

Elected Member Annual Report and Review – 2010/11



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Electoral Division: Malling Central

Year first elected: 1985

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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)?

	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.

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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)	Leader of largest Opposition Group Leader of largest Opposition Group £22,150 pa until July 2010 - reduced to £8,860 pa to enable all Opposition Spokesperson to receive an SRA Chairman – Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – no additional SRA paid Chairman - Select Committee – Dementia – no additional SRA paid	£8,860

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

Kent (and Medway) Fire Authority Lib Dem Representative - £1,145.73 basic allowance and £7,200.44 SRA (Opposition Group Leader) resigned September 2010	£ £616.93 £3,877.16
Total Payments for A & B above	£26,354.09

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	Leader of the Opposition
Adult Social Services Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1	4	In attendance
Cabinet Scrutiny Committee	11	11	Madam Chairman
CSC Informal Member Group (IMG) Budget	9	9	Madam Chairman
Corporate Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	4	6	Vice-Chairman & Opposition Spokesperson
Personnel Committee	3	7	Present as substitute
Scrutiny Board	6	8	Opposition Spokesperson

Select Committee – Dementia	5	5	Chairman
Selection and Member Services Committee	4	5	Opposition Spokesperson
Standards Committee	1	3	In attendance
Tonbridge and Malling Local Board District	1	1	Member
Malling Central Local Board	2	2	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)

East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council (KCC representative)

North Larkfield Residents Association

East Malling Conservation Group(Member)

Malling Society (Member)

West Malling Parents Conference (KCC rep.)

Malling Action Partnership (Chairperson) has as partner organizations represented on the Steering Group the following: Malling Chamber of Commerce, Offham Parish Council, Kings Hill Parish Council, East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council, Leybourne Parish Council,

CPRE – quarterly meetings to discuss areas of mutual concern and interest: operation stack, the Kent International Gateway and the Borough Green International Gateway, MGB extensions

Through membership of West Malling Parish Council (Chair) I have contact with a wide variety of village organisations including:

- Malling Age Concern,
- Volunteer Bureau,
- Nevill Court and Old Parsonage Court Residents Association,
- Local Town Constable and PCSOs. Associate Farmers Market Operators

Associate Governor of Malling School

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:

Initial communication from constituents received via:

- e-mail – trudy.dean@kent.gov.uk
- telephone - 01622 694239 or 01732 843119
- letter - 49 Offham Road, West Malling ME19 6RB

These are followed up by personal visits, where required.

All my contact details are listed in Focus newsletters delivered to my constituents and Kent Lib Dems website www.kent.libdems.org.uk/contact/ which has been made more interactive during the course of the year.

I send regular emails to local press on campaigns I am pursuing.

Publication of my presence at East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council meetings where residents are able to raise issues.

West Malling Parish Councillor since 1983, current Chairman.

These two parish councils cover my entire division and so I am able to keep up to speed with local issues through their activities.

Chairman of Malling Action Partnership which is a grouping of council and voluntary bodies brought together to support the community life and businesses of West Malling and the nine surrounding parishes.

I am a Trustee of St James Community Centre, East Malling which we recently opened; providing Childrens Centre, Day Centre, Community Support Officer (BEAT project) and recording / radio studio facilities, a Studio Café (including training for local residents in catering profession) are all on offer to the community.

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

‘You Decide’ event to spend £10,000 allocated

This year I held a ‘You Decide’ event. The residents of Larkfield, East Malling & West Malling came together and voted to decide which of thirteen local projects should get up to £2,000. Below are listed the six successful projects.

Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Eynsford Concert Band	Community Schools Music Development	£1,000
Blacklands Scout Group	Electrical Upgrade	£2,000
The Beat Project	Urban Soundz	£1,000
Community First Responders	Equipment Purchase	£2,000
Ditton Photographic Society	Digital Projector	£2,000
West Malling Village Hall	Chairs Purchase	£2,000
Total:		£10,000

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

Purpose	Amount
<p>The six projects listed below are those where the works have been completed.</p> <p>There are a nine other schemes whose status is either 'programmed', 'approved / waiting approval' or 'ongoing' for highways improvements across my Division including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the provision of brown tourist signage for West Malling, -feasibility study for reopening of Bellingham Way Larkfield, to relieve Air Quality problem area -the amenity redesign of a highway roundabout at the entrance to West Malling, -the restoration of ragstone wall section alongside public footpath, -pavement protection from vehicles overriding footway and cross hatching to facilitate residents emerging onto main road, -installation of bollards to protect resident from repeated vehicle damage -costing of two vehicle activated signs to address speeding problems in Larkfield and East Malling -dropped kerb to assist disabled entrance to KCC Manor Park - Leybourne Park provision of fencing around children's play area adjacent to roadside Larkfield £2000 conditional on matching funding from developers <p>.</p>	
<p>Malling Central - payment to Kent Police additional enforcement of speed limits</p>	<p>£5,000</p>
<p>Malling Central - contribution to Malling Action Partnership towards the printing costs for a circular walk based on Douces Manor Park, West Malling</p>	<p>£500</p>
<p>East Malling & Larkfield – installation of 5 saltbins</p>	<p>£ 2,977</p>
<p>Norman Road, West Malling - request to widen approach road to school;feasibility study paid for</p>	<p>£650</p>
<p>Brookfield Junior School and West Malling Primary School - a contribution towards establishing a walking buses in these schools.</p>	<p>£500</p>
<p>Lucks Hill verge protection from caravan parking</p>	<p>£2,564</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Total:</p>	<p>£12,191</p>

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
Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority (KMFRA)	1	N/A Resigned September 2010	Opposition Group Leader
KMFRA Audit & Governance	1	N/A Resigned September 2010	Member
KMFRA Planning & Performance	1	N/A Resigned September 2010	Member
KMFRA Planning & Performance Lib Dem ORD	3	N/A Resigned September 2010	Member
KMFRA SOAC - CFO Appraisal/Personal Action Plan Meeting	1	1	Opposition Group Leader
KMFRA Chairman's Advisory Group	2	N/A Resigned September 2010	Resigned September 2010
KMFRA Peer review	1	1	Opposition Group Leader
Joint Appointments Committee – Kent Police Authority	-	-	Member
LGA General Assembly			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.

Future Listening to Communities Conference -
Overview & Scrutiny & Post Conference Workshops –
Lib Dem Budget Setting Conference –
Leadership Academy Master class: Approaches to decision Making –

These sessions were about the value of improved communications using twitter, facebook etc to communicate with wider range of people, the functions and practice of Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Budget Setting in difficult economic times and techniques for decision making. All these were of practical benefit to my work to a varying extent.

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

Lib Dem LGA Conference –
National Fire Conference –
LGA Group Annual Conference –
County Council Network Conference –
LGA Finance Conference –
LGA Group Education Conference –

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 am the elected Leader of the Opposition

Opposition member on LGA holding one vote

Attendance at Lib Dem Group Meetings

Responsibilities within the Group - KCC Liberal Democrat Group Leader, Chairman of Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and Lib Dem Group Opposition Spokesperson for Corporate POSC , Selection and Member Services and a Lib Dem Representative and Group Leader on Kent (and Medway) Fire Authority until September 2010 when I resigned.

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:

Helped Group raise £885.00 for Kent Fund for Children

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