

Elected Member Annual Report and Review – 2010/11



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Electoral Division: Folkestone South

Year first elected: 2001

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Are you in paid employment in any capacity in addition to your role as a County Councillor (excluding membership of other authorities)?

YES	NO X
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If yes, please give details in the box below

A. As a Member of Kent County Council you must give details in the box below of any remuneration received.

Basic Allowance		£ 13,000
Special Responsibility Allowance (please give details of the nature of your duties in the next column and the amount received in the third column)		-

Are you a Member of another local authority or do you serve on any other public authority or Trust for which remuneration is received?

YES X	NO
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B. If yes, you must give details in the box below, including details of any remuneration received

Kent and Medway Fire & Rescue Authority	£ 1388.64
Total Payments for A & B above	£14,388.64

Section 1: Attending County Council Meetings Please list all meetings including how many meetings you attended of your Local Board

Name of Board or Committee	Number of Meetings attended	Number of Meetings each year	Position on Board or Committee and nature of responsibility
County Council	7	7	Member
Adult Social Services Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	2	4	In attendance
Cabinet Scrutiny Committee	1	10	Present as substitute
Children, Families & Education – Resources and Infrastructure Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	3	3	Member
Communities Policy overview and Scrutiny Committee	5	5	Member
Communities POSC (meeting as the Crime and Disorder Committee)	1	1	Member
Governance and Audit Committee	5	5	Member

Governor Appointments Panel	5	5	Member
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	8	10	Member and briefings and visits to outside depots.
Joint Meeting of Children, Families and Education Resources & Infrastructure, Learning & Development and Vulnerable Children & Partnerships Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	2	2	Member
Planning Committee	1	-	Present as substitute
Select Committee – Accessing Democracy	1	1	Member
Shepway Joint Transport Board including briefings	8	8	Member
Shepway Members Education Briefings	3	3	Member
Joint Transport Board Chairmen	2	2	Member
Conservative Group	21	-	Party Member
Transport Appeals Panel	11	-	Member when called
Superannuation Fund Committee	2	6	Present as substitute

Section 2: Liaising with your Electoral Division

Please list here any organisations within the community with which you have contact. What are you doing in your division? (Please specify if you are acting as a member of the body or as a KCC representative)

1. Folkestone Youth Project (The Shed)

I am a founder Trustee, and also an active member of the newly constituted Management Committee. Considerable liaison with Kent Youth Service staff. Recently participated in a fund raising campaign which was needed and is likely to have to be repeated in current economic climate. Quarterly meeting of the main Board and Management Committee. Proving to be a very popular youth facility in one of the most deprived wards in Kent (Harvey Central). The Shed provides services for many East European and asylum seeking children.

2. Harbour Ward Residents' Association

Quarterly meetings with extra ones called to discuss burning issues such as dog mess, dispersal zones and night time disorder. Considerable progress over public seats, lighting and litter. My Member Highways Fund has considerably enhanced this ward. Also participated in "clean-ups" at the Durlocks Bank and helped members on several days last summer to repaint the Weston Fountain. At present working on a residents parking scheme/pedestrianisation in The Stade.

3. Southern Way Play Park

Whilst this park is popular I have worked with the Trustees, who are based on St Mary's C of E Primary School to keep the park attractive and provide funding for extra equipment chosen by the School Council. Negotiations tend to be lengthy due to the number of public bodies involved.

4. East Folkestone Change Together

An "inspiring community" project organised through Shepway District Council. Also work with the Appearance Working Group and have participated with residents and officers to clean up run-down areas around the Foord Viaduct and elsewhere. Meetings are held to discuss and approve "quick hits" of the fund and also larger capital requests. I was nominated by the Leader of Shepway Council. Also acts as a forum to try and resolve residents' concerns, such as graffiti, rubbish dumping and is therefore similar to residents' associations.

5. Guildhall North Residents' Group

Meetings in one of the most deprived areas of Folkestone, over-policing, 24 hour alcohol sales, rubbish dumping and other local concerns.

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

Please set out here how you contact your constituents and how you make it easy for them to contact you. If you have made a contribution in advising and assisting constituents, and/or resolving problems in the delivery of KCC services, please explain this:

1. Highways Issues

Unfortunately, a continual source of emails and complaints. I have had to progress issues of street lighting, removal of traffic regulation order signs for no good reason, erection of metal posts to keep HGVs off pavements and gardens and the repair of amenity lights which belong to the District Council.

2. School Transport Appeals

Advised and have represented constituents.

3. St Mary's School Playing Field

Considerable problems with night time disorder and motor vehicles gaining access to the sports field. Partly resolved by liaising with local PCSOs, erecting signs, the installation of kissing gates on the public rights of way entrances.

4. Polling Stations

After continual pressure on the District Council, a second polling station has been agreed in Harvey West Ward, where the sole polling station is inadequate for the number of voters and its distance from some of the ward.

5. The Stade

Continual congestion and parking problems and working with the residents to set up an appropriate residents parking scheme and pedestrianisation – both to include local traders.

6. Folkestone West Station

The parking scheme for the new High Speed Train has resulted in the need to extend the parking scheme much further out of the station to prevent all day parking in private roads.

7. Folkestone Girl Guides

Support for their local functions and attendance at their Thinking Day Services and Centenary Celebrations at their camp.

8. School Admissions

Advice to constituents to failed to receive an acceptable offer for their child and as to the best way forward.

9. National Health Service

Discussions over reorganisation and concerns made to me by constituents. Also meetings with local GPs to obtain their view points over the abolition of the Primary Care Trusts.

10. Children's Social Services

Liaison with KCC Officers over carers' concerns and difficulties in making contact between officers and parents.

11. Planning Applications

Support to residents especially where there is considered to be inadequate and dangerous access for cars for new developments.

Please give exact details of where and how you recommended your £10,000 allocation be spent?

Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Harbour Residents	Two benches and new boards	£1,287
Folkestone Guides	Centenary Celebrations	£ 500
Kent Crimestoppers	Crimestoppers	£ 250
Leas Lift	Paid Employers' Liability	£3,000
East Kent Strokes	Operating Costs	£ 500
HG Wells Festival	Festival	£ 250
Strange Cargo	Charivari Day 2010	£1,000
Educational Project Management	Careers Fair Shepway Schools	£ 500
8 th Folkestone Guides	Autumn Dance Project	£ 500
Rainbow Centre	Winter Shelter	£ 713
St Eanswythes School	Outdoor Equipment	£1,500
Total:		£10,000

Please give details of spend for your Member's Highways Grant (£25k)

Purpose	Amount
Dover Road, Folkestone – Introduce a weight limit and the appropriate HGV signage	£12,012
Sandgate Hill – Interactive sign, warning signs, high friction surfacing to try and slow traffic down	£ 9,890
Wear Bay Road – kerb build outs, dropped crossings	£16,240
East Cliff – new footpath to The Warren to avoid the sea and erosion of old footpath	£ 5,850
Signage for former Shepway Public Rights of Way	£ 3,725
Total:	£47,717

N.B. There is a facility that if this fund is not used in the current financial year this money can be forwarded to the next financial year.

Section 4: Representing the County Council on outside bodies

Please set out here any bodies to which you have been appointed by the Council or which you attend in your role as a County Member, in order to promote joint working and improved service delivery to the public.

(List any involvement with Parish Councils and membership of schools governing bodies)

Name of Organisation	Number of Meetings Attended	Number of Meetings held each year	Nature of responsibility
Shepway Youth Advisory Group	2	2	KCC Member
Folkestone Heritage Working Group	5	5	KCC Member

East Folkestone Change Together and Working Group	12	12	Voting Member
Guildhall North Residents Group	3	3	Local KCC Councillor
St Peter's C of E Primary School Full Governing Body and Finance Committee	5	8	Community Governor

Section 5: Learning & Development

Please set out in this box specific training courses which you have attended to further develop your role as a Councillor, including the benefits of learning.

Planning Applications – two sessions by Head of Planning Applications

Finance Training – Treasury Management

- Procurement Process
- Budget Management

Admission Appeals Process

Adult Social Services – Future of Old Persons Provision

Please set out in this box any attendance at conferences, seminars etc including the benefits of attending

Care of the Elderly and Dilot report at Local Government Association.

Section 6: Political Activity

Please use this space to give a full picture of your Political activities, including attendance at Group meetings and any offices held, and/or responsibilities held within your Group or within your electoral division or Parliamentary constituency.

I have attended Group meetings, away days and the Conservative Group on the District Council. Ward meetings as necessary and I am on the Executive Committee of the Folkestone and Hythe Conservative Association.

Leaflet delivering and canvassing for the May 2011 District Council elections.

Section 7: Supplementary Information

Please feel free to add any information you feel may assist in defining your role as an Elected Member, or indeed any additional information you wish to add:

Ensure that the section below is signed and dated both by you and your Group Leader.

Signature of Member:

Date:

Roland Tolputt

28 March 2011

Signature of Leader:

Date:

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY 31 March 2011