

Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2014



Name of Member: Councillor Beverley Palmer

Ward: Hawkhurst & Sandhurst

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
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	1	2
Communities Cabinet Advisory Board	3	3

11 June – 31 December

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during the year
Full Council	5	5
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	4	5
Communities Cabinet Advisory Board	3	4

In addition, Councillor Palmer attending the following committee meetings as a visiting member:

Cabinet, 1 meeting

Planning Committee, 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
	4 I have also attended additional meetings with the Parish Council on planning issues.	

Section 2: Community Involvement

Organisation	Brief description of your role
None	

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

I do not usually hold surgeries as I am available at all times by phone, email or home contact. But I do walk around the ward and speak to people as I see them and always get a good response

Many of the queries and problems brought to me ask require confidentiality and I cannot break residents' trust. But where appropriate I always ensure that the issues are brought to the attention of relevant officers at the Council.

In particular I have assisted many of my constituents with Planning issues.

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
None	

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
IER Training	5 June 2014
Member Briefing – Electoral Review	8 Oct 2014
Member Briefing – Health and the CCG	2 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.

No

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
Conservative Group Meetings	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.

It is always a great honour to serve the people of Hawkhurst and Sandhurst as one of their ward Members.

I enjoy the challenges that I meet as Borough Councillor and feel that the work that I do on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Communities Cabinet Advisory Board is worthwhile and benefits both my own constituents and the constituents beyond my own ward.

Dated: 12 January 2015