

# Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2015



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

Name of Member: Councillor Lawrence Heasman

Ward: Pantiles & St Mark's

## 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
Licensing Committee	3	3
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
None.	None.	None.

## 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
South East Employers	Represent the TW Borough Council on the South East Employers organisation. Attended the AGM on 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2015
GATCOM	Attended meeting, although TW Borough Council is not allowed on the panel.
Gatwick Arrivals review	Attended meeting with Bo Redeborn in Gatwick arrivals and involved all the issues resulting from changes 2 years ago resulting in lower flight

## 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.*

Various Meetings with Residents associations in Pantiles & St Marks:  
 Pantiles Residents Association: Newly formed and attended to listen to concerns over a number of issues, principally concern over event noise often into the early hours of the morning, and with these attempts by various parties to hold more events during the week and to extend the season of tourist events. Discussed how evidence could be obtained and logged with follow up action if event licencing on sound had been breached.

High Street meetings with various home owners who were being affected by the night club activity in the Zee bar, advised on keeping a diary, video evidence timely reports to the police the licence and environmental officers of the council.  
 Banner Farm Residents Association attended the AGM and spoke on TW Council position on Gatwick, and the newly formed TWAANG group to lobby for TW against aircraft noise.

Warwick Park Residents Association: Meet with the chair of this group and identified issues of concern for the group including aircraft noise and the ongoing disruption on the entrance to Warwick Park being blocked for an extended period of time.  
 Upper Cumberland Walk: Extensive meetings and discussions supporting the residents on issues of the private road and relationship with Nevill Estates who are the freeholders of the access rights. Ongoing with correspondence on the "sink hole" which is growing in size and support in contact with Southern Water SE Water as to causes.

Meeting with Nevill Estates together with the chair of UCW residents to try and resolve a way forward on forward repairs and maintenance.

Helped to resolve works issues for residences in Frog Lane on SE Water replacing water valves with meters.

Helped to establish Tunbridge Wells Anti-Aircraft Noise Group (TWAANG) attended initial setting up meetings, and visited first public meeting.  
 Attended GATCOM meeting, and two separate meetings at Gatwick: one by Gatwick on their forward vision, and with Bo Redeborn and other Kent and Sussex Councillors.

## 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
Chairman Training	18 June 2015
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
Behind the Scenes at the Museum	25 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: 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
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
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.*

## **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
Constitution Review Working Party	Member – to ensure the constitution is up to date

## **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.*

In my first year as a Councillor I have attend every meeting at which attendance is required, and all briefings and training sessions. I have attended when possible meetings I have been invited to. I have enjoyed working with fellow councillors, the County councillor and the local MP.

I believe our role as Councillors extends beyond the ward. I have tried to express this sense of belonging to and supporting the Borough Community through, for example, attendance of the Museum's Tunbridge Wells' exhibition. The issue on which I have spoken most is the blight of aircraft noise over the town and beyond.

Dated: 8 December 2015

*Updated: 18 December 2015*