



WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEMBER ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding their key activities over the municipal year ending March 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: Robert Walsh

Party: Welsh Liberal Democrats

Ward: Llay

Section 1: Role and Responsibilities:

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

1. Chair – Safeguarding, Communities & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
2. Planning Committee
3. Full Council
4. Member of the Liberal Democrats Group
5. Wrexham Tenant and Member Partnership
6. Joint Consultative Committee (Non-Teaching)
7. Rota Visit's to Children's Homes Panel
8. Rota Visit's to Older People's Homes Panel
9. Corporate Parenting Panel
10. Investigation and Disciplinary Committee

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

1. Llay Community Council (Llay Park Ward)
2. Chair of Governors Darland High School
3. Governor at Llay Park C.P. School
4. Vice-Chair of Friends of Alyn Waters Committee

Section 2: Constituency Activity:

1. Produce the quarterly newsletter "Llay Focus" that is delivered to all residents informing them of all the latest news.
2. Work on a daily basis assisting residents with a variety of issues, mainly related to housing and the environment.
3. Have used environmental budget to lower kerbs on Ninth Avenue in Llay.
4. Represented residents at the Gresford Road Appeal hearing with the Welsh Planning Inspectorate.
5. Have publicly campaigned against the inadequate bus service residents have in parts of Llay.
6. Successfully campaigned for Llay New Road to be resurfaced.
7. Successfully campaigned for the reduction of speed limits on Llay's rural roads.

8. Encouraged residents to sign petition calling for 20mph zones in Llay.
9. Have undertaken audits of broken streetlights in the ward and reported these to department.
10. Raised residents` concerns about the Foregolf site on Alyn Waters Country Park.
11. Meet regularly with the Gwersyllt Estate Office Manager and Streetscene Co-Ordinator for Llay to discuss local concerns.
12. Kept residents informed about major planning application on Llay Royal British Legion site.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities:

1. Arranged alongside Keep Wales Tidy, 2 litter picks in Nant Y Gaer Woods.
2. Arranged for former Llay Park Infant School site to be used as a temporary car park to ease strain on School Road during peak times.
3. Liaised with housing officers to apply anti-slip material to the front of old pensioner`s bungalows.
4. Liaised closely with the contractor Novus who have been installing kitchens & bathrooms to council tenants in Llay.
5. Assisted local group of Mums to obtain support from Llay Community Council to tidy and plant at the Central Gardens.

Section 4: Learning & Development Undertaken:

1. Have attended various training sessions provided by the council as well as workshops on various subjects throughout the calendar year.
2. Undergone Performance Management training for my role as Chair of Governors at Darland High School.
3. Attended the WLGA`s Leadership Academy for Councillors in Cardiff (this was spread over 6 days).

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues:

1. Meet with my fellow Liberal Democrat group councillors on a twice monthly basis.
2. Chair – Safeguarding, Communities & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee that has overseen issues such as “How to safely dispose of discarded needles” and has questioned Betsi Cadwalldr University Health Board on 2 occasions.
3. Play an active role in all the other committees I am a member of ie. Planning, Wrexham Tenant and Member Partnership.
4. Regularly attend the Executive Board meetings and ask questions to Lead Members.
5. As Chair of Governors at Darland High School, I oversee the school`s strategic objectives meeting with the headteacher on a regular basis.
6. Have attended Scrutiny Committee meetings (that I am not a member of) to participate in topical items.
7. Have attended Planning Policy Panel meeting expressing opinions/concerns about Open Spaces Assessment & Audit and Local Development Plan.
8. Have visited Tapley Avenue children`s home as part of the rota visit schedule.
9. Have visited Park View home for vulnerable adults as part of the rota visit schedule.
10. Attended citizenship ceremonies for Llay residents at the Guildhall.

Signature of Councillor: *R. O. Walsh*

Date: *15/10/2017*