

Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2015



Name of Member: Councillor Bob Backhouse

Ward: Sherwood

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 2015.

1 January – 27 May

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during this period
Full Council	4	4
Licensing Committee	2	2
Licensing Sub-Committee (only 3 of the 15 members are called at any time, including attendance as guest)	4	6
Planning Committee	6	6
Planning & Transportation Cabinet Advisory Board	2	2
Joint Transportation Board	2	2

28 May – 31 December

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during this period
Full Council	3	3
Joint Transportation Board	2	2
Licensing Committee	3	3

Planning & Transportation Cabinet Advisory Board	3	5
Planning Committee	9	10

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

County Council	Parish/Town Council	Town Forum
I regularly discuss KCC matters with local TW KCC Councillors and KCC officers, especially on road issues.	I hold a weekly surgery with a fellow Councillor. I was elected, in May 2015, to Southborough East & High Brooms Ward in their Town Council. I attend their Full Council and Finance and Governance Committee meetings.	I was Vice-Chairman until November 2015. I still represent Sherwood every two months.

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
Coneyburrow Trust	I am on the Board of Trustees which will overview the maintenance of the Sherwood Town Green and Lake.

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.

These are done using my weekly surgeries in our TN2 Community Centre, at local social events, meeting people at our local church and using the local (277) bus!

They range from housing repairs, ASB (Police/CSU liaison), road issues (I have long campaigned for the now completed North Farm Road improvements) – especially pot holes, bus shelters and regularly (4 times a year) presenting an up-date about our work in Sherwood. I also campaign for the 20 mph "Twenty is plenty" campaign. I am also a member of the Sherwood Networking Group, which I chair, every two months. We co-ordinate social events with the church, school and TN2 Community Centre and we ventilate issues affecting Sherwood residents.

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
Chairman of the Licensing Committee	Chairing Licensing Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

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 2015 which have supported you in your duties as a councillor. Please check this with your own records and contact Emily Metcalf if you have any queries.

Details of event	Date attended
Licensing Committee Training	13 January 2015
Planning Short Bites Prior Notifications	21 January 2015
Member Briefing 5 year Plan Transforming the Museum	25 February 2015
Member Briefing MKIP Update	17 March 2015
Member Briefing Local Policing in TW	18 March 2015
Audit & Governance Training	24 March 2015
Planning Short Bites - Heritage Assets	25 March 2015
Planning Committee Short Bite - pd/eia regulations	8 April 2015
Planning Committee Short Bite - "Call-In" and Update on Enforcement	29 April 2015
Licensing Training	09 June 2015
Licensing Training	15 June 2015
Planning Short Bite: Scaling Plans on the Planning Pages of the Website	17 June 2015
Hidden in clear view	25 June 2015
Cultural & Learning Hub	15 July 2015
Counting the Cost of Difficult Planning Decisions	22 July 2015
Planning Short Bite: "Applications for works to protected trees"	29 July 2015
Planning Short Bite	19 August 2015
Planning Short Bite: 5 Year Housing Land Supply, the NPPF and Wider Implications	09 September 2015
Health Matters	17 September 2015
Planning Short Bite: 5 Year Housing Land Supply, the NPPF and Wider Implications	30 September 2015
Community Safety	13 October 2015
Universal Credit	14 October 2015
Planning Short Bite: Kent Air Ambulance	21 October 2015
Re-development at RVP	27 October 2015
Planning Short Bite: Overview of Highgate Hill appeal decision and implications	11 November 2015
Update of Review of Care Quality	19 November 2015
Planning Short Bite: Site Inspections and Call-	2 December 2015

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Transformation Challenge Award	3 December 2015
Setting our priorities and the budget for 2016/17	9 December 2015

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.

Not at the moment, but I always appreciate the courses offered to us and the training to keep us up to speed.

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: I have not missed one in 5 years.	Member and Secretary. I liaise with the 42 Conservative members and provide a monthly meeting agenda and minutes. I help members with any enquiries about TWBC.
Planning Policy Working Group	Member
Licensing Committee Chairman's Briefings	Chairman

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 been keen to help the Mayor with his duties and we were pleased to receive the Mayor and Mayoress to various functions in Sherwood, including the Christmas Fair and the Christmas afternoon tea dance for over 50s in the TN2 Community Centre, Sherwood. I have attended all the First World War commemoration services; the Battle of Britain service at Calverley Grounds in June and at the Service at Christ Church, High Street in September. Also the Holocaust Memorial Day in January. I also attended the Mayor's Civic Dinner in the autumn.

I attended the "DRUM HEAD" Centenary Ceremony of the loss of HMS Hythe with the Mayor in August, as well as the "Voices and Echoes" Concert held by Southborough residents to remember the men of Southborough who died, which was held at St. Thomas' Church on 31st August.

I have also helped out the various counts and democratic activities during TWBC in 2015, including: the General election, Town and Borough election plus the Southborough North by-election.

I have helped TCHG with residents' functions and attended their Annual Open Day for stakeholders and the Annual Award for residents' achievements at High Rocks in September.

I attended the Conservative Party Annual Conference in Manchester during October 2015 and represented TWBC on their LGA seminars. This was useful for my licensing role in TWBC.

I have also assisted Greg Clark MP with High Brooms Station improvements.

Dated: 18 January 2016