

# Elected Member Annual Report and Review 2011/12



Name of Member: Councillor James Scholes

Ward: Pantiles & St Marks

Year elected: 2010

## 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
Cabinet	12	13
General Purposes Committee	3	3
Western Area Planning Committee	8	13
Economy and Governance (not a member)	3	10
Joint Transportation Board (not a member)	4	5
Audit Committee (not a member)	3	6

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

County Council	Parish/Town Council	Town Forum
20 + (includes Council meetings, Corporate Services, Adult Services, Cabinet Scrutiny and Superannuation Fund)		6

## 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)
No.1 Showfields  (most meeting are held on a Friday lunchtime which makes it difficult for me to attend)	4	12	Yes

## 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?*

I have theoretically about 20 Residents' Groups which I have varying degrees of contact with – about 20 meetings a year. I am a good attendee at the Town Forum.

I undertook a number of ward walks across the Borough, though oddly none in the last year.

Email contact is vast, letters reducing.

As a twin hatter, I benefit the community by using both Kent County Council and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council officers to solve some problems and I have established links to funding for both councils.

I am fully available and attend many functions (as well as church) and my wife is well known in various groups.

I am a problem solver.

## 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
Portfolio Holder, Finance and Governance	

## 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: Local Policing	22/06/11
Members' Briefing: Sherwood Vision	15/09/11
Members' Briefing: Council Priorities for 2012	12/01/12

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.

None. I have attended a very wide number of courses at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council since 1976 and also compatible courses during my 19 years as a Kent County Councillor.

I try to attend as many planning short bites as possible.

I have over the last few years received much training on investment and treasury matters from Kent County Council, which enriches my Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Portfolio responsibilities of Finance and Governance.

I will continue to take finance and planning training as it arises.

## 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
Community Grants' Assessment Panel	2 out of 2
Commons Conservators	3 out of 4

**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.*

**Date completed:**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY 18 MAY 2012 TO  
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