

Elected Member Annual Report and Review – 2010/11



PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING GUIDANCE NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

Member Name: Gordon Cowan

Electoral Division: Dover Town

Year first elected: 2010

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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	
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If yes, please give details in the box below

Foster carer for KCC

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	
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B. If yes, you must give details in the box below, including details of any remuneration received

Dover District council	£ 8,922.68
Dover Town council	450.00
Total Payments for A & B above	£22,372.68

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	1	7	Member
Adult Social Services Policy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	1	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)

<p>Chairman Town and Pier activities club. Member of the board of the St Radigunds community centre company.</p> <p>Both of the above are acting as a member of the body</p>
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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:

I walk around my ward on a regular basis and make contact with the community, take up various concerns, and deal with them ASAP.
 Some of my casework has been dealing with Blocked drains, ASBO, disabled parking bays, Housing problems, and helping with benefit problems, council tax. They are just a few of the areas I have worked on, and continue to do so.
 I have made all of my contact details available for my constituents to contact me at any time day or night.

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

Organisation	Purpose	Amount
White Cliffs Primary College for the Arts	Musical Experience for underprivileged children	£2,000
Dover War Memorial Project	Printing of newsletter	£1,000
Brambley Hedge Children's Centre	Giant Steps for the Soft Play Area	£ 890
Buckland Residents Association	Heating System for Main Hall	£3,000
St Radigunds Community Centre Company Ltd	Warm and Welcoming	£3,110
Total:		£10,000

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

Purpose	Amount
I have only been a KCC member for 5 months, and all funds were used up by another Dover member, because of the death of previous member	
Total:	N/A

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
none			

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 at the moment, did apply for media training but was told it was full

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.

As a member of KCC I am a Labour back bencher, and have attended all Labour group meetings.

At Dover district council I am the Leader of the Labour group.

At Dover town council I am the chairman of finance

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:

Gordon Cowan

26-04-2011

Signature of Leader:

Date:

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY 31 March 2011