

## ANNUAL REPORT- 2014/15

<b>Councillor: Mair Rowlands</b>	<b>Group: Plaid Cymru</b>								
<b>Ward: Bangor - Menai</b>									
<p><b>Purpose of the annual report:</b> The aim of the Annual Report is to assist the electorate to become better informed of the work and activities of their elected local authority member during the year.</p> <p><b>Role and responsibilities:</b> Elected Member for the Menai Ward, Bangor Cabinet Member for Children and Young People; Leisure; Healthy Gwynedd, and Youth Services</p>									
<p><b>The following constituency activities were held:</b></p> <p>Supporting and assisting individual constituents and constituent groups with a number of matters: houses of multiple occupation, litter issues, noise, highway and parking problems, concerns from taxi drivers, potholes, dangerous pavements, planning and licensing.</p> <p>Attending the Licensing Sub-Committee to support opposition from residents regarding late night opening hours, and attending planning meetings to support opposition towards over-development of housing and multi-occupancy flats.</p> <p>Regular contact with the Police regarding law and order in the ward, and walking around the ward multiple times to identify problems.</p> <p>As a member of the Upper Bangor Society, a society made up of residents that deals with problems or activities in the ward, I attended monthly meetings with residents to listen to their opinions and concerns, and to give them information regarding any planning applications, licensing matters or any other event occurring in the ward.</p> <p>Attending the Love Bangor Partnership Launch and Love Bangor Partnership Tenants Forum, and attending training sessions with the student wardens for Upper Bangor, as part of the scheme.</p> <p>Attending the service celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Penrallt Chapel and Community Centre.</p>									
<p><b>The following initiatives and activities were held:</b></p> <p>Member of the Upper Bangor Society Chair of the Bangor Plaid Cymru Branch Attending Beicio Bangor meetings Attending Tyfu meetings to assist with the work and try to secure allotments for Upper Bangor Attending Bangor Pier Appreciation Society Meetings Assisting with Bangor Carnival 2014/2015 Assisting with and volunteering at Bangor's Christmas celebrations Support Bangor Street Pastors – volunteering and commentating in one session Meeting with the Project Officer for Bangor City Council regarding the cathedral's Bible Garden Collaborating with others to establish the first parkrun in north Wales, in Bangor – 'Penrhyn Parkrun' (Launch 15/11/14), and volunteering regularly</p> <p>Menter Iaith Bangor Committee Member – I have assisted with the work of organising events for Diwrnod S'Mae (15 October) in Bangor; establishing and organising the first St. David's Day parade and celebrations in Bangor; representing Menter Iaith Bangor on occasion at meetings of the Bangor Events Group and The People of Bangor Community Group (TPOBCG); contributing to an application for a capital grant from Welsh Government to establish a Language Centre in Bangor, and managed to successfully secure £300,000 to establish the centre.</p>									
<p><b>I attended the following Committees:</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">COMMITTEE</th> <th style="text-align: center;">PRESENT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>The Council</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Cabinet</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Corporate Scrutiny Committee</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		COMMITTEE	PRESENT	The Council	5	The Cabinet	6	Corporate Scrutiny Committee	2
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Communities Scrutiny Committee	1
Services Scrutiny Committee	2
Democratic Services Committee	1
Language Committee	3
SACRE	1
Ogwen Area Forum	4

Percentage of Attendance: 93%

**I was not able to attend the following Committee(s) due to the following reasons:**

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**I participated in the following additional meetings, seminars, investigations and workshops:**

Local Government Restructuring Workshop  
 Workshop Her Gwynedd  
 Cuts Workshop  
 Children and Young People's Use of the Welsh Language Working Group

**I represented Gwynedd Council on the following outside bodies:**

Community Health Council (until November 2014)  
 Ysgol Cae Top (Governor)  
 Ysgol Friars (Governor)  
 Bangor University Liaison Group

**I represented Gwynedd Council in the following meetings:**

LGIU & CCLA Awards Ceremony 2014 (International Councillor Awards) – on shortlist of nominations for Young Councillor of the Year.

**I attended the following Learning and Development training sessions:**

<b>Corporate</b>	<b>Date</b>
Waste Strategy	7/5/2014
Workshops on Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults	7/5/2014 + 24/6/2014 + 4/7/2014
Webcasting	26/11/2014
Safe Leadership	5/12/2014
Categorising Schools – The New Procedure	14/1/2015
Cabinet Development Programme (Session for new Members)	12/2/2015 + 9/3/2015
Corporate Parenting	25/2/2015
Leading Communities through Change	27/3/2015

<b>Additional</b>	<b>Date</b>
Assertiveness and Dealing with Difficult People	20/3/2015
Time Management and Coping with Stress	17/4/2015

Total Number of hours: 36 hours