Scrap Metal Dealers Act)
4. Leader Wrexham Independent Group
5. Local Rail Member Working Group
6. Reshaping Services Board
7. Full Council
8. Pay and Reward Panel
9. Corporate Land and Building Strategy Working Group
10. Chair Transport Advisory Group - Economic Ambition Board

I sit on the following external Committees

1. Rhos Community Council
2. Johnstown Resource Centre Management Committee
3. Chair of Governors Ysgol Y Hafod Johnstown
4. Hafod Liaison Group co-chair.

Section 2: Constituency Activity:

1. Keep in regular contact with local residents and I have set up a Johnstown Councillor Face book page .
2. Produce twice yearly newsletters
3. Work on a daily basis with a large number of individual cases and respond back directly.
4. Continue to support residents with off road parking schemes as part of the housing environmental monies.
5. Addressed flooding issues in Worsley Ave by working with the council and outside agencies.
6. Liaise with local businesses

7. Successfully closed a local Railway Crossing in Johnstown which I have worked on for a number of years.
8. Liaise with Park Rangers and the council to ensure Stryt Las and Bonc Y Hafod country parks are keep clean and tidy.
9. Working with the housing department on the capital programme which has seen a number of council properties refurbished, (new roofs and wall insulation).
10. As school governor successfully amalgamated the two schools into one school at Ysgol Y Hafod.
11. Successfully obtained grant funding for Active Travel to support safer walking routes to Vauxhall Industrial Estate and installed a new zebra crossing at Bangor Road including associated ancillary works.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities:

1. Successfully completed the new Johnstown Community Building in Bryn Avenue which has now opened. Grant funding was secured for £125k from outside bodies Cory and Wren supported by Rhos Community Council.

Section 4: Learning & Development Undertaken:

2. Attended training sessions provided by the council and well as a number of informative workshops during the calendar year.

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues:

1. As Lead Member for Environment and Transport I have lead responsibility and principle spokesperson for the department. I prepare and present reports to the Executive Board and answer questions as necessary.
2. Wrexham council's Member on the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road agency.
3. Leader of Wrexham Independent Group – liaise with various members and officers to carry out the function. Principle spokesperson for the Group at full council meetings.
4. Liaise with various outside bodies and Assembly Members on council related matters.
5. Liaise with representatives from the Town Centre forum- street cleaning and town centre parking.
6. Chair of the North Wales Economic Ambition Transport Advisory Group.
7. As Lead Member I worked with officers and members to introduce an external company to tackle litter and dog fouling in the County Borough which started on 1st April 2016.
8. I am currently working with the Environment department on the Waste review which includes a complete review of existing operations and the roll out of new vehicles and receptacles to improve Wrexham council's current recycling rate of 62%.

Signature of Councillor: David A Bithell

Date: 6th June 2016