

Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2015



All activity is from May 2015, when the Member was elected

Name of Member: Councillor Godfrey Bland

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 May to December 2015.

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during the year
Full Council	4	4
General Purposes Committee	0	0
Planning Committee	8	10
Planning and Transportation Cabinet Advisory Board	5	5

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

County Council	Parish/Town Council	Town Forum
1	10	

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
None	

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.

A main focus of my first months has been promoting the delivery of High Speed Broadband to Sandhurst village. With the help of Councillor Holden and the Chairman of the Parish Council I have lobbied KCC, investigated alternatives to BT with other villages, and look forward to seeing implementation early in 2016.

In conjunction with Hawkhurst Parish Council I researched the impact of the Highgate Hill development on local health care, education and water, and made a presentation to the appeal hearing.

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 May 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
Planning Short Bite: Scaling Plans on the Planning Pages of the Website	17 June 2015
Counting the Cost of Difficult Planning Decisions	22 July 2015
Planning Short Bite: "Applications for works to	29 July 2015

protected trees"	
Planning Short Bite: 5 Year Housing Land Supply, the NPPF and Wider Implications	09 September 2015
Planning Short Bite: 5 Year Housing Land Supply, the NPPF and Wider Implications	30 September 2015
Planning Short Bite: Overview of Highgate Hill appeal decision and implications	11 November 2015
Planning Short Bite: Site Inspections and Call-Ins	2 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.

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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

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.

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Dated: 15 January 2015