

ANNUAL REPORT - 2015/16

Councillor: Ioan C. Thomas	Group: Plaid Cymru																														
Ward: Caernarfon Menai																															
<p>Purpose of the annual report: 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>Role and responsibilities: Elected Member representing the Menai Ward in Caernarfon, Cabinet Member for Customer Care which includes Galw Gwynedd and Siop Gwynedd, Libraries, Housing, Deprivation, Equality and liaison with the Armed Forces</p>																															
<p>Constituency activities:</p> <p>I attended 94% of the Caernarfon Town Council meetings and I had the opportunity to listen to issues of concern by virtue of my duties as a Gwynedd Councillor. Advice was offered to electors and other individuals on a number of matters e.g. Planning, Housing Waiting Lists and matters relating to cleanliness of streets and public places.</p> <p>I responded to enquiries from a number of electors over the phone, by letter, via e-mail and I always visited people's homes when they requested me to do so. Met and toured around the ward with Police officers to draw attention to occasional problems and specifically at the top of Twthill.</p>																															
<p>Other initiatives and activities:</p> <p>Caernarfon Food Festival Meetings Caernarfon Chamber of Trade Meetings Caernarfon Business Improvement District (HWB Caernarfon) Meetings Regular Plaid Cymru Group Meetings during the year</p>																															
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<p>I was absent from the Committees noted because:</p> <p>Absent from one meeting due to a family holiday and one because I attended the funeral of a close relative.</p>																															
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Evaluation Skills (Cabinet)	14-July-2015
Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014	07-July-2015
Safe Leadership	19-May-2015

Total number of hours: 27.5

I represented Gwynedd Council on the following external bodies or following meetings:

Welsh Books Council
Ysgol y Gelli (Governor)

Ysgol Santes Helen (Governor)
Menai Straits Fisheries Order Management Society