

# Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2015



Name of Member: Councillor Don Sloan OBE

Ward: Culverden

## 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
Licensing Committee	2	2
Licensing Sub-Committee (only 3 of the 15 members are called at any time)	2	6
Planning Committee	5	6

28 May – 31 December

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during the year
Full Council	3	3
Licensing Committee	3	3
Licensing Sub-Committee (only 3 of the 15 members are called at any time)	4	4
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
		3

## **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
Kent & Medway Police & Crime Panel	Holding Police and Crime Commissioner to account
Member, Rotary Club of Tunbridge Wells	Have held numerous officer responsibilities including President. Currently assist with community projects and fund-raising.
Chairman of Clanricarde Medical Centre Patient Participation Group	Liaising between patients and Medical Centre staff to improve patient experience. Attend Chairs meeting arranged by West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group.

## **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.*

Have dealt with a number of issues including:

- Removal of telephone kiosk in Rydal Drive – formalities under way
- Complaints about aircraft noise and possible extra runway at Gatwick - ongoing
- Parking, road safety, and traffic congestion in Molyneux Park area – some double yellow lines have been painted, other action pending new parking strategy. As a member of Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre I was able to liaise on parking matters there.
- Painting of railway bridge near main station – recently completed, checking other points
- Repairs to Cannon Hoare Memorial in Culverden – pending
- Planning – enquiries concerning Dairy Crest development and a property in Manor Park
- Trinity Theatre and Car Park

Was a sponsor of the Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival held on Saturday 10 October 2015. Following the success of the festival, a larger international festival is planned for Tunbridge Wells in 2017.

## 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
Vice Chairman of Licensing Committee	Deputising for Chairman when required

## 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 Site Inspections	21 January 2015
Planning Short Bites Prior Notifications	21 January 2015
Planning Site Inspections	11 February 2015
Member Briefing 5 year Plan Transforming the Museum	25 February 2015
Member Briefing MKIP Update	17 March 2015
Member Briefing Local Policing in TW	18 March 2015
Planning Committee Short Bite - "Call-In" and Update on Enforcement	29 April 2015
Planning Site Inspections	29 April 2015
Planning Site Inspections	20 May 2015
Licensing Training	09 June 2015
Planning Site Inspection	17 June 2015
Planning Short Bite: Scaling Plans on the Planning Pages of the Website	17 June 2015
Chairman Training	18 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 Site Inspection	29 July 2015
Planning Short Bite: "Applications for works to protected trees"	29 July 2015
Planning Short Bite	19 August 2015
Planning Site Inspection	09 September 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 Site Inspection	30 September 2015
Community Safety	13 October 2015
Universal Credit	14 October 2015
Planning Short Bite: Kent Air Ambulance	21 October 2015
Planning Site Inspection	11 November 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.*

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## **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
Planning Policy Working Group	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.*

I like seeing democracy working at grass-roots level and getting an idea of what can and cannot be achieved at local level within the context of the changing policies of central Government.

My main Council responsibilities are on the Planning and Licensing committees. Modifications are afoot at a national level for the National Planning Policy Framework, including plans for increased provision of starter homes. At the same time, our locally prepared proposed Site Allocations Development Plan Document, on which there have been consultations locally, is being examined by Government. We are likely to have to provide significantly more housing in the borough in coming years, and a new local plan is to be prepared. The policy implications are considered by the Planning Policy Working Group, of which I am a member.

Through my work on the Police and Crime Panel I am concerned to keep the Borough a safe place in which to live through effective policing.

At the same time I keep in contact with ward members, including through neighbourhood associations, and do what I can to fulfill their/your aspirations and expectations. I always enjoy meeting members of neighbourhood and residents' associations and addressing their interests and concerns.

My focus is on preserving and enhancing the environment so we can have increasing pride in Tunbridge Wells as the Council strives to accentuate the town's distinctive features, add to its amenities, and make it an even more attractive place in which to live.

Dated: 23 December 2015