

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
Annual Report and review 2016/2017**



Name of Member: Councillor John Aston

Ward: Aggborough and Spennells

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	6	5
Licensing & Environmental	4	4
Members Forum	4	0
Planning	11	8

This represents an overall attendance of 68%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

Prostate Cancer Group
Wyre Forest Dog Rescue



Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I carry out Ward work on a day to day basis and work with a team of volunteers delivering regular independent newsletters around the area.

I have regular meetings at my house to discuss ward problems usually relating to litter and dog fouling, etc.

I have had regular discussions regarding the fields on Spennells off Stanklyn Lane and I have advised people on the consultation that will be taking place next year.

Section 4: Supplementary Information



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Name of Member: Councillor Jeff Baker

Ward: Franche & Habberley North

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	6	6
Licensing & Environmental	4	4
Members Forum	4	3

This represents an overall attendance of 93%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	5

Section 2: Community Involvement

Kidderminster and District Youth Trust, Armed Forces Champion, Senior Life Member Kidderminster Harriers Football Club, Life Member Kidderminster Harriers Social and Supports Club, Franche Community Group, President of Wyre Forest Conservative Association, Member of Kidderminster Town Council, Chairman of Planning Committee at Kidderminster Town Council, Member of Franche Village Club.

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I have visited quite a number of ward residents during the past year trying to deal with their problems. Examples being potholes, over hanging branches, parking problems and problem neighbours. I have done a number of walkabouts in the ward with other councillors and dealt with litter strewn about, damaged vehicles and overgrown alleyways. As a member of Franche Village Club I get a number of incidents reported to me by members. I am also involved in some events at St Barnabas Village Hall.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

I am very hands on and try to be high profile around the ward. I meet a lot of people out and about.

Leafleting and canvassing means that I am in touch with many members of the public and all of these activities help to be a good Councillor.

My role as an elected Councillor is to try to improve the lot of my ward members by carrying out their wishes wherever possible.



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Name of Member: Councillor Rose Bishop

Ward: Offmore & Comberton

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	6	6
Licensing & Environmental	4	4
Members Forum	4	1

This represents an overall attendance of 79%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	2

Section 2: Community Involvement

I am a member of Kidderminster Town Council and have attended 10 full Council meetings and 20 Committee meetings.

I also sit on the Carpet Museum and Disability Action Wyre Forest and have attended 12 meetings of these outside bodies.

I am also a founder member of Dementia Action Alliance.

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I attend the Tenant Consultative Committees for Offmore and Comberton and Greenhill areas and have attended 4 of these.

I have taken part in 7 community walkabouts throughout the ward in the last 12 months.

I am also Chairman of Offmore Primary School Governors. The school has recently received a national award.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

During 2016/2017 I have been the Chairman of Wyre Forest District Council and have attended 163 events representing the District.



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Name of Member: Councillor John-Paul Campion

Ward: Bewdley & Rock

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	6	6
Members Forum	4	1

This represents an overall attendance of 70%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement



Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I have made myself available to my residents throughout the year. I have regularly delivered ward wide newsletters updating residents on local issues and my work.

I have been involved in a wide number of issues raised by residents including such as local planning matter, illegal encampments, utility works and speeding.

I have engaged with, and responded to issues raised by the Parish Councils within the ward.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

As a ward councillor my duty is to represent my residents views in the decision making process at Wyre Forest District Council and to deal effectively with their case work.

I am confident that I have contributed effectively to the debate in the Council Chamber and dealt professionally with the casework raised by my residents.



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Name of Member: Councillor Sally Chambers

Ward: Foley Park & Hoobrook

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	2	1
Cabinet	5	4
Council	6	6
Members Forum	4	4

This represents an overall attendance of 88%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

Kidderminster Town Councillor
Fairtrade
PACT Meetings

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I deliver leaflets to households within my ward which have my contact details on it.
I respond to all telephone and letter enquiries
Attending PACT meetings
In regular contact with the MP

Section 4: Supplementary Information



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Name of Member: Councillor Stephen Clee

Ward: Bewdley & Rock

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	3
Members Forum	4	0
Planning	10	10

This represents an overall attendance of 68%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

Wyre Forest Community Housing Vestia Board Member.
 Bewdley Museum Management Committee.
 Bewdley & Rural PACT Panel.
 Royal British Legion Rock Branch & Committee.
 Bliss Gates Playfields.
 Severn Valley Railway.
 Friends of Bewdley Museum.
 Bewdley Civic Society.
 Rock Smartwater Project.

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I have been a District Councillor of Wyre Forest since May 1992. During 2015 I was re-elected to serve the people of Bewdley & Rock Ward for the 7th consecutive election.

Living in the heart of my ward I meet and greet my constituents on a daily basis. I hold a weekly drop in ward surgery at 9am till 10am every Saturday. I circulate a regular newsletter to every house in my ward bi monthly.

I have dealt with over 3,000 constituency calls or emails relating to local matters and national matters and advice during the past 12 months.

I regularly deliver street newsletters involving my community on issues affecting them on a range of issues from Gladman's Planning Application, Gardeners Meadow Gypsy Travellers invasion and Calling for Sites for future development.

I applied for a Tesco's Carrier Bag Grant and won £8,000 which I then secured match funding for the resurface of the Bliss Gate Playfield project in the heart of my rural ward.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

Following the boundary changes in 2014 we saw Bewdley & Arley and Rock Wards merge with 1200 houses and 2200 additional constituents added to my Ward. Our regular newsletter is delivered to 5,000 households quarterly 6 times per year. This has added enormous pressure trying to get around and meet as many households as one would like. However in the summer of 2015 I was able to visit every household in the new Rock part of the Ward personally something I did again in the summer recess of 2016.

The Ward is very rural and whilst Bewdley Town is mainly urban, the rural parts of the ward make it a different and more interesting challenge with Rock Parish being the 2nd Largest Parish in England. We have three parish councils within the ward together with the un-parished Ribbesford of which I and my colleagues attend regularly and I believe that liaising with the parish councils and their councillors is essential to maintain community ties in particular in the rural areas.

We are the only political party in Bewdley & Rock that stays in touch with our constituents all year round not just at election time.



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Name of Member: Councillor John Desmond

Ward: Broadwaters

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Council	6	4
Ethics & Standards	1	0
Licensing & Environmental	4	3
Members Forum	4	2
Overview & Scrutiny	8	7
Planning	11	8

This represents an overall attendance of 72%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Community Involvement

I am Vice Chairman of the Ethics and Standards Committee

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I respond to all queries that are raised with my by constituents which can be highways issues, housing problems, overhanging vegetation, etc.

My contact details are all on the Council website so that it is easy for my constituents to contact me.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

I help run the family business in industrial and commercial flooring which gives me insight into challenges and pressures of the private sector.



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Name of Member: Councillor Nathan Desmond

Ward: Foley Park & Hoobrook

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Cabinet	9	9
Cabinet Financial Strategy Advisory Panel	5	5
Council	6	6
Members Forum	4	3

This represents an overall attendance of 96%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

Oldington and Foley Park PACT Group
Sutton Park PACT
Aggborough and Spennells PACT

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I regularly publish and deliver newsletters to the whole ward. These inform my constituents of all major issues I am dealing with across the ward and any achievements and improvements I have made across the ward. These newsletters also contain my contact details which makes it very easy for constituents to call me.

I have dealt with numerous issues at the three PACT meetings I attend, such as poor road and pavement issues, ASB, speeding traffic and litter problems.

I continue to champion for many pavement and road repairs throughout my ward.

I have continued to carry out case work on behalf of many residents, answering questions, queries and taking up issues on their behalf.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

I have a degree in History and Politics which helps my understanding of the intricacies of politics on a national and international level. I also help run the family business in industrial and commercial flooring which gives me insight into challenges and pressures of the private sector.



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Name of Member: Councillor Helen Dyke

Ward: Aggborough & Spennells

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Cabinet Financial Strategy Advisory Panel	5	5
Cabinet Review Group	1	1
Council	6	4
Members Forum	4	3
Overview & Scrutiny	8	8
S106 Monies Review Panel	2	2

This represents an overall attendance of 88%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Community Involvement

Aggborough and Spennells Community Action Group
 Aggborough and Spennells PACT Panel Member
 Member of Kidderminster Town Council
 Wyre Forest Children and Young People's Trust Board
 Members Champion for Town Centres
 Member of Town Team
 Member of Kidderminster District Youth Trust
 Board Member of Leisure Company Board

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

Times have changed and we no longer hold surgeries as our constituents prefer us to visit them if they have a problem or issue they wish to discuss. This way of doing things offers both parties more privacy if required. We find that much more communication with residents and them with us takes the form of emails these days and even by text and Facebook messenger in some cases. As a councillor you need to be aware of all forms of this type of communication to be able to keep in touch with the residents that you are election to represent.

We continue to write, print and with the help of volunteers deliver a regular Independent Newsletter to all residents in the ward. This Newsletter keeps residents informed about what is happening in the area. Each Newsletter includes a reply slip asking for ideas for our area or any concerns that residents may have and we also always include all our contact details on everything we send out. We provide a FREEPOST address for the use of residents so that it does not cost them anything to write to us although a lot of our case work comes via email these days.

Using some of our Community Leadership Fund I work with the Probation Community Payback Supervisor to arrange for some of their teams to carry out clearing up work around Aggborough and Spennells. I have funded clear ups of unadopted pathways and car parks around the area, litter picks and general clear ups which have been very well received by local residents. This work has two benefits in that areas that may not normally get maintained are looked after and residents see community payback work taking place within the ward.

Recently we had a spate of shed burglaries in our area so I and the other ward Councillors purchased some shed alarms using our Community Leadership Fund. We gave out over 80 of the alarms to residents and we are looking at doing this again later in the year.

I attend the local PACT Meetings and report back the issues raised and also include the police report that we receive each month from our local policing team.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

Being a Councillor it seems to get more difficult each year to be able to do the best for the residents that you represent and the wider area of the Wyre Forest District. This is due to the many financial pressures being experienced by local government as a whole. On a positive note I have found that by working with other partners, organisations and charities I am happy that I am still doing my best for local residents.

I continue to work full time alongside carrying out my council duties but with effective time management learnt over past years I find that I can run the two jobs together well.

After having lived in Aggborough and Spennells for over 35 years and been the District Councillor for 20 years I know I have acquired an enormous amount of local knowledge which does help a lot when working with residents and officers on any issues that may arise.



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Name of Member: Councillor Peter Dyke

Ward: Aggborough & Spennells

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Council	6	4
Members Forum	4	2
Overview & Scrutiny	6	5

This represents an overall attendance of 69%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

In the past twelve months I have continued to work with local residents to resolve issues that affect their daily quality of life such as litter and fly tipping problems and potholes. A lot of issues raised by residents mean that I have to liaise with the County Council on a regular basis.

As a Community Neighbourhood Warden working for the local housing company, I attend TCC (Tenant Consultative Committees) and PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meeting and also attend the Community Action Newtown meetings.

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I continue to deliver newsletters around Aggborough and Spennells on a regular basis. This is a good way of keeping people in our ward informed and aware of what is going on in and around the ward. It also carries full contact details for both myself and Councillor Helen Dyke.

Section 4: Supplementary Information



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Name of Member: Councillor Nicky Gale

Ward: Foley Park & Hoobrook

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	5
Members Forum	4	1
Overview & Scrutiny	8	6

This represents an overall attendance of 72%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

I have attended meetings of the Corporate Parenting Board which acts to ensure we are doing what we can for children in the looked after system and that of foster children. It is a way of holding the providers to account to ensure that the best outcomes can be achieved for the young person

I also sit on the CHG board and again it is a way of ensuring the any changes being made to the health service locally take into account the needs of the people accessing the service

I am still a governor at Birchen Coppice Primary School and attend meetings whenever I am free.

I am pact chair for the local area too

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I have tried to assist residents with issues that arise, some have no conclusion to date and some have been solved by me sign posting people to where they can get information from

I have passed on information to people direct when I have some to give out

I have been supporting Kidderminster from the start in getting Kidderminster the Dementia friendly status to ensure that people are able to live well with dementia

I like meeting members of my community and will just keep an eye on the little things that may turn into bigger ones if not tackled head on

I report litter and anti-social behaviour when I see it

Anybody will stop me in the street if they need help , they are more than welcome to use my mobile phone number or email address

Lots of people know where I live and will come and knock on my door if they have a problem

Section 4: Supplementary Information

I have had a very busy year this year as I have been in the role of consort to Cllr Rose Bishop who has been the chairman of Wyre Forest District council

This has meant we have attended in excess of 125 engagements and the year has not finished yet

This has included raising monies for her charity , raising the profile of the Wyre Forest in the wider community of Worcestershire County Council

We have supported people with raising their profile within the community and celebrated success of local people.

We have forged many links and joined groups together to ensure that they can support each other.



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Name of Member: Councillor Ian Hardiman

Ward: Wyre Forest Rural

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Appointments & Appeals	1	1
Cabinet	9	9
Cabinet Review Group	1	1
Council	6	6
Ethics & Standards	1	1
Licensing & Environmental	3	3
Members Forum	4	4

This represents an overall attendance of 100%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	4

Section 2: Community Involvement

In my role as a District Councillor, I attend regularly, meetings of each of the six Parish Councils within the Wyre Forest Rural ward.

I attend the Wolverley & Cookley PACT meetings

I attend the Fairfield Residents and The Rurals meetings.

As a WFDC Cabinet member, I attend Friends Groups' meetings when possible.



Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I respond quickly to residents' queries and concerns via telephone, letter, email, or personal contact.

I deliver regular newsletters to the whole of my ward and include easy contact details.

During this year, I have been Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member of the District Council which has entailed attendance at many important meetings with other councils within the County and West Midlands.

I am always available to help all residents, not only within my ward but within Wyre Forest District.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

I am an active person who enjoys walking and meeting people; I am a registered volunteer for Guide Dogs For The Blind with (together with my wife) responsibility for puppy training / walking new puppies until they are about 14 months old before they progress to specialist training in Leamington.

I enjoy watching local Rugby at Kidderminster Carolians; football at Kidderminster Harriers, and Judo.

I also play guitar in a local dance band.

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Name of Member: Councillor John Hart

Ward: Blakebrook & Habberley South

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Cabinet Financial Strategy Advisory Panel	5	3
Council	5	5
Licensing & Environmental	3	2
Licensing Sub Committee	1	1
Local Plans Review Panel	8	7
Members Forum	4	3
Planning	10	9

This represents an overall attendance of 83%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

Chair of Licensing --- Member of Planning Committee --- Council rep on Leisure Partnership Board
Council rep on TCHG board --- Member of Wolverley Parish Council --- Attend Habberley Tenants group --- Habberley PACT -- Sutton Park PACT and Fairfield Tenants group.



Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I have made representation to relevant bodies on behalf of residents on the following issues.

Litter around private property

Rubbish and furniture left in street

Planning issues

Highway signs and debris left on highway after repairs completed

Dog fouling and relevant signage

Many Highways issues reported , ie. Potholes, road markings faded, poor road and footpaths surfaces

Overgrow foliage obstructing footpath

Several residents parking issues

Speeding issues

Several issues of fly tipping

Numerous issue relating to parking

Residents are able to contact me via phone or e.mail, details of which are on the WFDC website, we have this year distributed 6 news letters in our ward informing residents what is happening in the ward and again my contact details are printed inviting residents to contact me with any issues they may have. I also attend Habberley tenants group, Habberley Pact, and Sutton Park Pact where anyone who is in attendance are able to raise any issues they may have or require me to act on there behalf.

This Easter Saturday myself and my fellow ward councillors in conjunction with the local church and funded by our councillors local funding organized an Easter egg hunt in Brintons Park . The event attracted over 375 children plus parents and was a very successful community event enjoyed by all who took part.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

I have a good local knowledge of my ward, good listening skills which helps me to respond to residents quickly and efficiently in my quest to resolve any concerns that they may have.

I try to be realistic in my approach and never give resident false hope relating to their particular problem.



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Name of Member: Councillor Marcus Hart

Ward: Wyre Forest Rural

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Appointments & Appeals	1	1
Cabinet	9	9
Cabinet Review	1	1
Council	6	6
Members Forum	4	4
Planning	11	11

This represents an overall attendance of 100%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

Trustee of Kidderminster Special Educational Benefits Trust, Chairman and Trustee of Kidderminster District Scout Council, Trustee of Kidderminster Harriers Football in the Community Trust, Trustee of Kidderminster District Youth Trust, Member of Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council, Member of the Wolverley Memorial Project Steering Committee, Member of Worcestershire County Council.

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

It has been another busy year in my role as an elected member, I have responded to all queries raised to me by constituents either by telephone call, letter, email, home visit, by organising a residents meeting or a combination of some or all of these means of communication.

I respond to literally dozens of letters/emails relating to casework issues within the ward on a weekly basis.

I also deliver a regular newsletter to all households within the ward together with my two ward colleagues throughout the year. This year has been no exception and every resident has had at least three newsletters.

In addition to the regular newsletter, there are often issues which affect a particular street or area and I always communicate regarding those issues as well.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

This is now my second report that I am writing as a Councillor for the new Wyre Forest Rural Ward. From 2002 to 2015 I represented the Sutton Park Ward which was an urban ward. The new ward, made up essentially of the previous wards of Wolverley, Cookley, Chaddesley and Blakedown is geographically, by far the largest ward and whilst being in a three member ward, the number of electors is approximately a third larger than the previous ward, in line with all other three member Council wards. The ward is a lot more rural and whilst there are urban parts to it, the rural nature of the ward makes this a different and more interesting challenge. In particular, there are no less than six parish councils of which I and my colleagues continue to attend regularly on a rota basis, providing them with regular reports and updates and I believe that liaising with the parish councils and their councillors is essential to maintain community ties in particular in the rural areas.

We attend PACT meetings, TCC meetings and community events as often as we are able.



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Name of Member: Councillor Ken Henderson

Ward: Areley Kings & Riverside

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Audit	1	1
Council	6	6
Members Forum	4	1
Overview & Scrutiny	8	5

This represents an overall attendance of 68%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

I am a member of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, a member of the Audit Committee and former board member of Wyre Forest Community Housing. I have formed Stourport Community Group with organised litter picks and general tidying with the help of several volunteers. I'm also involved with Kidderminster & District RSPCA and The Emily Jordan Foundation (Charity for adults with learning disabilities).

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I have been involved in helping constituents with various housing problems and ASB issues and many highway problems and I'm constantly working with County Councillors and officials regarding road repairs, resurfacing and parking restrictions. I take part in Walkabouts organised by Community Housing whenever I can. I never fail to address any problem brought to my notice and visit the person the same day or at very least within 2 days. I can be contacted by phone or email and quite often out and about in the ward or in town.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

My role as Mayor of Stourport (2016-2017) has taken a lot of my time covering over 160 mayoral engagements which resulted in my WFDC attendance record being lower than I would have liked.



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Name of Member: Councillor Vi Higgs

Ward: Areley Kings & Riverside

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Council	6	6
Ethics & Standards	1	0
Licensing & Environmental	4	4
Licensing Sub Committee	1	1
Members Forum	4	2

This represents an overall attendance of 81%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	None-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Community Involvement

I recently retired from Age UK WF as it is no longer independent. It is now Age UK Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest (Age UKBRWF) I helped to set this up as a joint venture. This was due to the lack of funds from WCC and the need to co-operate to receive funds on a larger scale. This took approximately 12 extra months to set up.

I set up and help to run a weekly “Knit and Natter” group in the Walshes Community Hall which is mainly for older persons but we do have a few younger persons too. As I worked mainly with older persons in my Social Worker life, I also help to run a Breakaway group for older persons who meet monthly and arrange all sorts of enjoyment for them.

I have been a part of my local Methodist church for 45 years and am the senior church steward. Due to a shortage of funds, myself and my husband arranged a fundraising band show and made quite a lot of money from it for it.

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

It is easy to contact me as, living in my ward I can be easily telephoned, visited or emailed.

I have an A4 book, in which I write all my messages and the work I have done. This ranges from housing, medical support ie GP's and Hospital visits plus, Social services advice on subjects, visits to homes, ward walks with Housing, housing needs. I receive a great number of telephone calls which I can sometimes answer problem immediately. Today I have dealt with bonfire problems on nearby allotment site plus been to a local pact meeting.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

I am a well known local resident who has been in the same house for over 50 years and have always been accessible. I do have people knock my door too.

I feel it is my duty , not only as a councillor but as a local resident to assist anyone I can but being a councillor helps me to obtain the necessary information.

To prove a point about my accessibility my A4 book(as mentioned) is now on the 11th page for this year only.



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Name of Member: Councillor Anne Hingley

Ward: Franche & Habberley North

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit (Chairman)	4	4
Council	6	6
Members Forum	4	3
Overview & Scrutiny	8	7
S106 Monies Review Panel	2	2

This represents an overall attendance of 92%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Community Involvement

- Established working partnership with police officers through the Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings held 4 times a year
- I also attend the Habberley PACT meetings
- Governor at Franche Community School, Chestnut Grove.
- Governor at St Catherine's C of E Primary School, Marlpool Lane.
- Trustee of Claire Witnell and Blount Almshouses, Wilton Avenue.
- Attend regular tenants meeting Community Housing Group Franche and Habberley.
- Kidderminster Town Councillor
- Trustee of John Weston Stretton of Kidderminster Charity.
- WFDC Trustee for the Museum of Carpet

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

As an established Councillor I continue to keep in contact with residents through regular Franche Matters newsletters, personal contact by home visits, phone calls and emails.

Keeping Franche ward tidy and clean is a priority and I am grateful to the Lengthsman who assists the Council's team in carrying out this function.

Through my involvement with the community I have come to know residents and have been able to help with council officers resolve locality problems throughout the council year.

Community Projects – Leadership funding has enabled me to enhance three areas with planted shrubs to create a pleasant environment for residents. The local community will maintain the upkeep of these projects.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

Using Community Leadership Funding I have donated £1,000 to Blakemarsh Restoration Project to create a nature trail for children, families and visitors to enjoy.



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Name of Member: Councillor Nigel Knowles

Ward: Franche & Habberley North

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Appointments & Appeals	1	1
Cabinet Financial Strategy Advisory Panel	5	5
Council	6	6
Local Plans Review Panel	8	8
Members Forum	4	4
Treasury Management Review Panel	3	3
S106 Monies Review Panel	2	1

This represents an overall attendance of 97%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Community Involvement

I regularly attend tenants committees in Franche and Habberley and their respective estate walkabouts. I serve on the committee of Community Transport based in Bewdley and always advocate it to those who need the service to go to the Doctors or shopping.

I am the WFDC representative on the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Board Scrutiny Committee and sit as its Chairman.

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I always prefer meeting people wherever possible rather than speaking by phone. Email is a poor third. I still get handwritten letters, but not many.

It is very important to be aware of the issues in ones ward and I am. We get “hot spots” throughout the year, which can last days, weeks or months. I am always open to proper requests from ward residents who want help. I often go to their homes, if required and keep in touch. I always take each job seriously, put it to the relevant person or officer and always report back to the constituent who asked me for help.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

Within WFDC, I am the Leader of the Labour Group and attend extra meetings with officers and other members.

I sit on the Local Plans Review Panel and the Appointments and Appeals Committee. I usually attend the Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Committee as an observer. Members Forums can be useful platforms for topical issues being addressed by professionals and I appreciate that facility.

In conclusion, being a Councillor is all about representing others, whichever way they voted, and fighting hard for their interests, with the perspective of my values as an individual and Labour party activist.



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Name of Member: Councillor David Little

Ward: Lickhill

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	6	6
Members Forum	4	1
Overview & Scrutiny	8	6
Planning	11	11

This represents an overall attendance of 83%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

Member of Stourport Town Council, Kidderminster & District Youth Trust, Stourport on Severn Carnival Committee, Treasurer to Stourport Conservative Association, Member of Stourport Town Council Parks Committee, Finance Committee and Twinning Committee, Chairman of the Town Centre Working Party, Member of Stourport Civic Society, Trustee of Elizabeth Mills Centre, Trustee of Stourport Workmens Club.

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

Several Meetings with concerned residents regarding the demise of the Burlish Park Golf Club.

Arranged meetings with Severn Trent and the Barhale Site Team regarding the cable laying in respect of the Birmingham Resilience Project.

Dealing with residents concerns over planning applications, parking problems (with particular reference to schools).

As a member and frequent visitor to the Workmens Club, I get numerous enquiries on a weekly basis.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

Please feel free to add any information you consider may assist in defining your role as an elected member, any outside obligations that may impact on your role or any additional information you wish to add.

I am very well known in the Lickhill Ward and the residents know they can contact me at any time.

I also do leafleting and canvassing meeting many of the residents during these tasks.

I consider my role as an election Councillor to be as active as possible to improve the environment of my ward.



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Name of Member: Councillor Nicky Martin

Ward: Mitton

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Cabinet Financial Strategy Advisory Panel	5	3
Council	5	5
Local Plans Review Panel	8	7
Members Forum	4	1
Planning	10	9
Treasury Management Review Panel	3	3

This represents an overall attendance of 80%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

Attend PACT Meetings

Stourport Sports Association

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

Following my election to Wyre Forest District Council May 2016, I have experienced a challenging, yet rewarding year. The major part of my time has been spent helping residents with a variety of issues: speeding, parking, planning and antisocial behaviour are just a few to mention.

I am proactive within the ward by making myself visible to constituents, whether walking around our area, or through the District website, where my contact details are freely available.

Where an issue is raised by a constituent, I take great pride in examining these in a timely fashion, in person. These face to face discussions demand real communication and actions. This approach has been received warmly and, whilst I have not always been able to deliver a positive outcome for residents, they have always been appreciative for my support and contact.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

I have been an elected member of Stourport Town Council for past 6yrs. During this time I have been involved in various committees such as: Finance, Parks, Civic Centre Working Party and currently Vice Chair of Grants Committee.

Attendance at various meetings to help improve the lifestyle of residents and services of Stourport: Blue Light Hub, Diamond Buses, St Wulston and St Thomas Catholic Church.

Supported Mayors charity functions.

Served as Deputy Mayor 2014/15

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Name of Member: Councillor Shazu Miah

Ward: Offmore & Comberton

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	4	4
Council	5	5
Ethics & Standards	1	1
Members Forum	4	4
Treasury Management Review Panel	3	3

This represents an overall attendance of 100%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	2

Section 2: Community Involvement

Along with my colleague Cllr Fran Oborski I have delivered a FOCUS Newsletter to every house in the Ward every month, I have attended meetings of both Offmore Comberton and Greenhill PACT.

I have also attended events run by Cafe Chad at St Chad's Church. I am now Treasurer of OCAAG (Offmore Comberton Action Group) and am involved in The organisation of the Borrington BASH Community Carnival, I was on the organising committee of the Big Lottery Multi Cultural Event held at Kidderminster youth House to celebrate the opening of the Axis Youth Hub and am also helping to organise the follow up event.

I organised the petition which led to the successful transfer of the St Georges Park Paddling Pool to Kidderminster Town Council. I am a member of the committee of the Friends of St Georges Park.

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I have also made calls on behalf of residents to the council regarding issues such as council tax payments, bins not being collected and fly tipping and planning issues. I have contacted other agencies such as housing associations and police over housing issues including anti-social behaviour.

I also knock on doors to see if people wish to raise any concerns.

Section 4: Supplementary Information



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Name of Member: Councillor Fran Oborski

Ward: Offmore & Comberton

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Cabinet Review Group	1	1
Council	6	6
Licensing & Environmental	4	4
Local Plans Review Panel	8	8
Members Forum	4	4
Planning	11	10
Treasury Management Review Panel	3	3
S106 Monies Review Panel	2	2

This represents an overall attendance of 97%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Community Involvement

Along with my Ward Colleague Cllr Shazu Miah I have delivered our regular Focus Newsletter to every household in the Ward every month .

I have attended every meeting of both the both Offmore Comberton and Greenhill PACTs and when possible the Aggborough Spennells PACT.

I have attended meetings to tackle Drug Abuse in St George's Churchyard.

As Chair of Offmore Comberton Action Group I have helped to coordinate and organise our successful Borrington Bash Community Carnival

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I have dealt with individual concerns raised by local residents which have included a very high number of housing issues which I have raised with Community Housing.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

As WFDC Skills Lead I have attended bi monthly meetings of the Vestia Employment Group.

I have Chaired the Wyre Forest Children and Young People's Trust and helped to organise the successful multi cultural day at Kidderminster Youth House held to celebrate the opening of the Axis Youth Hub.

I am on the committee of the Friends of St Georges Park and help to organise community events in the Park,

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Name of Member: Councillor Tracey Onslow

Ward: Blakebrook & Habberley South

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	2	2
Cabinet	4	4
Council	6	6
Members Forum	4	2

This represents an overall attendance of 88%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

I am Vice-Chair of Audit Committee

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I have a 100% record of responding to casework issues raised with me by local residents. It would be very time and space consuming to list them all, but as examples:

Following a campaign last year, I have had the section of the River Stour in Castle Road cleared, which involved much collaboration with various agencies, including Wyre Forest District Council and Canals & River Trust.

I have had various areas litter picked including Park Street and Wood Street. I have had trees pollarded and bushes/trees cut in various areas. I have had double yellow lines investigated for Claughton Street and speeding issues investigated in Summerhill Avenue. I have had drains unblocked in Bewdley Hill and pavements mended in Pershore Road and Stourport Road.

I am campaigning for resurfacing in Lansdown Green and in Sutton Park Road.

I respond either by phone, email or letter, to suit the resident, we also include response slips in our newsletters, of which we have delivered about 25,000 across the ward. My mobile phone number is quoted in newsletters, so I am contactable 7 days a week.

I offer ward surgeries every week, on demand and attend PACT Meetings, including mobile PACT.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

Together with Churches Together in Kidderminster and my fellow Conservative Ward Cllrs, I help put on the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Brinton Park. This year over 350 local children attended, an increase of 100 'hunters' on last year.

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Name of Member: Councillor Mary Rayner

Ward: Broadwaters

Section 1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	6	6
Licensing & Environmental	4	4
Licensing Sub Committee	1	1
Members Forum	4	2
Overview & Scrutiny	8	7
S106 Monies Review Panel	2	1

This represents an overall attendance of 84%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	Sick leave – w/c 27/02/17
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

Organisations and community groups that I have been involved with during the year has been most of the park groups in Broadwaters. I have attended a large number of their meetings and helped them with some of their events, and work in the parks including litter picking. I also periodically litter pick around the area where I live. I have helped BRAG with litter picking encouraging the children around the area to also engage in keeping the area tidy. I also support and help the group Horsefair and Proud.

I have also attended meetings and activities of the Sion Avenue Residents Group. I am in regular communication with the local TCC group and I have also helped them to resolve some of their concerns.

I have also been engaging with the local scout and beaver groups here in Broadwaters, and supporting them when they have asked.

I have attended most of the Partners and Communities Together meetings and have liaised closely with our local community police on several important issues concerning cars speeding, traffic issues in various parts of the ward, as well as parking issues around the whole of Broadwaters and as a result I now sit as an observer on the traffic enforcement review group and liaise with them on parking issues along with the Police and Highways.

I also liaise closely with Worcestershire Regulatory Authority with monitoring of areas of pollution who are keeping the PACT group informed of pollution hotspots.

As a Trustee of the Community Housing Company I have been able to support and attend their meetings and when asked supported them in their initiatives in these very challenging times.

I have helped to facilitate some residents to form another group and join neighbourhood watch.

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I have been managing a case load of about 3 or 4 a week over the last year from constituents, they generally contact me face to face when they see me in the ward as I regularly walk about the ward, or phone me or contact me by email. I try to keep them informed of the progress of their concern and raise it to higher levels if necessary. I try to respond to people within 24 hours when possible. One of the key concerns other than cars parking on the roads and pavements, continues to be Dog Fouling. I have responded to peoples' request for extra litter and dog poo bins when requested, which have appeared to alleviate the problem.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

Being a retired Health Care Professional I have found people contact me with concerns about the health care they are receiving , these can be wide ranging and I can signpost them to the appropriate organisation that can support them.

I am also member of the youth trust, as well as community housing.

I am also interested in the local scout group and the disability action group and sight concern.

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Name of Member: Councillor Chris Rogers

Ward: Mitton

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	3	3
Cabinet	1	1
Cabinet Review Group	1	1
Council	6	6
Members Forum	4	2
Overview & Scrutiny	2	2
Planning	11	11
Treasury Management Review Panel	3	3

This represents an overall attendance of 94%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	3

Section 2: Community Involvement

Community Housing Group
Stourport Forward



Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I am always available to assist constituents and advertise my contact details (phone and email) on all distributed literature as well as make them available through Wyre Forest Conservative Association and of course via Wyre Forest District Council. I am available at all times to constituents and am happy to meet with residents when ever required.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

As I am retired I am able to give as much time to council matters as required, which at times can be a great deal. My previous professional life gives me wealth of knowledge and experience on which to draw and helps immensely with council matters.

Having a strong Conservative team including our MP Mark Garnier is a great asset in being able to pursue the issues which residents have right up to national government level.

I have recently been appointed to the Cabinet and am Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Well-being.



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Name of Member: Councillor James Shaw

Ward: Areley Kings & Riverside

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	4	4
Council	5	5
Members Forum	4	3
Planning	10	9
Treasury Management Review Panel	3	3

I am also a member of the Local Plan Review Panel, which met regularly during the municipal year. I believe I was present on every occasion it met.

This represents an overall attendance of 92%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

I am a trustee of Areley Kings Village Hall. The trustees act as the management committee and meet monthly. Also, I am a member of the Action Group set up to enhance the facilities, and usage, of the Walshes Community Hall. I am involved as a participant in activities at both halls. The Walshes Neighbourhood Action Group, (formerly the Tenants Consultative Committee), holds its meetings at the Community Hall, which I attend. From time to time, this hall is the venue for PACT meetings; another is the Lickhill Community Centre. I attend PACT meetings and share the division of tasks arising from the meeting with the police.

Every two months, Community Housing organise a “Walshes Walkabout”. Housing officers, tenants’ representatives and councillors may attend. A route through the Walshes estate is chosen and sites inspected as the walk progresses. I attend the walkabouts and, as with PACT, apportion tasks with the officers.



Section 3: Assisting Constituents

The Areley Kings Rose, (previously under other titles), has been delivered to local residents four times per year since 1981. In 2015, when the ward was increased in size by the inclusion of the town council's Central ward, but named "Riverside", the Riverside Rose duly came into existence, with the same frequency of issue. Thus, the residents of Areley Kings and Riverside are both kept informed of local issues and given my contact details and those of colleagues. I do not hold surgeries. It has always been my practice to arrange an appointment with residents at their home.

During this municipal year, I have taken up issues as diverse as potential homelessness, grass verge cutting, amended street signage, noise disturbance, air pollution, breaches of planning law, fly-tipping, untidy garage sites, and the reporting of anti-social behaviour and criminal behaviour. One major and controversial planning application for housing has generated great public concern. My colleagues and I convened a public meeting to advise local residents and have kept them informed by means of special newsletters.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

This is my report, but I am part of a team. My councillor colleagues contribute to the debates which result in the Labour Party policies adopted for Wyre Forest and my fellow members in Stourport raise funds, deliver thousands of leaflets and are involved in election campaigning in many other ways. My contribution would be much poorer without them.



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Name of Member: Councillor Juliet Smith

Ward: Blakebrook & Habberley South

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	2	2
Cabinet	4	4
Council	6	6
Licensing & Environmental	4	3
Members Forum	4	3
Treasury Management Review Panel	3	3

This represents an overall attendance of 91%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	2

Section 2: Community Involvement

- Member of Kidderminster Town Council as Town Councillor
- Member of Community Housing Group Resources Committee
- Member of Citizen’s Advice Bureau Board
- Member of Worcestershire Regulatory Services Board as part of Cabinet Portfolio
- Member of the Wyre Forest Local Children’s Trust as part of Cabinet Portfolio
- Member of Bewdley Museum Management Committee as part of Cabinet Portfolio
- Member of Kidderminster Town Hall Liaison Committee as part of Cabinet Portfolio



Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I have responded to all queries raised to me by my constituents either by telephone call, letter, email or home visit. I have responded to a great many issues within the ward on a weekly basis. Issues and concerns have been varied over this last year covering everything from pot holes to overhanging trees. All issues have been dealt with promptly with residents contacted regularly after an issue has been resolved to make sure everything is still as it should be.

I also deliver a regular newsletter to all households within the ward together with my two ward colleagues throughout the year to keep residents informed and to continually refresh the methods residents can use to contact me by phone, email or in person at my address located within the ward. Many residents regularly now visit me at my home within the ward with their issues and concerns and approach me when I am out and about in the area. As part of a ward team we offer surgeries as often as needed. I also attend local PACT meetings to address residents' issues.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

I believe that I have undertaken my role and responsibilities to the best of my ability and have taken all decisions within the best interests of the residents of my ward and the residents of Wyre Forest. In terms of whether any outside obligations impact on my role, I am employed full time and this does have an impact on my availability but I believe that I have balanced being employed and my democratic role very well.



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Name of Member: Councillor Rebecca Vale

Ward: Wribbenhall & Arley

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	2	2
Cabinet	5	5
Council	5	5
Ethics & Standards	1	1
Licensing & Environmental	3	2
Members Forum	4	4
Planning	9	9
Treasury Management Review Panel	2	1

This represents an overall attendance of 94%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Community Involvement

I sit on the Advisory group to the Clinical Commissioning Group within the Wyre Forest.
I sit on the Management committee of Bewdley museum.

I have also worked this year with various local community and voluntary groups, donating via my Community Leadership Fund to Bewdley Together Group, Bewdley Museum, Community Transport, Bewdley and District TCC to support an activity day at Shaw Hedge Road Park and donated to a Dementia group.

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I respond to large quantities of queries each week and respond swiftly via telephone call, letter, email, face to face meeting or even text message when I am text an urgent query. I also deliver a regular newsletter to all households within the Ward in order to keep residents up to date and informed. I encourage residents to get in touch via a response box on the newsletter.

I am a visible and approachable Ward Councillor and many people approach me as I do walk abouts around the Ward. Within the Ward, I work closely with community minded residents who connect me to people who need help, but who wouldn't normally approach a Councillor.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

During the past year, I have served as Cabinet Member for Operational Services. I thoroughly enjoy holding this portfolio which covers many of our key services such as waste collection, car parking, parks, street cleansing etc.



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Name of Member: Councillor Steven Walker

Ward: Broadwaters

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	6	5
Members Forum	4	0
Overview & Scrutiny	8	7

This represents an overall attendance of 67%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

I have kept in contact with the residents of Broadwaters by producing a regular newsletter in conjunction with my Labour council colleagues and have embraced social media such as Facebook and Twitter to reach a wider audience.

I have also engaged opinion by carrying out a weekly walk about in order to seek out issues that need to be addressed. I have also knocked on doors of local residents and called into local businesses to gain a full understanding of the needs of the ward. I also maintain a visible presence by attending most community events. This makes it easy for residents to approach me with questions or problems

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

It has been a privilege to work with the many groups and agencies doing great work in and around the Broadwaters ward. All of whom are making a real difference to the environment and to people's lives in the area. There is a strong community spirit and a "can do" attitude In Broadwaters and the various groups are an example for others to follow. I hope during the past year I have played my part in helping to develop these projects and I am looking forward to the coming year when we can deliver further improvements against a backdrop of very difficult social and economic conditions.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

Please feel free to add any information you consider may assist in defining your role as an elected member, any outside obligations that may impact on your role or any additional information you wish to add.

As an Emergency Medical Technician/Health Professional, my working life brings me into contact with a cross section of society whilst they are at their most vulnerable. I have also served in the Army for 22 years, am a Royal British Legion Welfare Case Worker, and a Dementia Friend. These four roles have taught me how to be compassionate and have instilled a strong sense of duty.

I hope that I reflect these values in my work as Councillor and can be a force for good in the community.



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Name of Member: Councillor Stephen Williams

Ward: Wyre Forest Rural

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

This section has been completed by Democratic Services and lists all Council and Committee meetings, including how many meetings of each, you attended for the period from Annual Council on 25th May 2016 to the end of April 2017.

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Financial Strategy Advisory Panel	5	3
Council	6	6
Local Plans Review Panel	8	8
Members Forum	4	3
Overview & Scrutiny	8	7
Planning	11	11
Treasury Management Review Panel	1	1
S106 Monies Review Panel	2	2

This represents an overall attendance of 91%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	2

Section 2: Community Involvement

I am a member of Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council and Chairman of the Margaret Delabere Alms House Trust.

Along with my colleagues who serve the Wyre Forest Rural Ward, I regularly attend the Parish Councils of Chuchill and Blakedown, Rushock, Stone, Broome, Wolverley and Cookley and give reports about the activities of the District Council. Also my colleagues and I distribute leaflets to all residents of Wyre Forest Rural on a regular basis.

I have chaired meetings for Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council on the subject of the siting of Broadband cabinets in the Conservation area.

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I assisted constituents and others on planning and other issues. I have taken up issues for Community Housing Tenants at the Rurals Tenants Consultative Committee.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

My contact details are published in the local Parish Magazine,

I walk through my home village every day including Sunday.



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Name of Member: Councillor Rod Wilson

Ward: Bewdley & Rock

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Cabinet Review Group	1	0
Council	6	4
Licensing & Environmental	4	4
Members Forum	4	0
Treasury Management Review Panel	3	0

This represents an overall attendance of 44%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	5 weeks sick leave
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	3

Section 2: Community Involvement

I was elected to this position in May 2016 and attended training in Planning, Scrutiny, Audit and Treasury Management. I have been a substitute on Planning committee twice and attended one site visit and I have also been a substitute on Audit Committee.

I attend Rock Parish Council and Upper Arley Parish Council.

I attend Bewdley Town Council and also meetings of the Bewdley TCC.



Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I am a member of the Rock Branch of the British Legion and have laid a wreath at the Rock War Memorial.

I have had site meetings at Bliss Gate Sports Field and have had site visits to Gardners Meadow car park in Bewdley when we had two incursions of travellers.

I hold regular surgeries with colleague, Cllr Stephen Clee and respond to many phone calls, written queries and emails regarding issues raised by members of the electorate.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

I have used my Councillors Community Leadership Fund and donated it to:

Bewdley Museum £200

Bliss Gate Playing Field £200

Pound Green Community Hall £200

Bewdley youth Cafe £400



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Name of Member: Councillor Gordon Yarranton

Ward: Wribbenhall & Arley

Section1: Attendance at Council / Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	6	6
Licensing & Environmental	1	1
Members Forum	4	0
Planning	1	1

This represents an overall attendance of 67%

Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Community Involvement

The Monday Project - Knit and Natter
Kidderminster Foreign Parish Council
Bewdley Town Council



Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I have kept in regular contact with the local residents by delivering a quarterly newsletter.

I have arranged for regular litter picks on the main roads and road sweeping within Wribbenhall and have arranged to have fly tipping removed from Trimpley on numerous occasions.

Working with the TCC and other partners we have managed to raise £11,000 and installed another 5 facilities for the children on the Queensway Shaw Hedge Road Park.

Also refurbished the AV sign which is now up and working informing people of the dangers in rural areas of agricultural vehicles entering and exiting fields this time of the year.

I have addressed various highways issues throughout the ward including potholes, etc. And had some roads resurfaced.

Section 4: Supplementary Information

