

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 2017. 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. Chair of the Schools Governing Body –work with Head Teacher, staff and governors supporting the school through an Estyn Inspection.
2. Keep in regular contact with local residents by publication of regular newsletters.
3. Work on a daily basis with a large number of individual cases and respond back to constituents.
4. Continue to support residents with off road parking schemes as part of the housing environmental money.
5. Continue to liaise with local businesses including Vauxhall Industrial Estate.
6. Working to deter motorbikes at Bonc Y Haod Country-look to install new gate.

7. Currently working with the Housing Department on the council's Kitchen and Bathroom Programme which is the largest programme of £54 million pounds. This has led to increased workload to liaise with tenants and the council's contractor which is expected to be completed by December 2017.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities:

1. Working with Housing officers on Community Benefit projects which is part of the work carried out with Novus- Kitchen and Bathrooms works.

Section 4: Learning & Development Undertaken:

2. Attend regular training sessions provided by the council and well as a number of informative and Budget 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 political 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.
4. Principle spokesperson for our Group at full council meetings.
5. Liaise with various outside bodies and Assembly Members on council related matters.
6. Chair of the North Wales Economic Ambition Transport Advisory Group.
7. Working with the Environment department on the Waste review which includes a roll out of more trolley boxes, new food waste containers to a number of households to improve Wrexham council's current recycling rate which continues to improve.
8. Working on a new county wide PSPO order for the council for dogs on leads.
9. Respond to consultations from Welsh Government in my Role of Lead Member.
10. Worked with officers during the year to restore several bus routes following the demise of GHA coaches.
11. Worked to support funding for the Introduction of a new cycleway and pedestrian access which led to the opening of the new road to Wrexham Maelor Hospital this was part of the local Transport Grant.

Signature of Councillor: David A Bithell

Date:25/09/2017