

Councillor's Annual Report

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31 March 2014. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose. The views expressed in this report are those of the Councillor and not necessarily reflect the views of the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

Councillor: Ieuan Williams

Ward: Lligwy

Group: Independent

Role & Responsibilities

Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Executive Committee and Portfolio Holder for Education (Lifelong Learning)

| Between May 2013 and March 2014, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees: | * Attendance Figures (supplied by IOACC) |
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| Appointments (Chairman) | 7 (87%) |
| Corporate Parenting Panel | 0 (0%) |
| Council | 12 (92%) |
| Executive Committee | 11 (91%) |
| * The statistics provided are relevant only to the committees listed in this table. The statistics do not include attendance at other meetings related to the work of the Council. | |

I am a member of the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust.

A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING EXTERNAL BODIES –

Joint Local Services Board (Anglesey and Gwynedd)
 Welsh Joint Education Committee
 Regional School Improvement and Efficiency Joint Committee
 Welsh Local Government Association
 CYNNAL Management Committee
 North Wales Economic Forum
 Llandrillo Menai Group
 Gwynedd and Anglesey Youth Justice Service
 Court of Governors of the University of Wales, Bangor
 Medrwn Môn
 Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

Constituency Activity

Having counted the number of enquiries in my records book. I see that I have dealt with approximately 100 requests for assistance or information of various kinds. These fall under the following headings –

Housing – elected members are not involved in the housing allocation process but are able to represent prospective tenants in discussions on the number of points awarded to their applications if the prospective tenant has given permission for them to do so. In this area I have helped to ensure that prospective tenants have the correct number of points and I have made enquiries on behalf of tenants with regard to renovation work.

Highways – requests to repair potholes, walls, cut roadside verges, signs, speeding, street lighting and safety issues in Benllech Square.

Public Footpaths – requests to maintain paths.

Waste – assisting in securing replacement bins.

Planning – enquiries with regard to policy, enquiries with regard to progress made by the department in dealing with planning applications, complaints from residents who are unhappy with decisions, requests for me to speak as a local member on planning applications.

I attend Llanfairmathafarneithaf Community Council as a member and Pentraeth Community Council as a County Councillor.

I am Chair of the Ysgol Goronwy Owen Board of Governors. The school was recently inspected by Estyn and I am a member of the Ysgol Sir Thomas Jones Board of Governors.

Initiatives & Special Activities

I have worked with a community group and the Age Friendly Communities project to establish allotments in Benllech.

As Portfolio Holder for Education I have been involved in strategic education matters including driving the education modernisation agenda politically within the County.

Representing the County Council as Political Leader in a number of events, activities and meetings during the year – the Royal Welsh Show in Builth Wells, the Anglesey Show, North Wales Leaders Meetings, meetings of the Welsh Local Government Association.

Representing the County on the Local Government Minister's Taskforce on transport matters.

Learning & Development

I have attended the following learning and development initiatives during the past year: (Information supplied by the IOACC)

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| Introduction to Member Support Services | May 2013 |
| Ethical Framework (Code of Conduct) | May 2013 |
| Welsh Language / Data Protection / Press and Media | May 2013 |
| Training on the Register of Interest | May 2013 |
| Assessing Members' Development Needs | June 2013 |
| Scrutinising Performance Data | July 2013 |
| Session 2 for the Executive Committee | July 2013 |
| Session 3 for the Executive Committee | July 2013 |
| Session 4 for the Executive Committee | July 2013 |
| Session 5 for the Executive Committee | August 2013 |
| Making Social Media Work for Councillors | September 2013 |
| Session 6 for the Executive Committee | September 2013 |
| Training on Equalities Awareness | September 2013 |
| Training on Good Recruitment | September 2013 |
| Training on Personal Development Reviews | October 2013 |
| A General introduction to Planning | December 2013 |
| Reviewing the Effectiveness of Audit | January 2014 |
| Session 3 – Shadow Executive Committee | January 2014 |

I have also attended the Wales Academy Leadership Course.

Other Activities & Issues

The Leader's role is a full-time position which means that I spend most of my time in a great deal of the meetings of the committees and organizations noted in the section on 'Roles and Responsibilities'. I am also expected to attend Scrutiny and Audit Committees in order to represent the Executive Committee in my role as the Portfolio Holder for Education.

The Leader must prepare an Annual Report to be presented at the Council's Annual Meeting in May on the work of the Local Authority.

Councillor Ieuan Williams

April 2014