

Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2015



Name of Member: Councillor Barbara Cobbold

Ward: Broadwater

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 the year
Full Council	4	4
Planning Committee	6	6
Communities Cabinet Advisory Board	2	3
Licensing Committee	2	2
Licensing Sub-Committee (only 3 of the 15 members are called at any time)	4	6

28 May – 31 December

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during the year
Full Council	3	3
Planning Committee	10	10

Licensing Committee	2	3
Licensing Sub-Committee (only 3 of the 15 members are called at any time)	4	4

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

County Council	Parish/Town Council	Town Forum
	N/A	

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	Member
Shopmobility	Trustee – assist with the banking at the end of the month
Tunbridge Wells Commons Conservators	Chair until 29 March 2016
William Strong Foundation	4 meetings + 1 AGM

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.

I hold a surgery at Number One Community Café on the first Tuesday of the month with Councillor Woodward.

I still help some leaseholders that live on Showfields and Ramslye estates with problems that have concerned them with the Town and Country Housing Association.

I am trying to help disabled residents on Showfields get dropped kerbs. Councillor Mr Scholes is helping me with this item through KCC.

Over the Christmas period last year there was a litter bin knocked over in Showfields Road. A constituent told me about this and I rang Gary Stevenson, but as he wasn't in the office, the PA took the message. The constituent put the old litter bin into his works van, as children were knocking it into the road and on the pathway. He cleared up the mess and covered the hole and put a cone onto it. The next day a gentleman came down and filled the hole and made it safe.

Tried to help a gentleman whose dog had gone missing.

This year there will be double yellow lines opposite the Ramslye Post Office to stop accidents. This has been passed by the highways department at KCC.

I am now on the Management Committee for the Number One Community Centre.

Section 4: Special Responsibilities

Responsibility	Nature of your duties
Licensing Sub-Committee Chairman	

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 Local Policing in TW	18 March 2015
Planning Short Bites -Heritage Assets	25 March 2015
Planning Committee Short Bite - pd/eia regulations	08 April 2015
Planning Committee Short Bite - "Call-In" and	29 April 2015

Update on Enforcement	
Planning Short Bite: Material/Non Material Planning Considerations	03 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
Managing Conflict	29 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
Presentation Skills and Public Speaking	19 October 2015
Planning Short Bite: Kent Air Ambulance	21 October 2015
Engaging and Empowering your Community	27 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-Ins	2 December 2015
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.

I would like some more IT training, especially concerning sending and receiving e-mails from my Tunbridge Wells e-mail address at home.

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
Licensing Committee Chairman's Briefings	Chair

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.

Councillor Woodward and myself have got bollards erected around the pavement area by the Showfields Library for safety issues, and also to stop vehicles harming the new tarmac area.

Dated: 18 January 2016