

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor Steven Bletsoe

Ward: Bridgend Central

Party: Independent

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending 30th April 2023. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose. The views expressed in this report are those of the Councillor and do not necessarily reflect the views of Bridgend County Borough Council.

Role & Responsibilities

I was elected to Bridgend County Borough Council to represent Bridgend Central on 5th May 2022. I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council this year including being appointed to several committees.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised 288 constituent queries with the Council and other organisations. This is in addition to informally addressing a number of other issues which you have asked me to help you resolve.

To enable me to fulfil my role as your representative, I have attended a number of Member Development Activities which have assisted me to ensure that my knowledge of national and local issues affecting the Council and my ward is maintained.

In my first year I was appointed to three committees, Corporate Scrutiny and Overview Committee 3 (Communities), Licencing and Governance & Audit alongside Full Council commitments. During my year I missed 1 meeting across all expected attendance:

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Constituency Activity

Throughout my first year I have worked alongside my Ward colleagues, Councillors Tim Wood and Steven Easterbrook productively to ensure that we best serve our residents. We have remained visible, accessible and approachable and worked where possible to seek positive outcomes when issues have arisen.

We have worked with local partnership organisations to address long standing issues like fly tipping on social housing estates as well as other matters that have either been longstanding or arisen over the last 12 months.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I am also an elected Bridgend Town Councillor for Morfa Ward (within Bridgend Central) and Litchard, Coity Higher Community Council as a neighbouring Council which houses

the primary school that children within Bridgend Central attend. I have worked on a wide range of initiatives throughout all three Councillor rolls with many third parties from the provision of children's play areas through the Community Asset Transfer programme in Coity to community programmes through Bridgend Town Council.

I was the outgoing Mayor for Bridgend Town at the start of my term and assisted the new Mayor, Councillor Tim Wood and also acted as consort to the Deputy Mayor of Bridgend Councillor Freya Bletsoe for the entire year.

Other Activities/Issues

I have remained as visible as I can in the communities that I am elected to serve and will always attend events that I am invited to if I am available. I have thoroughly enjoyed this and feel that it is an important part of being a Councillor, being always available and approachable to listen to residents when needed.

Councillor S J Bletsoe

Date: 21st June 2023