

Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2014



Name of Member: Councillor Dianne Hill

Ward: Southborough & High Brooms

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

This section has been completed by Democratic Services and lists all Council and Committee meetings, including how many meetings of each, you attended for the period from January to December 2014.

1 January – 10 June

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during the year
Full Council	2	2
Licensing Committee	1	1
Licensing Sub-Committee (only 3 of the 15 members a called at any time)	2	9
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	2	2

11 June – 31 December

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during the year
Full Council	5	5
Licensing Committee	2	3
Licensing Sub-Committee (only 3 of the 15 members a called at any time)	1	8
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	5	5

In addition, Councillor Hill attended the following committee meetings as a visiting member:

Cabinet, 1 meeting

Please list how many County Council, Parish/Town Council and Town Forum meetings you have attended.

County Council	Parish/Town Council	Town Forum
	Member of Southborough Town Council	

Section 2: Community Involvement

Please list details of organisations within the community with which you are involved, including any outside bodies that you have been appointed to by the Council in order to promote joint working and improved service delivery to the public.

Organisation	Brief description of your role
Age UK Tunbridge Wells	I attended the twinning event at Wood Street. I do try and speak with staff there to keep abreast of what is going on and how I can help as the appointed representative from the council.
William Strong Foundation	As the appointed person to this body I have answered queries regarding the organisation.

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

Please give an illustration of the ways in which you have assisted or liaised with your constituents, or other residents of the Borough (i.e resolving problems), including details of any surgeries you have held.

Hold surgeries on the first and third Thursday of each month in Bliss, Southborough and once a month in High Brooms jointly with Councillor Lewis and Munn. As I live in the Ward I am always available and if someone rings and leaves a message I believe it is very important to return the call. Many issues are done in confidence, very important to have residents' trust,

I have met with constituents to try to help with planning application issues

As a member of Southborough Town Council I attend most meetings there and often speak with the clerk in between regarding local issues.

I have finally managed to get the 106 money from Barnett's Wood allocated to the buffer zone in the Nature Reserve. Also working with legal to get the Nature Reserves bye laws in place. I managed to get money for Easter eggs from T&C and with the friends of Barnett's Wood organised an Easter event again.

I am lobbying with my Group to get kerbside glass collections in the Borough having received many complaints from elderly residents with no cars. Moved a motion at full Council to raise this issue.

I have liaised with KCC Officers on many occasions with many problems. Many of the queries are regarding Road maintenance and dangerous pavements.

I have raised issues with the Borough Officers on land issues to TPO's on trees.

I have also raised issues with Town and Country on a variety of residents' issues from housing and parking to overhanging trees.

I have also had meetings with the Police regarding a range of issues in the Ward.

I have helped 2 residents who had parking tickets which I managed to get revoked as unfair.

I have helped the Scouts group in High Brooms re-locate to St Matthews School when the Scout hut was sold.

I have always supported the Royal Victoria Hall Theatre attending the various events pantomimes, plays and shows plus the Annual Carol Service. I will continue to support the thousands of residents who would like it to continue to be a part of the Community in Southborough as it has been for 115 years.

Section 4: Special Responsibilities

Please list any other positions of responsibility that you may hold within this Council (for example: Portfolio Holder, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Lead Member, or Mayoral duties).

Responsibility	Nature of your duties
Leader of the Labour Group	Meet with Chief Executive and other Officers involving the rest of the Labour Group so we are all well informed.

Section 5: Learning and Development

This section has been completed by Democratic Services and lists dates and details of attendance at training sessions, conferences, seminars etc during the period January to December 2014 which have supported you in your duties as a councillor. Please check this with your own records and contact Wendy Newton-May if you have any queries.

Details of event	Date attended
Licensing Committee Training – Scrap Metal Dealers	5 February 2014
Member Briefing – Digital Services	13 March 2014
IER Training	5 June 2014
Licensing Committee Training	9 July 2014
Member Briefing – Buildings at Risk	23 July 2014
Member Briefing - Electoral Review	8 Oct 2014
Member Briefing - Digital First	15 Oct 2014
Licensing Committee Training	4 Nov 2014
Managing Casework Training	5 Nov 2014
Member Briefing – The Budget and Five Year Plan	4 Dec 2014
Member Briefing – Kent Police and Crime Commissioner	10 Dec 2014

Do you have any other learning and development needs that have not been identified or met by the Council? If so, please set out below.

None

Section 6: Internal Meetings Attended

Please give details of role and attendance at internal meetings, including Working Parties/Groups and Political Group meetings.

Details of event	Role and purpose
Labour Group Meetings	Leader
Planning Policy Working Group	Member
Overview & Scrutiny Allotment working group	Lead member
Overview & Scrutiny Electoral working group	Member

Section 7: Supplementary Information

Please feel free to add any information you consider may assist in defining your role as an elected Member, any outside obligations that may impact on your role or any additional information you wish to add.

As a Councillor I think it is very important to be seen and to be accessible. I am proud to represent my Ward of Southborough and High Brooms as this is where I live and I share the same issues as the people I represent.

I am a member of Tunbridge Wells Civic Society and Southborough Civic Society

A member of Tunbridge Wells Twinning and Southborough and High Brooms Twinning (SHDOFA)

A member of the Friends of Barnett's Wood .

I am proud to be involved with the communities that I represent.

I try to be involved in Borough and Town events where ever possible, I attended and laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day service in the Borough and also attended the Southborough Service. I have attended the various events and exhibitions at the Museum. I attended the local Mosque for the end of Ramadan celebrations, speaking to the Community. Various events like the MELA and Local and Live plus travelling to Lambersart with Southborough and High Brooms twinning. I attended most of the Christmas Fayres and a few carol services.

Dated: 22 January 2015