

Elected Member Annual Report and Review – 2010/11



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Member Name: Tim Prater

Electoral Division: Folkestone West

Year first elected: 2009

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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 x	NO
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If yes, please give details in the box below

Managing Director of Prater Raines Ltd, a web design company.

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)	Opposition Spokesmen	£2,300 (part year from 22 July 2010)

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

Shepway District Councillor for Cheriton, elected 2007. £3,867 pa allowance [2010-11]. I have claimed no additional expenses from Shepway District Council.	£ £3,867
Folkestone Town Councillor, elected 2006. Nil Allowance and no expenses claimed.	0
Total Payments for A & B above	£17,600

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
East Kent (Joint Scrutiny) Committee	2	3	Member
Electoral Boundary Review Committee	1	1	Member
Governance and Audit Committee	4	5	Opposition Spokesperson
Governance and Audit Committee Trading Activities Sub Group	1	1	Member
Personnel Committee	3	6	Opposition Spokesperson
Select Committee – Renewable Energy	7	7	Member
Private Committee / Meeting	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)

I have two Town/Parish Councils within my division. I attend meetings of both regularly, sitting as a member on Folkestone Town, and attending meetings of Sandgate Parish Council as an observer.

My division is also within the Shepway District Council area, and I represent Cheriton ward on Shepway District Council.

I have attended a number of Cheriton / Morehall PACT meetings, and also Cheriton Community Forum meetings, and of the Sandgate Parish Plan Working Group and Sandgate Transport Advisory Group.

I am Chair of Governors at St Martin's Primary School, Cheriton which is within my division.

I am in contact with my local schools and constituents, assisting them in matters which arise and offering advice where appropriate.

I sit as trustee of two Charities that have functions within my division – the Chichester Memorial Hall in Sandgate and the Folkestone Gurkha Memorial Fund.

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 by:

- Letter: 98a Sandgate High Street, Sandgate. CT20 3BY
- Phone: 01303 210300
- Mobile: 07956 276118
- Email: tim.prater@kent.gov.uk or tim@prater.org.uk
- Web: www.prater.org.uk
- Twitter <http://twitter.com/timprater>
- Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/timprater>

These are followed up by personal visits as necessary.

I keep in touch with local residents through regular newsletters delivered across the division, which always include personal contact details. I have also held a number of surgeries in Cheriton Library with the local PSCO during the course of the year, and Sandgate Library as part of a monthly drop-in coffee morning run with the local church.

I created and distributed an Annual Report for the year 2009-10 to all households in my division in Summer 2010. An online copy is available at <http://tinyurl.com/256sy9j>

I also send out electronic email newsletters for “subscribed” residents in Folkestone west, sent around monthly to over 100 local residents.

I maintain and update a personal website at www.prater.org.uk which includes details of my work as a County Councillor and contact details, and I also keep in touch on Twitter (www.twitter.com/timprater) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/timprater).

The Kent Liberal Democrat Group also have their own website at www.kentlibdems.gov.uk and are on Twitter at www.twitter.com/kentld

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 my patch came together and voted to decide which local projects should get up to £2,000. Below are listed the six successful projects.

Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Strange Cargo	Charivari Day 2010	£ 1,000
Samaritans	Vol expenses/advert	£ 1,500
SLPMG	Mental Health Awareness	£ 1,500
NAS	Fun Club	£ 117
ACRK	Funding Fair	£ 433
St Martin’s Church	Youth Group	£ 720
St George’s Church	Outreach Project	£ 1,050
What 4	Detached Project	£ 1,000
Folkestone Netball Club	Netball Club	£ 832
United Response	Accessibility Project	£ 1,000
Pent Valley Friday Club	Fun Club	£ 600
KCC Youth Service	Tryangles	£ 248
Total:		£ 10,000

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

Purpose	Amount
MHF Funding for 2009-11 was £50,000 in total. I have allocated it to date as follows:	
New one-way system in Morehall Avenue / Chart Road, Morehall	£25,615
Road safety works and interactive speed sign, Sandgate Hill (co-funded with Cllr Rolund Tolputt)	£9,890
Sandgate Esplanade – pedestrian crossing	£ 800
I have also recently requested costings for new “No Lorries” signage for Biggins Wood Road, Cheriton, Replacement bus shelters in Horn Street and Cheriton High Street, pavement repairs in Sandgate High Street.	Approx £15,000
Total:	£36,305 (spent)

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 & Essex Sea Fisheries	2	4	Member (authority disbanded and replaced in March 2011)
St Martins School, Cheriton	*	*	LEA appointed Governor. *There are many meetings of the FGB and committees each year, plus curriculum meetings and weekly meetings with the Headteacher. I have attended the majority of meetings.
Sandgate Parish Council	*	*	Observer - I attend as a member of the public only. *There are monthly Full Council meetings, and additional sub-committee and Advisory Group meetings. I generally attend Full Council, and other meetings were possible.
Folkestone Town Council	*	*	Councillor *I attend the approximately bi-monthly Full Council meetings, and sit on the Planning and Finance Committees, and Accommodation and Newsletter Working Groups. I attend as many meetings as possible.

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.

Participating in LGA "Next Generation" training course, comprising of a number of weekend courses throughout the year, covering how to better represent constituents, share best practice and ideas.

Kent County Council Interview Panel Training session.

A variety of Finance Training sessions and briefings delivered by KCC.

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

Rethinking Public Service Delivery LGiU Conference, 29 June. Discussed the expectations of local government funding reform, and different models used by some Councils to deliver improved services on restricted budgets.

Liberal Democrat Federal Conference in September 2010, Liverpool [attended at own expense] – networking and idea gathering.

Liberal Democrat Federal Conference in March 2011, Sheffield [attended at own expense] – networking and idea gathering.

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.

Attendance at Lib Dem Group Meetings.

Responsibilities within the Group - I am the Liberal Democrat Opposition Spokesperson for Finance, Governance & Audit and Personnel.

Leader of Liberal Democrat Group, Folkestone Town Council; Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Shepway District Council and member of the executive of the Shepway (Folkestone & Hythe) Liberal Democrats.

I am a member of the Electoral Reform Society.

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 Lib Dem 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:

	31.03.11
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Signature of Leader:

Date:

	31.03.11
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THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY 31 March 2011