

Elected Member Annual Report and Review – 2010/11



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Electoral Division: Whitstable 1

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 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)	Chairman of Regeneration and Economic Development Policy Overview and Scrutiny Comm.	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	
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B. If yes, you must give details in the box below, including details of any remuneration received

Kent and Medway Towns Fire Authority	£ 1,388.64
Total Payments for A & B above	£22,141.64

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
Canterbury Local Board	2	2	Member
Regeneration & Economic Development Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	4	4	Chairman
School Organisation Advisory Board	4	4	Vice Chairman
Scrutiny Board	7	8	Member
Whitstable Area Member Panel	4	4	Chairman
Sports Olympic and Paralympics Group	2	2	Chairman
Youth Advisory Group (Canterbury District)	2	2	Chairman

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)

Have contact with a range of organizations' locally more and more through e mail. I am mindful of Whitstable Town and its popularity and the traffic congestion this causes.

We are reviewing this issue on a rolling basis other business organizations are balancing change and convenience, this is a highly charged issue that is very high on the agenda.

No clear resolution solves all the problems and finances are tight for this scheme.

We have an ongoing pot hole blitz, this programme is County wide and we must make sure Whitstable gets its share.

We have the benefit of a brand new Community School on an existing site with state of the art facilities.

I was fortunate to have been the Cabinet Member for Education resources at the time of signing contracts.

We should be very proud of the schools head teacher, staff and governors that were involved in this project.

The above has a huge input from KCC and myself as the local member.

I have a distinct advantage that Whitstable is a two member seat and my team member is Mike Harrison.

We tend to specialize in different areas of KCC work and complement each other.

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:

We act on letters, emails and phone calls.

By far the most popular is email, this is swiftly dealt with as we have an email dedicated Blackberry that allows us to operate on the hoof anywhere.

To forward, reply and copy gives us an automatic date and time stamp from the first response from our constituents.

However a face to face conversation is by far the best way to sort out any worries and concerns.

Mike and I divide the workload based on who has the best knowledge on any particular problem.

We attend appeals with our constituents as the process can be confusing.

Transport and Schools Admissions are the main two.

We also have to work with our Member of Parliament Julian Brazier who is first class.

We are working more and more alongside our District Colleagues as our constituents are easily confused as to who is responsible for what !!

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

Organisation	Purpose	Amount
CCC Coastal Partnership	Whit & Bay Cards – Phase 2	£1000
Whitstable Boys Brigade	Company Resources Update	£333
Canterbury District Watch	Website & Database	£375
Rotary Club Whitstable	Battle of the Bands	£500
Animate and Create	Anifest	£300
Project Redsand	Aerial Access Walkway	£3666
KCC	Kent Coastal Week	£500
Whitstable Castle Trust	Light the Night Wishes	£326
Whitstable Sea Cadets	Trailer & Storage	£500
Whitstable Castle Trust	Commercial Oven	£500
Red Sands Radio	Red Sands Radio	£2000
Total:		£10,000

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

Purpose	Amount
Faversham Road, Seasalter – Construction of new footway	£38,996
Clapham Hill, Whitstable – problem with turning movements at junction due to island	£5,254
Total:	£44,250

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
Isle of Sheppey Academy	4	5	Trustee and Governor For KCC
Bensteads Charity	2	3	Co-opted Member
Fire Authority Kent and Medway	3	3	Member of full Authority

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.

Local Government (Improvement and Development)

Module 8 Leadership Academy held at Warwick Business School. Decision making. (On this occasion a network opportunity arose over transport costs expecting to save KCC many thousands of pounds if it can be instigated.....Officers have arranged a visit to Shropshire to get all the relevant information).

KCC Crisis Management Course held at Boys hall Ashford and Press interviews at Ashford International.

(This was the fastest moving problem solving course I have ever attended as an ex cabinet member the situations were real and culminated in a very tough press call in front of TV and Radio and a variety of reporters)

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

Launch of the Olympic and Paralympic schools strategy for sport 2012 in the county with two Olympic gold medalists.

The benefits were to engage Headteachers in Kent to drive sport through their schools within the fitness regime and fighting obesity in young people.

Kent School Sport is now taken as a national project with massive participation amongst Kent Schools.

Section 6: Political Activity

I am a Conservative member in Whitstable.

I am a County Council Conservative member for Kent.

I attend a variety of ward Committees and help with fund raising events for some of them.

I do not hold any officer positions at this moment in time.

I respect my political allegiances and therefore respect the fact that I was voted in as a Conservative first and an individual second.

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:

Have been involved in several local projects.

The one that will have a real impact on tourism is an ambition to expand the visiting of The Redsand Wartime Sea Forts.

Then used for Pirate Radio in the sixties.

Up to a year ago visits were limited and access a problem; with two small projects I have found money to expand the provision at sea.

After pump priming the essential improvements it now lends itself to a huge social enterprise in an unusual and exciting environment.

This will be a major tourist attraction utilizing the working port of Whitstable and a view of the seafront from an entirely different perspective.

A huge interest is being shown from many European countries and a wealth of film producers wanting to film from this unique structure.

Visits can be arranged most days during the summer from the harbor (subject to weather)

I am very keen to be involved more heavily at KCC I miss the challenge of being on the executive (Cabinet)

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

Signature of Member:

Date:

M Dance

17 April 2011

Signature of Leader:

Date:

18/4/11

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY 31 March 2011