

Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2015



Name of Member: Councillor David Jukes

Ward: Speldhust & Bidborough

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
Cabinet	6	6
Finance & Governance Cabinet Advisory Board	2	2

28 May – 31 December

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during the year
Full Council	3	3
Cabinet	6	7
Finance & Governance 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
	8	4

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
Parish chairman's Meetings	Chairman
South East England Councils (SEEC)	Leader of the Council

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.

Mainly on planning. Too numerous to catalogue.

Assistance with Play Area – Speldhurst.

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
Leader of the Council	Policy and performance, strategic partnerships, democratic, communications and community engagement, human resources, learning and development, facilities, regeneration, property, major projects
Leader of Conservative Group	
Chairman of the Development Advisory Panel	Chairing meetings of the Development Advisory Panel
Chairman of MKIP	

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 2014 which have supported you in your duties as a councillor. Please check this with your own records and contact Maria Burton if you have any queries.

Details of event	Date attended
Cultural & Learning Hub	15 July 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.

More IT training to keep up with constant change.

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	Leader of the Group
Development Advisory Panel	Chair
Cabinet Briefings	Leader
Area Board	Chair
South East LEP	Director
Kent Leaders Meetings	Deputy 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.

When I became Leader of the Council in 2012, it never occurred to me that this would be an all consuming job to take on. Not only do I get involved in running the Council during the normal working week, but I also seem to attract other functions which take up considerable amount of time but are also a necessary undertaking to keep everybody informed of what the Council is actually doing.

Recently I have been appointed as the Chairman of the Kent District Leaders' Group, which represents all the thirteen districts in Kent, and I am now Deputy Chairman of the Kent Council Leaders (which has Paul Carter of KCC as its

Chairman).

During my year I have had to attend many meetings with various members of the public, including meetings of the Town Forum, which represents the town of Tunbridge Wells. I have also been to Parish Council meetings, Town Council meetings and meetings with organisations such as The Access Group and also the Tunbridge Wells Over Fifties Forum.

I believe that the programme that we have set forward in this Council for Tunbridge Wells Borough over the forthcoming five years is a very exciting and achievable one. It will lay down the foundations of a prosperous and cultural area which, like our forbearers a century ago, would last probably 70-80 years. It is not easy in the Municipal sector to get anything done quickly, but with the right communication strategy I think it is possible to get the public on side with what you would like to do, and once you have the public on side and you obtain the finance, it is down to the Council to give the general public the environment that they wish to have and that they deserve.

There were some light hearted moments during the past year, and although I take this job very seriously I cannot take myself seriously doing it, however, I certainly wouldn't do it if I didn't enjoy it.

Dated: 11 January 2016