

Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2015



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

Name of Member: Councillor James Hannam

Ward: Frittenden & Sissinghurst

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	3	4
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	3	4
Communities Cabinet Advisory Board	3	3

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

County Council	Parish/Town Council	Town Forum
	Frittenden Parish Council 3 Cranbrook and Sissinghurst Parish Council 6	

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
Frittenden Pre School	Trustee

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.

Helped a local charity which received a crippling business rates bill to make the right applications for relief and so reduced the bill to nil.

Successfully supported the application of a local organisation for a community grant.

Write a regular column for the Frittenden and for the Sissinghurst parish magazines to residents aware of important issues and the goings on in the Borough Council.

Campaigning for the reduction of the speed limit in village centres to 20mph.

Taken up various queries on planning and waste disposal with council officers.

Attended the Frittenden 'meet the councillors' coffee morning.

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 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
Counting the Cost of Difficult Planning Decisions	22 July 2015
Briefing on development plans for Town Hall and Theatre (delivered at Conservative group meeting)	13 October 2015
Engaging and Empowering your Community	27 October 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.

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
Member of discretionary service grants committee	Allocate grants to parishes when discretionary services are taken over
Member of fracking working party	Formulate TWBC policy on fracking.
Overview and Scrutiny Committee open session	To set agenda for the committee this year
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.

The new experience of being a borough councillor since May has been very interesting and I have thoroughly enjoyed it so far. Being able to actively help members of my local community is a great privilege.

As the councillor for the ward that is furthest from Tunbridge Wells, I have been keen to ensure that rural affairs are recognized by the council and that services in villages are maintained.

Dated: 12 January 2016