

Elected Member Annual Report and Review – 2010/11



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Member Name: Martin Vye

Electoral Division: Canterbury City South West

Year first elected: 1989

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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)	Deputy Leader of largest Opposition Group £9,750 pa until July 2010 - reduced to £4,430 pa to enable all Opposition Spokesperson to receive a SRA	£2,813 (1 April – 21 July 2010) £2,300 (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	
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B. If yes, you must give details in the box below, including details of any remuneration received

Canterbury City Council	£ £4,884
Total Payments for A & B above	£22,997

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 Area Member Panel	2	2	Member
Children's Champions Board	2	2	Vice-Chairman
Children, Families & Education – Learning and Development Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	3	3	Vice-Chairman & Opposition Spokesperson
Children, Families & Education – Resources and Infrastructure Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	3	3	Opposition Spokesperson
Children, Families & Education – Vulnerable Children and Partnerships Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee	2	3	Opposition Spokesperson

East Kent (Joint Scrutiny) Committee	3	3	Chairman
Flood Risk Management Committee	3	4	Member
Governor Appointments Panel	1	1	Member
Joint Meeting of Children, Families and Education Resources & Infrastructure, Learning & Development and Vulnerable Children & Partnerships Policy overview and Scrutiny Committee	2	2	Opposition Spokesperson
Regulation Committee	1	3	Present as substitute
School Organisation Advisory Board	2	4	Member
Select Committee – Educational Attainment	1	1	Present
Select Committee – Extended Services	8	8	Member
Selection and Member Services Committee	1	5	Present as substitute
Strategic Equalities and Diversity Group	2	3	Member
Members' Monitoring Group	2	2	Member
CFE Budget IMG	3	3	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)

Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre
Thanington Parish Council
Hilltop Community Association
South Canterbury Residents Association
St Peters Residents Association
Whitstable Road Residents Association
Telephone House Residents Association

One of my objectives is to empower associations representing local residents, by working closely with them on issues relating to county council services. I was instrumental in promoting the establishment of the Whitstable Road Residents Association. I am also a member of the overarching Canterbury Society.

I was recommended by the County Council to sit on the Viridor Tax Credits Panel, and am able to advise churches and voluntary bodies on how to apply for grants.

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:

- e-mail – martin.vye@kent.gov.uk
- telephone – 01227 831820
- Mobile – 07815 766468
- letter - The Dacha, Patricbourne Road, Bridge, Canterbury. CT4 5BL

These are followed up by personal visits as necessary.

I also attend councillor surgeries in different parts of the division, and taken up casework from them.

All my contact details are listed in Focus newsletters delivered to all my constituents and via the Kent Lib Dems website www.kent.libdems.org.uk/contact/

The issues that I have been involved with include:

- Highways maintenance
- Road safety
- Daycare for people with learning difficulties
- School admissions
- Home to school transport
- Highways flooding

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

Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Headway East Kent	21 st Birthday party	£ 500
Westgate Community Trust	Big Lunch	£1,000
Canterbury District Watch	Website & Database	£ 375
Animate and Create	Anifest	£ 500
Canterbury High School	After School Club	£1,636
Kent Crimestoppers	Kent Crimestoppers	£2,000
Charlton Athletic Community Trust	CACT Evening Sports Session	£1,989
Kent Downs AONB Unit	Educational Project	£2,000
Total:		£10,000

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

Purpose	Amount
Ashford Road, Thanington – request for pedestrian crossing	£ 1,000
Glen Irish Close – Salt bin with 3 refills	£ 595
St Georges Lane, Canterbury – Removal of Graffiti, and protection of mural	£ 2,000
St Radigund's Street, Canterbury - 2 dropped kerbs in vicinity of sheltered housing	£ 4,000
Total:	£ 7,595

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
Kingsmead Primary School	30+	30+	Chairman of Governors
St Thomas RC Primary School	15	15	Governor
Kent Children's Trust	4	5	As Elected Member
Kent Compact Champions Group	3	4	Providing an elected member's view of the relationship between the council and the voluntary sector

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.

Equality and Diversity Training – in preparation for job interviews for Senior Staff vacancies.

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

Conference - Tackling the Challenges of Flooding: The Way Forward - this conference provided a full briefing on legislation and best practice throughout the country with regards to flood prevention and management.

CADVAS Conference – How Voluntary Organisations Can Survive the Recession

East Kent Strategic Partnership – Forum on the Big Society

Both of these conferences were useful in briefing me on the problems and opportunities for voluntary sector bodies arising from Government action.

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,

Deputy Leader, supporting the Leader and standing in for her when required

Responsibilities within the Group - I am Liberal Democrat Group Deputy Leader and the Liberal Democrat Group Children, Families and Education Opposition Spokesperson this involves my attending and taking an active part in all overview and scrutiny committees relating to the work of this Directorate; putting questions to full Council; engaging with the media; keeping up to date with issues affecting children's services in Kent, and with legislation and informed national debate about education and children's services; taking a lead in forming group policy and helping fellow members with children's services issues; and visiting schools.

In my home constituency I make regular reports to the Liberal Democrat Party Constituency Executive about county council matters.

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:

Member of Kent Childrens Trust

Helped Group raise £885.00 for Kent Fund for Children

Chairman of Board of Trustees of the KM Charity, which is the major voluntary body promoting walking to school in Kent and Medway.

Chairman of the Canterbury International Youth Council, organising an International Youth Parliament in Canterbury in June 2011, on the theme of 'Volunteering by Young People'.

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
THIS FORM WAS NOT RECEIVED FOR COMPLETION
UNTIL 1 APRIL 2011