

Member's Annual Report 2015/16

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31 March 2016. 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 they do not necessarily reflect the views of the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

Councillor: Ieuan Williams
Group: Independent

Ward: Lligwy

1 - Role & Responsibilities

I am the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Leisure and Tourism.

Between April 2015 and March 2016, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	¹ Attendance Figures
Council	8 (100%)
Executive (Chair)	14 (100%)
Appointments Committee	6 (67%)
Special Educational Needs Joint Committee	2 (67%)
The statistics provided are relevant only to the committees listed in this table. The statistics do not include attendance at other meetings related to the work of the Council. A few of these are mentioned below.	
Attendance levels may vary due to the nature of work and responsibilities of members - as portfolio holder, committee chair or representing the Council on outside bodies, for example.	

I am a member of the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust and attended 5 meetings (83%). I am also a member of the Trust's Regeneration Committee.

I am a member of the Joint Local Services Board (Anglesey and Gwynedd) and the Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee.

I have been a member of the Fostering Panel for the last twelve months. It meets monthly and is made up of lay members as well as social workers and a representative from the Health Trust.

The authority has various boards that oversee the many development projects the Council is running. I attend many of these board meetings, the ones I attend are listed below:

The two transformation boards that oversee all major projects.
The Education Transformation board.
The Social Services and Wellbeing board.

¹ Attendance figures supplied by the Isle of Anglesey County Council

The Housing Development board.
 The Library, Culture and Youth transformation board.
 The Energy Island Strategic Forum
 Corporate Safeguarding Arrangements Board

I also chair the Council's Welsh Language Task group.

I represent the Council on the following outside bodies:	Number of meetings arranged	Number attended
Welsh Local Government Association	7	6
North Wales Economic Ambition Board	4	4
North Wales Tourism Partnership	0	0
Llandrillo Menai Group	0	0
Court of Governors of the University of Wales, Bangor	1	0
Medrwn Môn	4	3
Menter Môn	4	3

I have regular meetings with the local MP and AM.

2 - Constituency Activity

Over the last twelve months I was requested to provide assistance on housing (making sure that applicants have enough points under the old system and explaining the new banding system), highways, public footpaths, street lighting, salt bins, waste and planning matters.

I attend meetings of Llanfairmathafarneithaf Community Council as a member and Pentraeth Community Council as a County Councillor.

I am the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Ysgol Goronwy Owen. I am also a member of the Board of Governors of Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones.

3 - Initiatives and Special Activities

The National Eisteddfod is coming to the island in 2017. I have been involved in the local appeal for the LlanfairME area. We have a target of £22,000 to raise. We are well over raising half the amount required.

4 - Learning and Development

I have attended the following learning and development initiatives during the past year (information supplied by the Isle of Anglesey County Council):

Corporate Parenting	6 July 2015
Gypsies and Travellers - Cultural Awareness	7 December 2015
Member Briefing Sessions (8 out of 11 = 73%)	April 2015 – March 2016

5 - Other Activities and Issues

Public consultation about the Council's work is all important. Due to new laws, initiatives and budget cuts by Westminster and the Welsh governments we have to cut our cloth accordingly. This means re-arranging our services to balance our budget and also, sometimes having to make decisions that don't go down well with the public.

Over the last twelve months we once again consulted on the Council's budget and the changes that would be made resulting from it. This year we started with a stakeholder meeting of many of the organisations we work with. I met with the school Councils and Sixth forms in all of our secondary schools, the feedback from our young people was lively and original. I met with Town and Community Councils and attended drop in sessions at Libraries and Leisure centres.

I chair the Town and Community Councils Liaison Forum. With the financial situation deteriorating year on year it is becoming increasingly difficult to deliver services without making cuts or delivering services in different ways. Central government are keen on what are known as 'alternative delivery models'. We are exploring the possibility of various models with the Town and Community Councils.

With the development of the the Wylfa Newydd Power Station becoming closer I am attending regular meetings with Horizon to discuss how they will mitigate the impact of this project.

The Leader has to prepare an annual report to be presented at the County Council's Annual Meeting in May in order to evidence whether he is leading effectively. The report can be seen here –

<http://democracy.anglesey.gov.uk/documents/s500001502/Adroddiad%20Blynyddol%20Arweinydd.pdf?LLL=0>

More information about me can be found here:

<http://democracy.anglesey.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=7&LLL=0>

Councillor Ieuan Williams

April 2016
