

Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2011/12



Name of Member: Councillor Dr Ronen Basu

Ward: Culverden

Year elected: 2012

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 Annual Council on 25 May 2011 to the end of April 2012.

Name of Committee	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during the year
Council	6	6
Communities and Partnerships Select Committee	6	7
Licensing Committee	4	5
Licensing Sub-Committee (only 3 members at any one time)	2	15
Western Area Planning Committee	12	13
General Purposes ((not a member)	1	3
Environment, Health and Housing Select Committee (not a member)	2	10

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

County Council	Parish/Town Council	Town Forum

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 (please contact Democratic Services if you need any information on the number of meetings held by the Outside Bodies per year.

Organisation and brief description of your role	No. of meeting attended	No. or frequency of meetings held during the year	Council Appointment? (yes or no)

Section 3: Assisting Constituents

Please give an illustration of the ways in which you have assisted your constituents, or other residents of the Borough (i.e ward walks, resolving problems in TWBC services), including details of any surgeries you have held. How do you make it easier for constituents to contact you?

Whenever a constituent raised an issue I have discussed the matter with the appropriate department, visited the sites whenever possible and most of the time resolved the issues except for residential parking problems which seem to be gradually increasing.

Attended meetings organised by the residents organisation and ward-walk in Culverden and these appeared to be more useful than holding surgeries which I tried over a period of six months without success.

I have been discussing with the residents the problem of lack of spaces in local schools such as Bishops Down. Attended a meeting organised by the County Councillors John Davies and Roy Bullock along with fellow councillors Nicholas Rogers and Caroline Davies. Some of the residents are still unhappy and the discussion is on-going. I also maintain regular contact with the Asian Community.

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, Champion, or Mayoral duties).

Responsibility	Nature of your duties
Vice-Chairman, Communities & Partnerships Select Committee	
Vice-Chairman of Licensing Committee	

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 25 May 2011 to end of April 2012 which have supported you in your duties as a councillor. Please check this with your own records and contact Wendy Newton-May, Democratic Services, if you have any queries.

Details of event	Date attended
Members' Briefing	19 May 2011
Members' Briefing: Local Policing	22 June 2011
Short Bite: Overview of National Planning Policy	24 August 2011
Short Bite: Design Review	14 September 2011
Members' Briefing: Sherwood Vision	15 September 2011
Members' Briefing: Ice Rink / Universal Credits	19 October 2011
Members' Briefing: Calling Planning Applications	17 November 2011
Members' Briefing: Love where we Live / 2012	14 December 2011
Short Bite: Processing Applications	5 October 2011
Short Bite: Trees	16 November 2011
Social Media training	1 February 2012
1-1 IT coaching	9 February 2012
1-1 IT coaching	20 February 2012
Members' Briefing: Empty Properties in the Borough	25 April 2012

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.

N/A

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 frequency of attendance
Public Health and Wellbeing Members' Working Group	Vice-Chairman, 6 out of 7 meetings attended
Overview and Scrutiny Management Group	Member – 4 out of 5 meetings attended

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.

My proudest achievement has been leading the charge to revive Tunbridge Wells in Bloom. This much loved event is on the go again and I was thrilled when Dunorlan Park won a Gold medal and the Town Centre a Silver Gilt from South and South East in Bloom as a result of our work.

I am a volunteer worker with homeless people and attend various meetings with organisations working with this issue e.g., Bridge Trust, Salvation Army and various local churches. Recently I presented this case to the Cabinet.

I have distributed many leaflets to the residents to petition for the re-opening of Morrison's.

Date completed: 29 May 2012