

Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2015



Name of Member: Councillor Bill Hills

Ward: Paddock Wood (East)

Section 1: Attendance at Council/Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

1 January – 27 May

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during the period
Full Council	4	4
Licensing Committee	1	2
Licensing Sub-Committee (only 3 of the 15 members are needed)	1	6
Planning & Transportation Cabinet Advisory Board	1	2
Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Vice-Chairman)	4	4

28 May – 31 December

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during the period
Full Council	3	3
General Purposes Committee (Chairman)	0	0
Licensing Committee	1	3
Licensing Sub-Committee (only 3 of the 15 members are needed)	0	6
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	2	4
Planning and Transportation Cabinet Advisory Board	1	5

1 January – 31 December

County Council	Parish/Town Council	Town Forum
None	7	2

Section 2: Community Involvement

Organisation	Brief description of your role
Tunbridge Wells Twinning and Friendship Association	Liaison with committee

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

The most frequent calls for help relate to planning applications, which can involve helping people object at Planning Committee meeting and even a public inquiry.

No councillor surgeries are held in Paddock Wood but residents can contact any councillor by phone at any time or attend monthly Town Council meetings where questions can be put to Borough and Town Councillors direct.

I probably have a lighter workload compared with councillors who represent unparished areas as people are used to phoning the Town Council if they have a problem. The volunteers at the PW Community Advice Centre also do a sterling job in helping people deal with their day-to-day problems – and they know they can look to me for help if they need it.

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).

	Nature of your duties
Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (until May 2015)	Fortnightly progress meetings Member of task and finish groups on MKIP Planning Support project (jointly with members of Maidstone and Swale councillors) Member of task and finish group on electoral representation and election arrangements Member of Parish Chairs' working group on the future of the Community Amenity Vehicle service (weekend rubbish lorries)
Community Champion (until May 2015)	Potential substitute for Mayor/Deputy Mayor
Chairman of the General Purposes Committee (from May 2015)	There have been no meetings since I took over, but I have reviewed a number of internal administrative proposals prior to staff consultation.
Road Safety Champion (from May 2015)	Reviewing road crash trends and the possible need for remedial action. JTB is looking into the possibility of 20mph zones in all residential areas.

Section 5: Learning and Development

Details of event	Date attended
Licensing Committee Training	13 January 2015
Member Briefings:	
Cultural & Learning Hub	15 January 2015
5 year Plan: Transforming the Museum	25 February 2015
Cultural & Learning Hub update	15 July 2015
Difficult planning decisions	22 July 2015
Universal credit	14 October 2015
Update of Review of Care Quality	19 November 2015
Budget briefing	09 December 2015

Section 6: Internal Meetings Attended

Details of event	Role and purpose
Conservative Group Meetings	Member – private discussion of developing proposals and contentious issues

Dated: 22 December 2015