

# Elected Member Annual Report and Review – 2010/11



**PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING GUIDANCE NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM**

**Member Name:** Michael Whiting

**Electoral Division:** Swale Central

**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	
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*If yes, please give details in the box below*

Until October 2010 I was employed by Holiday Extras Ltd I am currently a freelance writer and PR consultant
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**A. As a Member of Kent County Council you must give details in the box below of any remuneration received.**

		£
<b>Basic Allowance</b>		13,000
<b>Special Responsibility Allowance</b> (please give details of the nature of your duties in the next column and the amount received in the third column)	Deputy Cabinet Member for Education, Learning & Skills	13,290

Are you a Member of another local authority or do you serve on any other public authority or Trust for which remuneration is received?

	<b>NO</b>
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**B. If yes, you must give details in the box below, including details of any remuneration received**

n/a	£
<b>Total Payments for A &amp; B above</b>	<b>£26,290</b>

**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	8	
Environment Highways & Waste POSC	5	5	
CFE POSC	2	5	
Regulation Committee	3	3	

**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 regularly attend Parish Council meetings in my division, and meet Ad Hoc, with charity and volunteer groups.

I am a supporter of the Swale Youth Development Fund, based in Sittingbourne.

### 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 attend parish council meetings at Iwade, Lower Halstow and Tunstall.**
- I attend public meetings such as the Swale Transportation Board and Local Engagement Forum.**
- I regularly appear in the press and invite members of the public to contact me.**
- I attend local events and meet the public, making myself available to them for assistance if they need it.**
- I have assisted constituents in Highways issues, School issues, Transport issues – including the siting of new bus stops to assist elderly residents. I contribute some of my MHF money to provide a bus service from villages to Sittingbourne town, replacing the old post bus service.**
- I have advised constituents on gypsy and traveller issues locally.**
- I publish my name and contact details on all outgoing emails and letters, and publish these on the KCC website.**

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

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
The Avenue Theatre	Screen at The Avenue	£ 2,000
Diversity House		£ 500
Regis Manor School	Holiday Club	£ 1,000
Iwade Newsletter		£ 500
CASA Support	Arts and Minds	£ 950
Workers of Art CIC	ReBourne Arts Festival	£ 1,000
LB Graphics	Litter Angels	£ 1,700
Sittingbourne Catholic Church	Restoration of Roof	£ 1,000
Swale Youth Development	Swale Youth Development Fund	£ 1,000
Swale CVS	Equipment Library	£ 350
<b>Total:</b>		<b>£10,000</b>

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

Purpose	Amount
High Street, Milton – request for bus shelter	£3,300
The Street, Iwade – request for parish map	£950
School Lane, Iwade – improve pedestrian safety outside school	£10,026
Tunstall Road, Tunstall – request to resurface footway	£9,378
The Street, Lower Halstow - request for Parish map	£950
The Street, Lower Halstow - Request for fingerpost signs	£1,560
Church Path, Lower Halstow – request for new streetlight	£3,643
Eurolink Way, Sittingbourne – request for zebra crossing	£1,000
Various other requests, including the replacement post bus and a pedestrian crossing have been made during 2011/11 to spend the remainder of the money, and these are progressing, but as yet not agreed or signed off.	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 30,807</b>

*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
Swale JTB	3	4	Chairman
Swale LEF	3	4	Vice-chairman
Swale YAG	1	1	Chairman

## **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.*

Media Training – learning to be interviewed to camera. Not had the chance to use this yet, but has been useful in improving public speaking.

Home to School Transport Appeals training. Not sat on any panels, but as a result of what I learnt on the day I have secured a debate to examine the Policy of the Council on this issue with a view to ensuring it is fit for purpose.

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

n/a

## **Section 6: Political Activity**

*During the year I was a member of the Executive Committee of the Sittingbourne and Sheppey Conservative Association. I had no special responsibilities in that role.*

*During the year I was selected to stand as a candidate for West Downs Ward in the Swale Borough Council elections to be held in May 2011.*

## **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:*

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

**Signature of Member:**

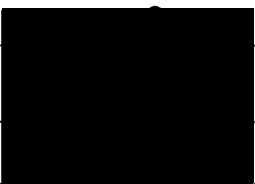
**Date:**

Mike Whiting

31 March 2011

**Signature of Leader:**

**Date:**



**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY 31 March 2011**