

Elected Member Annual Report and Review – 2010/11



PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING GUIDANCE NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

Member Name: James Scholes

Electoral Division: Tunbridge Wells South

Year first elected: 1993

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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.

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, Kent Superannuation Fund	7,752

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

Tunbridge Wells Borough Councillor (Back Bencher until 21.1.11 then Cabinet Member)	£ 4,730.04 (basic) 1,812.51 (interim)
Kent and Medway Fire & Rescue Authority	1,388.64
Total Payments for A & B above	£28,683.19

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
Adult Social Services Policy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	4	4	Member
Cabinet Scrutiny Committee	9	10	Member
Corporate Policy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	5	6	Member
Superannuation Fund Committee	5	5	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)

Town Centre Forum – I have attended 6 meetings since May 2010.

Claremont School Governors – I have attended 8/10 meetings of Governing Body or its Resources Committee.

Trustee No 1 (Showfields) – appointed by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council but no KCC representative so cover their interests as well as liaising with Residents Associations including some formal meetings. Liaison with religious bodies; Common Conservators (am appointed by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Schools (other than Claremont) St Peters. Attended 9 branch meetings of Conservative Wards.

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 am Chairman of Tunbridge Wells Conservative Association and so meet wide spectrum of the public including political discussion forum.

I have held several meetings with my MP re constituency matters and 26 meetings with constituents or groups of constituents.

I have a very significant number of Highway problems (holes on the roads and pavements) plus problems re buses (route closures).

Email traffic increasing letters relatively few as is phone calls. Given advice/helped with about 5 education/transport appeals.

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

Organisation	Purpose	Amount
TWBC	Cold Calling Control Zones	£1500
St Augustines Scouts	Camping Equipment	£2000
Number One Community Trust	Forever Spontaneous	£800
Oakley School	Oakley Spyhut	£2000
TW Fairtrade Town Group	Fairtrade Community Art Project	£1612
No.1 Trust	Football Project	£1392
St James School	Chess Club Equipment	£250
TW CSP	Domestic Abuse Advocacy Project	£446
Total:		£10,000

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

Purpose	Amount
Bayham Road, Tunbridge Wells - request for interactive speed sign	£ 4,500
Broadwater Lane, Tunbridge Wells – request to improve condition of PROW	£16,190
Tunbridge Wells – install handrail and pedestrian barrier	£7,000
Total:	£27,690

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
Adoption Panel			KCC Representative
Kent and Medway Fire & Rescue Authority	4		
Audit & Governance Cttee	5		
Human Resources & Equalities Cttee	3		

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.

Attended various courses – some County and some Borough but all relevant.

Pension Fund Conference (2 days) – Wales
KMFRA – multiple courses (5 sessions after meetings)
Planning Soundbites (5 x 20 minute sessions)
Pension Conference 1 day – Edinburgh
Pension Conference 1.5 days – Henley
Treasury Training (for Treasury Advisory Group Members)

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

See above.

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 attended some County Group Meetings and attended virtually all of my Group meetings at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

I am (since 21.01.11 the Portfolio Holder for Finance at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council – previously Back Bencher.

I am Chairman of Tunbridge Wells Conservative Association and attended 15 meetings and 3 meetings (political Forum).

I attended 7 meetings with Conservative Council Leader in my role as Chairman.

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:

I am passionate about my role as Chairman of Kent Superannuation Fund. It is the role where I think I can and have made a difference.

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

Signature of Member:

Date:

J E Scholes

23 April 2011

Signature of Leader:

Date:

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THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY 31 March 2011