

Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2012/13



Name of Member: Councillor Bill Hills

Ward: Paddock Wood (East)

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during the year
Full Council	5	6
Licensing Committee	4	5
Licensing Sub-Committee (only 3 of the 15 members are called at any one time)	4	24
Eastern Area Planning Committee	12	15
Joint Eastern and Western Area Planning Committee	1	2
Planning and Transportation Cabinet Advisory Board (not a member)	2	8
Cabinet (not a member)	3	15

County Council	Parish/Town Council	Town Forum
None	7 of 12 (I missed 3 because they clashed with TWBC meetings)	None (These meetings cover the un-parished areas of Royal Tunbridge Wells)

Section 2: Community Involvement

Organisation	Brief description of your role
Paddock Wood Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended meetings of Full Council (3rd Monday each month), which includes a slot for questions from the public • Responded to concerns raised by Planning Committee and called-in applications for TWBC committee decision when necessary • Other on-going discussions on various issues including new TWBC Local Plan
Paddock Wood Speedwatch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned programme of traffic speed checks • Occasional "restorative justice" sessions when Police stop speeding drivers and give less excessive ones the option of speaking to local councillors about the dangers of speeding instead of fixed penalty

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I have received no complaints about TWBC services this year.

I have advised some residents about how to object to planning applications – and in one case sent a written submission to a Planning Inspector supporting objectors who were unhappy about a proposal that had already been turned down by TWBC.

I have continued to support PWTC and the local business association's efforts to retain two hours free parking in TWBC's car parks in the town centre.

I have also been pursuing a problem related to potentially contaminated land which has yet to be resolved.

Section 4: Special Responsibilities

None

Section 5: Learning and Development

Details of event	Date attended
Planning Committee Training	28 May 2012
Media Training	29 May 2012
Member Briefing – Rate Relief	18 July 2012
Member Briefing - Benenden Hospital Briefing	28 August 2012
Planning Short Bite – Pre-determination and Members' Interests	28 August 2012
Planning Short Bite - Article 4 Directions	12 September 2012
Code of Conduct and Register of Interests	25 October 2012
Planning Short Bite – Planning Reform and Related Housing Issues	29 October 2012
Planning Short Bite - Refuse Storage and other Ancillary works for Development	19 November 2012
Member briefing - Introduction to Noise	4 December 2012
Planning Short Bite – Affordable Housing Funding	10 December 2012
Planning Short Bite – Call-ins and changes to the planning system	28 January 2013
Licensing Committee Training	31 January 2013
Member briefings – A21 and Permitted development	14 February 2013
Member briefing – TWBC Policy Framework	20 February 2013

Member briefing – Local Plan site allocations going to public consultation	21 March 2013
Planning Short Bite – Planning Forum Review and Travel Plans	22 April 2013

Section 6: Internal Meetings Attended

Details of event	Role and purpose
Conservative Group (9 of 11 meetings)	Member – Full Council agenda items, other policy issues and various internal party matters

Dated: 13 May 2013