

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015 / 2016



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County Borough Council

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 the date of the Annual General Meeting on 20 May 2015 to the Annual General meeting on 18 May 2016. It is provided for the information of constituents and for no other purpose.

Councillor:

DAVID GARETH ISAAC

Political Party:

LABOUR

Electoral Division:

WARD

Comprising the communities of:

Penydarren and Galon Uchaf

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 outside the Council's responsibility, they have provided details from their own records.

Council Committees:

[Link to Councillor David Isaac's attendance page](#)

External Committees and Outside Bodies (as a representative of MTCBC):

[Link to Councillor David Isaac's personal page](#)

Other Bodies (not in their capacity as a Councillor):

- School Governor of Ysgol Santes Tydfil, School governor Gwaunfarren Primary School

Salary

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales sets how much is paid to a Councillor depending on their role is, e.g. Cabinet Member, Chair of a Committee, Scrutiny Member, etc. The attached link will take you to the 2015/2016 Schedule of Remuneration which lists what each individual receives.

[Link to salaries, expenses and allowances](#)

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.

This year I have had the honour to represent the County Borough as its Mayor.

- I have held, and continue to hold, weekly constituency surgeries on Friday mornings between 11.00am and 12.30pm in the Horeb Close Community Centre.
 - Attended local PACT meetings and regularly addressed any complaints or queries in a timely manner
 - I have supported individuals who contacted me on a wide range of issues and have acted as an advocate in Planning matters, Neighbourhood disputes involving the Police and Merthyr Tydfil Council, the Environment Agency, Highway matters and Social Services requests.
 - I received a considerable number of telephone calls from residents seeking advice and assistance on a range of personal issues, always prepared to listen to their concerns and offer appropriate support.
 - I reviewed my procedures to comply with the Data Protection Act when dealing with personal details provided 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:

- All council run sessions
- Have taken part in the Diversity in Democracy program run by the WLGA which encourages peoples from underrepresented groups to take up roles in local government whilst providing mentorship to these groups

I have attended the following pre-Council Presentations:

- All pre council presentations
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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.

This year in the role of Mayor I have had the privilege to represent our County Borough at a number of functions and events, these range from meeting visiting dignitaries, to visiting schools, factories and other places of work .I have also welcomed schools to the mayors parlour and accompanied these schools around the council chambers, and civic centre.

One of the highlights was to welcome Nasa astronaut Steve Swanson to the Civic Centre and the Borough.

My wife and I have also been present at the granting of citizenships to people from all over the world who have decided to make Merthyr Tydfil their new home.

I thank the people of Merthyr Tydfil for their support and encouragement over the year it was a great privilege to be their Mayor

Councillor DAVID ISAAC
Date: AUGUST 2016