

Elected Member Annual Report and Review – 2010/11



PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING GUIDANCE NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

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Electoral Division: Hythe
Year first elected: 1977
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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.

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)	Chairman of the Joint Meeting of Children, Families and Education Resources & Infrastructure, Learning & Development and Vulnerable Children & Partnerships Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committees	£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?

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

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Total Payments for A & B above	£20,750

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	6	7	Member
Children, Families & Education – Resources and Infrastructure Policy Overview & Committee	3	3	Member
Joint Meeting of Children, Families and Education Resources & Infrastructure, Learning & Development and Vulnerable Children & Partnerships Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committees	2	2	Chairman
Regulation Committee	3	3	Member
School Organisation Advisory Board	4	4	Member
Scrutiny Board	4	4	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)

Regular meetings with the following:-

- Hythe Youth Centre
- Age Concern
- Hythe Sick Fund
- Liaison with the Press on local matters on a regular basis
- Regular meetings with the general public

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:

Having served as County Member for Hythe for the past 34 years there have been a number of changes in a Councillors role but in the main it is all about meeting ones constituents and representing their views. I do not hold a local surgery but my life as a Councillor is one long local surgery listening and speaking to my constituents wherever I go.

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

Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Hythe Girls Guides	New Kitchen	£ 500
Folkestone Invicta FC Ltd	New Kit	£ 450
EPM Ed Project	Careers Fair	£ 500
ACRK	Funding Fair	£ 433
Prostate Cancer	Support Group	£ 500
Brockhill Country Park	Forest School	£ 655
Holy Cross Church	Tree Removal	£ 800
Hythe Civic Society	Land Improvements	£ 3,800
SDC	Garden Projects	£ 1,000
Hythe Town Band	Equipment	£ 862
Age Concern	Activity Room	£ 500
Total:		£10,000

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

Purpose	Amount
Repainting of various street lights in the Hythe area. Replacement of 12 street lighting columns.	£ 21,137
Installation of 1no. new street light and and paint dark green.	£ 3,843
Hythe – Repainting of street furniture.	£ 20,614
Hythe – Extra work ordered to complete street light painting project.	£ 4,406
Total:	£ 50,000

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 Board	4	4	Member
St Augustine Catholic Primary School	5	7	Member
Education Briefings	1	7	Member

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.

None

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

None

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.

Conservative Group and Leaders Group Meetings

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:

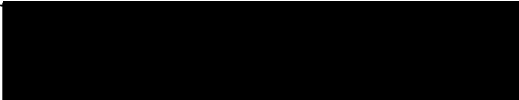
With localism the buzz word this is something I have believed in since I first became a Councillor over 40 years ago. I feel it is important for any elected Member to be in complete touch with those tax payers who elect me. I have also endeavoured to express their views and not my views. I have always felt there should be more consultation with the public and if consultation is really to work then we as elected Members if localism is to work have got to listen even more inventively to the people.

Again as mentioned in my report last year there is still a great deal of confusion as to who manages what in local government. For example street lighting can involve 3 different authorities, town, district and county, and members of the public find this very confusing because they can never get down to the authority which should be maintaining the lights, for each one passes the buck to the other, but I sincerely hope as time goes by with the district and county councils working much closely together these problems can be resolved.

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

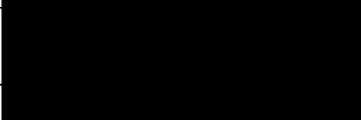
Signature of Member:

Date:

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Signature of Leader:

Date:

	
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THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY 31 March 2011
