

# Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT MUNICIPAL YEAR 2012 / 2013



Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council operates under executive arrangements. Responsibility for the authority's functions is overseen by a Leader and Cabinet made up of Councillors from the party or group with the most members. The allocation of Chair and Vice Chair posts is also based by law on the number of seats each party or group has, and this number again will have influence on the appointment of Councillors to outside bodies.

Opinions, advice, conclusions and other information in this report shall be understood as neither given nor endorsed by the authority or on its behalf. It is a report by the Councillor referred to below regarding their key activities over the period from the day they signed their Declaration of Office in 2012 up to and including 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013. It is provided for the information of constituents and for no other purpose.

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| <b>Councillor:</b>         | <b>DAVID ISAAC</b> |
| <b>Political Party:</b>    | <b>LABOUR</b>      |
| <b>Electoral Division:</b> | <b>PENYDARREN</b>  |

## Committee Membership, Roles and Attendance

*This section relates to membership as an elected member, not in a personal capacity. Democratic Services has provided information on committee membership and attendance for Council Committees. However, where Councillors are a member of any other committees, they have provided details from their own records.*

### **Council Committees:** 100% Attendance

Full Council  
Scrutiny: Chief Executive (Inc. Crime & Disorder) (Vice Chair)

### **External Committees and Outside Bodies:**

MTBC/RCT Drug + Misuse Preventive Training Group (2 of 2)  
Gwanfarren School Governor (5 of 6)  
Ysgol Santes Tudfil Governor, Governor for Child Protection (3 of 4)  
Member Development Panel

## My Work as a Local Councillor

*Under this heading, Councillors have identified the work undertaken on behalf of local constituents. Reference has also been made to any major initiatives or special projects they have been associated with on behalf of MTCBC, which have a direct impact on local constituents.*

I hold surgeries at Horeb Close Residents Hall every 6 weeks and have held surgeries at the Residents Centre in 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Galon Uchaf.

I also hold street surgeries knocking on the doors of residents of the ward to enquire if they have problems I can help with.

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### *My Work as a Local Councillor Cont'd...*

Attended local Pact meetings and have addressed complaints in a competent and timely manner.

I have been contacted by a number of residents who have needed help and support on matters ranging from Neighbourhood disputes involving police and housing organisations .To problems with rubbish collection, fly tipping and graffiti also Highway problems and problems encountered by the older members of the area.

I received a number of telephone calls from residents of the ward seeking advice and assistance on a number of issues, always prepared to listen to concerns and offer appropriate support.

I also comply fully with the data protection act when dealing with personal details given me by constituents.

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## **Learning and Development**

*In the Learning and Development section, Councillors have demonstrated instances where they have taken the opportunity for personal development by taking part in initiatives and events aimed at improving their understanding and awareness.*

***I have taken part in the following Learning and Development initiatives during the past year:***

Data Protection,  
Scrutiny Training  
Questioning skills training  
Vice chairman training  
The prevention of drug use training.  
On-line IT Security

***I have attended the following pre-Council Presentations:***

Community services  
Welsh language  
Corporate Health and safety

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## **Other Activities and Issues**

*Under this heading, Councillors have provided information on themselves to demonstrate the 'personal' aspect of their role as a local Councillor which they believe would be of interest to constituents.*

There has been concern amongst the community over the proposed changes to the provision of health care in Merthyr and the whole of South Wales region. I have attended all consultation meetings and have made representation to the Cwm Taf Health Board and the Welsh Ambulance Trust on a number of issues. I will continue to resist any attempt to down grade services in the area ,and to promote improvement in the standard of health care in our town.

I also support the scheme being introduced at Penydarren Allotments where disabled and visually impaired people are helped to start gardening. With the help of the Biffa Fund the Tidy Merthyr scheme local and national companies not to mention the other gardeners ,it will enable members of the scheme to grow vegetables and flowers on raised flower beds and also allow easier wheelchair access to the allotment.

I also support the Horeb Close Residents and pensioners club attending the Friday Coffee Mornings .The residents have also run courses on IT and internet training, along with regular day trips and bingo sections run at residents hall.

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***Other Activities and Issues Cont'd...***

Since being elected I have campaigned for a pedestrian crossing at the lower end of the Penydarren High Street to enable the residents of Horeb and Plantation Close as well as the children going to and from our local schools safer passage across the very busy road. At this moment in time the Council have applied for funding from the Welsh Assembly for this to go ahead.

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**Councillor David Isaac**  
**Date: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013**