

# Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

## COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

### MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017 / 2018



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 for the municipal year 2017/18. It is provided for the information of constituents and for no other purpose.

**Councillor:**

**Lisa Mytton**

**Political Party:**

**Independent**

**Ward:**

**Vaynor**

*Comprising the communities of:*

*Cefn Coed, Trefechan, Pontsticill, Cwmtaf*

## 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 Lisa Mytton's Attendance Page](#)

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

[Link to Councillor Lisa Mytton's Personal Page](#)

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

- School Governor at Ysgol y Graig and Cyfarthfa Park Primary Schools.
- Board member at Stephens and George Charitable Trust
- Board member at Merthyr Tydfil Institute for the Blind

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## My Role as a Champion

*Under this heading, Councillors have provided information on the work they have undertaken as Member Champions for a specific area.*

Sustainable Development Champion

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## My Work as a Portfolio Member

*There are six elected members with Executive roles who sit on Cabinet. The Leader chairs the committee and each of the others has responsibility for a specific portfolio of services. This section has identified the role of the individual Councillor and work undertaken in that role.*

## Learning Portfolio

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Over the last 12 months I have been working closely on school attainment and achievement figures, attendance etc to ensure that we continually strive to achieve our goals in improving the education standards in Merthyr Tydfil, we have improved and continue to do so moving slowly but steadily in the all Wales tables. Meeting with our School Budget forum to look at how the schools can help with efficiency savings in the borough but also being an advocate for the schools in lobbying Welsh Government where we have found grants diminishing altogether or reducing resulting in negative impacts for some of our most vulnerable children. I have dealt with some individual cases where parents have asked for my support in the case of their child or children and some issues/barriers they may have been facing. For future development I'm working closely with our Chief Education officer on some exciting 21st century school opportunities and enhancing the Welsh medium education offer in the borough. This year also saw the first steps begin in a new community school for Ysgol y Graig,

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## 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.*

My biggest achievement this year was finally having the go ahead for our new community school and I look forward to seeing that being built and the development of sporting grounds for our children, I've dealt with many resident queries this year, including traffic safety measures, pot holes, anti-social behaviour concerns etc. Howard and I installed 4 new dog bins in the ward and 4 new grit bins. I've supported queries relating to housing, council tax, benefits etc. and the biggest problem we have been dealing with this year is sadly fly tipping. I continue to support residents and I'm working with Howard to think of new projects that can enhance our ward

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## 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 Schedule of Remuneration which lists what each individual receives.*

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

I voluntarily forego a percentage of my salary which is returned back to the council.

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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:*

- Members' Code of Conduct
  - General Notice of Registerable Interests
  - Data Protection Training
  - Developing the Authority's Local Wellbeing Plan
  - IPAD Training
  - Media Training for Cabinet Members only
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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.*

I retrained as an Estyn Peer Inspector in July 2017, and led an inspection in Work Based Learning in November 2017 which resulted in all areas being judged as 'Good', this all helps me in my role as Cabinet Member for Education.

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**Councillor Lisa Mytton**  
**Date: 9 May 2018**