

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:

Bill Smith

Political Party:

Labour

Ward:

Gurnos

Comprising the Communities of:

Gurnos and Lakeside Gardens

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 Bill Smith's Attendance Page](#)

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

[Link to Councillor Bill Smith's Personal Page](#)

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

Chairman of Gurnos Nursery. Deputy Chairman Pen y Dre High School. Chairman of Care and Repair Cwn Taf. Stakeholders Reference Group Cwn Taf. Community Chest. Training Plus. Early Years Learning with Gurnos Nursery. Care and Repair with Cwn Taf. Pen y Dre High School. Safer Merthyr.

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 have and will continue to hold a weekly Council Surgery on Friday afternoons between 2pm and 3pm at the 3G's office at the Gurnos shopping Centre.

I attend the old Gurnos Tenants and Residents Board Meeting monthly, I also attend the PA C T with the police monthly. I attend the new Gurnos tenants and Residents Board Meeting monthly.

I have supported individuals who have contracted me on a wide range of issues and acted on their behalf and addressed any complaints or queries in a timely manner, - Neighbourhood dispute involving Merthyr Valley Home and other Housing Associations with the Police. Highways matters - Street lighting ,Social

Service and Housing repairs, I attend and support the 3G's Youth Club Partnership with Merthyr Valley Homes and with Community Zone.

I Work with the Community in Litter Picking.

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](#)

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
- What Elected Members of Local Authorities need to know about Health and Safety also including the Authority's Lone Worker facility
- Wellbeing and Future Generations Act - Briefing with Voluntary Action MT
- IPAD Training
- Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Disability Facilities Grant / Common Housing Allocations Policy

Councillor Bill Smith
Date: 2 May 2018