

# Elected Member Annual Report and Review – 2010/11



**PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING GUIDANCE NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM**

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**Electoral Division:** Wilmington

**Year first elected:** 1997

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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 ✓
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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.**

<b>Basic Allowance</b>		£ 13,000
<b>Special Responsibility Allowance</b> (please give details of the nature of your duties in the next column and the amount received in the third column)	Chairman – Children’s Champions Board  Chairman – Children Families & Education – Vulnerable Children and Partnerships Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	£7,750

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

<b>YES</b> ✓	<b>NO</b>
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**B.** If yes, you must give details in the box below, including details of any remuneration received

Elected Member Dartford Borough Council	£ £4,764
Members Basic Allowance + SRA Cabinet Member	£8,357
KCC Representative on KMFR	£1,374.85
SRA as Equality & Diversity Champion	£1,080
<b>Total Payments for A &amp; B above</b>	<b>£ 36,325.85</b>

**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	4	4	Member
Children's Champions Board	2	2	Chairman
Children, Families & Education – Learning and Development Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	3	3	In attendance - 1 Present as Substitute – 2
Children, Families & Education – Vulnerable Children and Partnerships Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	3	3	Chairman

Corporate Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	2	6	Present as substitute
Dartford North East Local Meeting	3	3	Member
Gypsy and Traveller Advisory Board	1	1	Member
Joint Meeting of Children, Families and Education Resources & Infrastructure, Learning & Development and Vulnerable Children & Partnerships Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	2	2	Member
Regeneration and Economic Development Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1	4	Present as substitute
Scrutiny Board	7	8	Member
Select Committee – Accessing Democracy	1	1	Member
Select Committee – Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	1	1	Member
Select Committee – Dementia	4	5	Member
Select Committee – Extended Services	7	8	Member

Private Committee / Meeting	3	4	Member
Wilmington Local Meeting	1	1	Member

## 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)*

Dartford Age Concern – Trustee, Chairman Member  
 Dartford Citizens Advice Bureau – Trustee Dartford Borough Council Representative  
 Dartford Partnership (Adults Learning Disabilities) - Co-Chair  
 Homestart – Member  
 Dartford Almshouses Charity – Dartford Borough Council Representative  
 Wilmington Parochial Charity Trustee – Wilmington Parish Council representative

As a Parish, Borough and County Member using my local knowledge and contacts to facilitate outcomes.

## 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:*

Newsletters, surgeries, telephone and emails.

I have represented Wilmington for 29 years as Parish, Borough and County Member.

My constituents know I am available and approachable.

I have represented them on Education and Transport appeals.

Resolved Highways and Lighting issues.

Advised on Children's and Social Services issues.

Served on several Select Committees to advise and shape policy.

Serve on Adoption and Fostering Panels approving adoptive/fostering parents for placing of children and making life changing decisions.

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

Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Dartford Youth Council	Celebrations of 10yrs of DYC	£ 500
King of Glory Assembly	Moral Football	£ 500
Tree Estate Community Amateur Boxing Club	Start Up Costs	£ 500
Hyden Youth Association	New Equipment for Astrodome	£ 500
Diamond PAT Testing:Ltd	Electrical Appliance Re-cycling	£ 500
Kent Equality Cohension Council	Darford Meia Festival 2010	£ 200
VAWK	Intergenerational Project	£ 250
Dartford District Scouts	22 <sup>nd</sup> World Jamboree – Sweden 2011	£ 500
The parents Consortium	Christams Party at Monkey Bizz	£2,000
Kent Equality Cohesion Council	Dartford Festival of Light	£ 300
St Johns Ambulance	First Aid Skills in Schools	£ 500
Fighting Chance Judo Club	Equipment & Fees	£ 250
Wilmington Parish Council	PlayBuilding	£ 500
Wilmington parish Council	Salt Bins	£ 438
Kent Equality Cohesion Council	Dartford Schools Festival	£ 250
Family Action Dartford	Resource Library & Reading Room	£ 500
Dartford Age Concern	Theatre Trip and Tea	£ 250
Dartford Borough Council	Dartford Switch On	£ 250
Wilmington WI	Upgrading of Facilities	£ 312
KCC Dartford Detached	Green Fingers	£ 250
St Johns Abhulance	Uniform	£ 500
Dartford & Crayford Sea Cadets	The SOS Campaign	£ 250
Total:		£10,000

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

Purpose	Amount
Wilmington - request to spend money on Road Safety schemes with schools in area	£ 7,425
Total:	£ 7,425

*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
Groundwork Kent Thameside	2	4	Trustee
Wilmington Parish Council	12	12	Elected Member County Member
Joydens Wood Infants School	12	3 main 12 sub-committee meetings	Chairman Governors
Local Children's Partnership	2	8	New appointment as KCC and Borough representative
Youth Advisory Group	4	4	Chairman
Kent and Medway Fire & Rescue Authority	4	4	KCC representative

## 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.

Adoption training  
Finance, to help understand budget  
Fostering Workshop/Training

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

Domestic Violence against Black & Minority Women and Girls  
Equal Opportunities and Diversity  
Multi-Cultural Seminar  
KCC Member for Fire Authority – I am their Member Champion for Equality and Diversity  
Able to share good practice across authorities, increase my knowledge and awareness.  
Able to support my constituents from Minority and Ethnic Groups.

## 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.

As Deputy Whip I attend and help facilitate Group meetings.  
Organise substitutes  
Advise Leader and Cabinet Members on political issues  
Monitor Members attendance/involvement  
Support and advise Members on personal issues  
Substitute for Chief Whip and work and liaise with her.

## 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:

As Chairman of Children's Champions and Chairman of Vulnerable Children and Partnerships Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee (POSC) it has been a very interesting and challenging year as national issues have reinforced our priorities and agenda on child protection. Kent had an unannounced inspection of Children's Social Services which was not good. An action plan and restructuring is being implemented to improve the outcomes and service delivery. I am involved in this and will chair the Corporate Parenting Board. As Chairman the Vulnerable Children and Partnerships POSC will be monitoring the improvements plans.

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

**Signature of Member:**

**Date:**

*Ann Allen*

30 March 2011

**Signature of Leader:**

**Date:**

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY 31 March 2011**