

Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2014



Name of Member: Councillor Mike Tompsett

Ward: Pembury

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)	1	9
Planning Committee	6	7

11 June – 31 December

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during the year
Full Council	4	5
Licensing Committee	3	3
Licensing Sub-Committee (only 3 of the 15 members a called at any time)	0	8
Planning Committee	10	11

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

Joint Transportation Board, 3 meetings

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

County Council	Parish/Town Council	Town Forum
	8	

Section 2: Community Involvement

Organisation	Brief description of your role
<i>Pembury Community Partnership</i>	<i>This is the umbrella organisation for the 40+ village organisations that make Pembury a better place to live and my role on the committee is to advise on Borough issues</i>
Pembury Society	This is Pembury's civic society with over 400 paid up members and I advise on Borough issues.
Pembury U3A	Member

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

In order to keep up to date with the concerns and views of residents, I try to go and meet them wherever they are, rather than expect them to come to me. I make myself available to listen by

holding an informal walk-in Surgery at the Village Market each week, in company with a fellow councillor

being a member of several large village organisations and by attending as many social events as possible

walking a different part of the village each week

The issues that have been handled over the year have been –

advising residents and attending meetings to discuss a proposal to close a road

meeting with a housing association local manager to discuss a concern of some residents in a housing complex and to identify an acceptable solution

working with the Police and other interested parties to satisfy the concerns of some residents regarding an outbreak of anti-social behaviour

street site meeting with fellow councillors and TWBC/KCC Officers to devise a scheme that prevents the complete blocking of the pavements by parked cars on a regular basis

arranging TWBC Officer site visits and the night time monitoring of noise emanating from commercial premises, resulting in the replacement of plant

arranging for site visits by TWBC Officer to deal with vexatious bonfires

helping residents secure two additional bus stops in Tonbridge Road

responding to residents by calling out KCC to remove fly tipping from blocked lanes, to clear drains and to remove overhanging vegetation/trees

advising residents on planning issues

speaking to TWBC on behalf of a local resident representing parents concerned about waterlogged football pitches for youth at Hawkenbury

Section 4: Special Responsibilities

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
Planning Short Bite – Trees and Subsidence	8 January 2014
Planning Short Bite – Assets of Community Value	29 January 2014
Licensing Committee Training – Scrap Metal Dealers	5 February 2014
Planning Short Bite – MidKIP Planning back Office	19 February 2014
Plannince Short Bite – Planning Committee Review	11 March 2014
Planning Short Bite – Ash Dieback	7 May 2014
Planning Short Bite – Introduction from Chairman	18 June 2014

Licensing Committee Training	9 July 2014
Member Briefing – Buildings at Risk	23 July 2014
Planning Short Bite – Mid Kent Planning Services Update	30 July 2014
Licensing Committee Training	4 Nov 2014
Planning Short Bite – Update on MKIP	12 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.

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
Prior to Full Council Meetings I have met my fellow Independent Member to discuss the Agenda.	

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.

I have now lived in Pembury for over 40 years and whatever the future brings I will always regard it as having been an honour to be elected by the village.

Dated: 13 January 2015