



HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2019 / 2020

INTRODUCTION

This is the Annual Report issued by Haywards Heath Town Council and the Council trusts you will find it to be an insight into how it conducted its business and activities over the last Council year.

This report contains high level summaries on each of the committee's activities, which are presented at the Annual Town Meeting. It also contains a variety of information and statistics that members of the public might find interesting. These include a list of the Town Councillors, which Committees they have served on over the last year, Councillor's attendance and their allowances.

The Council's Full Council and Standing Committees agendas and accompanying papers are available for public inspection at the Town Hall, or on the Town Council's website so any resident can scrutinise the financial transactions of the Town Council.

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Mayor's Report 2019-2020 - Cllr Alastair McPherson

Over the past year I've been honoured to serve as Mayor for the residents of our amazing Town.

I'd like to thank Matt Jeffers for his support over the past year as Deputy Mayor and for the community groups and organisations who have invited me to their events. I've realised that as Mayor I've been in a particularly privileged position, being able to see the true vibrancy and inclusivity of our whole town as one community and with this perspective I've recognised that linking people and groups together is key to embracing an ever more vibrant evolving community. I hope to leave a legacy of 'bringing the town closer together' as we move forward. An example of this was a few weeks ago when we launched a strategy with Ashton House and Bolnore Primary school working together on their reading and fitness skills all in the same room! I would love to see this link develop across other schools and residential nursing homes in our Town as it was clear that both children and residents enjoyed the experience greatly.

Destination Hayward's Heath has been a Town Council strategy over the past year working with our District and County Council partners towards shared strategic priorities, starting a process that will evolve Hayward's Heath into an even more economically active, diverse and forward-thinking community. We live in ever evolving, exciting times and it is my job along my fellow Councillors to push boundaries, further our influence with our partners and continue the journey of making our Town fit for the future with an added vigor and urgency, whether that's looking at green strategies or developing our economic credentials through our shared Masterplan document with MSDC.

With regard our green/environmental work. I'm very proud of the work we have done within our environmental working group so far...some of which will be noted in following presentations. Our environmental priority document not only links into the overall economic strategy for our Town but also leads on our aspirations for Haywards Heath to become greener and more tuned into environmental concerns.

Both Destination Haywards Heath and our Environmental Priority documents will keep our Town vibrant and sustainable for many years to come.

To this end I took over the chair of the Haywards Heath in Bloom group in May after Cllr Ellis stepped down from the role. I'd like to thank Sandy, Brenda and the team together with our Council Ground Staff for their fantastic work enhancing Haywards Heath as an amazing place to live and work in. I'd also like to congratulate the whole team for their well-deserved Silver Gilt awards in the 2019 South East in Bloom Competition. After two years 'off' this was no mean feat to achieve and we're now pushing for gold in 2020. I am very sure we can deliver on this, so good luck and thanks for everyone's continued support in this vital project.

Over the past year I have visited, together with the Deputy Mayor, both our twinned towns, Bondues and Traunstein. In Traunstein we celebrated the 25th anniversary of our twinning and in Bondues we discussed our environmental objectives and toured the town in a slightly more informal visit. We have some great relationships across the waters and it is important to enhance our historic links between our Towns. To this end I will be embarking on a sponsored cycle ride for my charity Time4Children,

from Haywards Heath to Bondues, together with the Deputy Mayor and eight keen Haywards Heath cyclists and I do hope we will have your support.

Over the past year I've been working on raising funds for my two charities, Time4Children and the Grove Garden Trust. Both charities are based in Haywards Heath, the former provides free 'one to one' emotional listening support for children who find it hard to express their thoughts, feelings, experiences and worries safely, while the latter is working on provision of a Community 'secret' garden adjacent to Clair Park for our older residents to enjoy with their families.

This year we've had some great events as ever...Town Day which for the first time included the Volunteering Village working with MSVA, the Lions and the Rotary clubs in Haywards Heath, the annual Christmas lights and Fireworks in Victoria park to name a few and we look forward as ever to 20/21 Council year commemorations and celebrations ; Spring Fair in April, VE 75 Day and a Civic service in May, the Grove Garden launch in June, Town Day, Today and Tomorrow event plus the daunting Bondues bike ride in September, and my Creative Haywards Heath Event in Feb...watch this space!

This is just a snap shot of some of the work the Council and I have been involved in over the past year and it goes without saying I'd like to thank everyone for getting involved and making Haywards Heath an even better place to love work and play!

For my final thoughts I'd like to thank my fellow Councillors, Steve Trice (Town Clerk) and his officer team, and my wife Elspeth and my family for their continued support.

Thank you

Cllr Alastair McPherson
Town Mayor

Leader's Overview of The Past Year 2019 - 2020 - Cllr Michael Pulfer

Your Mayor's term of office reaches mid-term, and again your Town is being graced by another outstanding Mayor. His dedication to discharging his duties has been exemplary as demonstrated by his numerous engagements to represent our Town as evidenced in his report.

Everything delivered by the Town Council is team work and the Committee Chairmen will introduce the Committee members.

The highlights of the past Council's year's activities are:

Perrymount Road shows new flats coming to fruition and the Premier Inn Hotel has opened. We have concern about the availability of parking in this area.

The trees in South Road which when they bloom in the next weeks will look a picture.

Our new MP, Mims Davis, has made site visits to the roundabout on the Balcombe Road at the junction with Hanlye Lane and work will start this summer. Increased working hours will hopefully reduce the time the road is shut. There will be a diversion via Balcombe and Copyhold Lane.

As reported last year, planning of the Northern Arc development in Burgess Hill continues. This is a billion-pound development providing 3,500 homes and a substantial number of jobs. A development of this size, which will take up to 10 years to deliver will have an impact on our Town. This council continues to be involved in the development with WSCC/MSDC/Homes England, and attempt to make sure that the impact is identified at an early stage. In particular the road traffic infrastructure and its effect on our Town particularly at Wivelsfield Road and the junction of Isaacs Lane with the A272 and through town traffic.

We regularly engage with the bus companies to try and enhance the service, but sustainable long-term bus services are difficult because of the poor public usage. The local bus companies do their best in difficult financial circumstances. We are particularly concerned about long term sustainability of bus services to/from the new developments on the periphery of the Town. An hourly, or bi-hourly service does nothing to attract passengers, especially at rush hours. This all puts pressure on parking within the Town and it will not have escaped anybody's notice that the railway parking facility is now full by 9am. You may remember that this council pressed the contractors to future proof the foundations so it was with disappointment that we, and MSDC, find that the contractors have not futureproofed the foundations so there is no opportunity to add further floors.

There are substantial Traffic Regulation Orders still to be introduced following protracted consultations, and your WSCC Councillor, Cllr Sujan Wickremaratchi will accept questions on this.

Please remember to report potholes through the WSCC website (Love West Sussex) to make sure that they are attended to.

On the housing front, building continues apace and the major development at the Hurst Farm site now has outline planning permission to deliver a new school called the Hurst Farm Primary Academy, provision of a Country Park, allotments, and a Burial Ground which will be owned by the Town Council. Legal matters continue to move positively forward and the Town Council is looking to take ownership this year.

We continue to employ the Community Warden and we hope to be able to continue to do this, as it has had its reward in keeping Haywards Heath a safe place in which to reside.

This year we have recognised the climate crisis and our Environment Working Group has developed an environment framework to guide us in setting priorities for actions to make our town cleaner and greener, protect biodiversity and offset or reduce carbon emissions. As part of this, we aim to ensure that policies on all areas in which HHTC engages are as environmentally friendly as possible. The main areas upon which we are currently focusing are planting of trees and flowers in the land under Town Council control including Muster Green where we will be planting more perennials which are more drought resistant and less labour-intensive than annuals. Other activities include community litter clean ups, encouraging best practice in plans for new buildings, providing more information to residents on our website and social media, recycling bottle tops and crisp packets, ensuring that we adopt the most environmentally friendly policies in running our own premises and working to improve air quality and reduce traffic pollution.

All in all, this is the culmination of another busy year for the Town and I would like to thank most warmly the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, all the Town Hall staff, and Ground Staff without whom, none of this would be possible

In closing, I would also like to say a personal “thank you” to all of the Councillors for their support, as the Town Council function is a team effort, especially in the testing time which we all have before us in the next months.

Mike Pulfer.
Leader Haywards Heath Town Council.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

The Town Council is the first tier of local government and as such is the authority nearest to the people. Above the Town Council is the District of Mid Sussex and West Sussex County Councils.

Haywards Heath has a growing community of approximately 30,000 residents which will rise with the predicted increase in house building over the next 20 years. There are approximately 22,500 people on the electoral register.

The Town Council's precept is collected by Mid Sussex District Council and given to the Town Council in two 6 monthly payments. As of the 1st April 2020 the Town Council has agreed to an 8% increase in its Precept for the 2020 – 2021 financial year which equates to a precept of £669,569. Because of an increase in the tax band for Haywards Heath (i.e. the number of households that pay towards the precept), Council Tax Payers have seen the amount they are paying amount to a 10% increase. This means that for a typical Band D property, the annual amount payable has increased from £50.92 to £54.99.

POWER OF COMPETENCY

The Localism Act 2011 replaced the power of well-being with the General Power of Competence. **Haywards Heath Town Council has qualified for this power.**

The General Power of Competence (GPC) has given the Town Council wider powers to deliver more services to the Town. GPC allows the Town Council to do anything that individuals generally may do, except where other aspects of law may forbid them from doing. This power gives and the Town Council greater freedom to act.

To qualify for the power the Town Council had to conform with the following,

- at least two thirds of the total number of councillors (16) have been elected (at ordinary or by election, not co- opted), at the meeting of the Annual Full Council, normally at the beginning of the term of a new Council Term,-and a resolution is passed to confirm that the council is eligible.
- the Town Council's Town Clerk holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA).
- the Town Clerk completes relevant training in the GPC provided in accordance with the national training strategy,

Haywards Heath Town Council passed a clearly minuted resolution on the 13th May 2019 (min 17), to confirm its eligibility for GPC.

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Above Members were elected on 3rd May 2019 apart Howard Munding who was elected on the 17th October 2019 after the resignation of Christian Pitt on 14th August 2019.

Town May – Mr Alastair McPherson
Town Clerk – Mr Steven Trice

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2019/20

MAYOR

Cllr. Alastair McPherson

DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr. Mathew Jeffers

LEADER of the COUNCIL

Cllr. Michael Pulfer

DEPUTY LEADER of the COUNCIL

Cllr. Clive Laband

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cllr. J. Knight (Chairman)
Cllr. C. Ash-Edwards (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. C. Laband
Cllr. C. Evans
Cllr. R. Cromie
Cllr. R. Nicholson
Cllr. M. Pulfer
Cllr. R. Bates

ENVIRONMENT & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Cllr. M. Jeffers (Chairman)
Cllr. S. Ellis (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. C. Cheney
Cllr. R. Cromie
Cllr. J. Langley
Cllr. S. Inglesfield
Cllr. A. McPherson
Cllr. S. Wickremaratchi

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. C. Laband (Chairman)
Cllr. M. Pulfer (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. C. Evans
Cllr. S. Inglesfield
Cllr. A. McPherson
Cllr. H. Munda
Cllr. R. Nicholson
Cllr. C. Cheney

POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee supervises all **financial and administrative** matters and ensures that all procedures and financial transactions are dealt with in accordance with the various statutes governing local authority activities.

The Policy and Finance Committee receives and considers every payment and receipt and reviews its income and expenditure at its bi-monthly meetings. In addition, the Town Council reviews its reserves regularly. In effect, every transaction of the Council's finances is published for Members and resident's consideration.

The Town Council's accounts are run in accordance with the statutory requirements laid down for local Councils. To date the Town Council's procedures and Internal Audit were conducted to the satisfaction of the designated External Auditor and were in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements. As a result, the Committee approved the end of year 31st March 2019 Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, Annual Return, Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement at the end of July 2020.

The Committee has also worked closely with the Town Council's Internal Auditor who has no concerns about the financial operations and management of policies for the Town Council. The Internal Auditor carries out a bi annual audit, which is over and above the annual External Audit process. These are ways of making sure that Councils are spending your money correctly and lawfully and within a manner set down and agreed by the Town Council as the corporate body.

Further Activities of the Committee

- Ratifying the human resource matters of the Town Council staff and their personal performance plans.
- Offering grants to community organisations. In 2019 / 2020 the Town Council awarded a total of 22 grants, from a grant budget of £8,500.
- Overseeing the Town Council's external contract renewals and negotiations including Roundabout Maintenance, Parks Maintenance and Street Nameplates.
- Reviewed the Town Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations including Internal Financial Risk Assessments, Statements of Control and Audit review.
- Been responsible for the Town Council's website, newsletter, Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- Set the Town Council's hiring fees for the Town Hall, Allotments and Cemetery charges.
- The Committee has led on the work to strive to continue to adhere to the regulations within the General Data Protection Regulations and accessible websites.
- Reviewed and renewed membership to the National Association and West Sussex Association of Local Councils.
- Committed to public safety by funding the fourth year of the ground-breaking Community/Business Warden for Haywards Heath
- Overseen the completion of the re-organisation of the Town Hall office accommodation.
- The Committee has also considered the Town Council's Councillors' Allowance Scheme, Town Council Insurance Policy, Staff and Councillors expenses and allowance policy and Health and Safety matters and policies.

Cllr James Knight Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee said;

"The Policy & Finance Committee continues to ensure that the Town Council's finances are well managed on behalf of the public and able to support the services the council provides.

We have continued to add more funds to support environmental projects within the Town. We have also allocated funds to buy equipment to help with meetings and to offer hirers a better offer.

One of the most satisfying functions that the committee performs is to be able to support community groups through its grants programme and I would continue to encourage local groups and organisations which could benefit from a small grant to apply for in the coming financial year.'

ENVIRONMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT

The key achievements of the Committee are listed below with the Committee working on a number of existing projects and having delivered a number of new initiatives, whilst continuing to provide four Allotments sites, Muster Green and Western Road Cemetery and nature reserve.

The Committee's main focus has been overseeing the development under the leadership of the Environment Working Group of the Town Council's Environment Priorities and supporting Framework document. The framework and priorities can be found on the Town Council's Website, but the following are the highlights that are to be delivered during 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 with their development and the background work being undertaken during this year;

- Planting - agree options for planting more trees in and around the Town.
- Develop a programme for planting wildflowers and drought resistant bedding to extend wildlife corridor.
- Litter Cleanups - initiated by Councillors with community involvement.
- Review curb side weed control practices.
- Planning - encourage best practice in plans for new buildings.
- Actions for own premises - produce an Environment Code of Conduct for the offices.
- Produce a Town Council Carbon Offset & Bio Diversity Strategy.
- Collect information on actions in Bondues and Traunstein. Traunstein who are ahead of Braunstein the Town on actions so we can learn from them.
- Join Climate Local - <https://www.local.gov.uk/topics/environment-and-waste/climate-local>.
- Develop and promote a Haywards Heath Eco Retailer Award and Schools award.
- Recycling Bottle tops, Crisp packets, plant pots.
- Food Waste Request MSDC to implement a food waste service similar to Lewes.
- Rooftop Solar install at Haywards Heath Town Hall.
- Traffic - Install bicycle stands on South Road, petition MSDC / WSCC for traffic calming in the town centre with more cycle friendly environment for HH Town Centre.
- Consider actions to improve air quality, reduce pollution from traffic including the ability to monitor such through air quality monitors.

Strategically, frustratingly the progression of the purchase of land located off Hurstwood Lane to enable the development of a new Cemetery, additional Allotments and a Country Park have been continued to be delayed due to issues outside of the Town Council's control. The Town Council has continued to be part of the negotiations and has held its position within what is a very complicated multi party agreement whilst continuing to undertake the due diligence to ensure the land is suitable for the uses desired.

Muster Green continues to be the jewel in the crown of Haywards Heath, retaining its Green Flag status for fifth year based on its appearance and the annual update of the annual Masterplan.

The Committee has committed to improving the environment of Haywards Heath through its In-Bloom Committee and Environment Working Group. This work has included the continued management of 36 trees along South Road. The Haywards Heath In-Bloom Committee, after a year out, re-entered the South and South East in Bloom competition and had a resounding success with Silver Gilt for the Town and for Western Road Cemetery.

The Committee continued its programme of community events and support for third party events. This included the Spring Festival, Town Day and the Christmas Festival Fireworks. Furthermore, Remembrance Sunday Service and Schools' Remembrance Service. With the support of the Town Council, the Carers Day was hosted by the Koorana Centre and with a service was held on Muster Green to commemorate the National Holocaust Day. In partnership with Mid Sussex District Council, the Town Council organised the Mid Sussex Marathon and Haywards Heath Play Day. The Town Council also offered continued support for the Greater Haywards Heath Bike Ride, Bentswood Community Fun Day and the one-off Battle's Over organised by the Haywards Heath Community CIC.

Cllr Matthew Jeffers Chairman of the Environment and General Purposes Committee said;

"It is wonderful to see the hard work of the Environment and General Purposes Committee coming to fruition with innovative events being provided for the whole community to be involved in and enjoy. It is also heartening to see the support that local charities and good causes receive through their attendance at Town Council events".

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Meetings of the Planning Committee are held every three weeks (16 meetings per annum). At the date of this report it is envisaged that the Committee will make comment on 353 planning applications this Council year

Cllr Clive Laband Chairman of the Planning Committee said;

“It’s been another challenging year and special thanks to Andrew Sturgeon, who clerks our Planning Committee meetings for his continued innovation and support. We have a renewed team in place, and they’ve all engaged very positively with training and arguing discussions very effectively through committee. Major applications in Perrymount Road promised last year are already influencing this gateway area, with the Premier Inn delivering much needed accommodation for business and leisure travellers to the town, further supporting the sustainability of local and surrounding businesses. The large office blocks further south still have internal design and layout characteristics to be agreed to provide sustainable corporate tenancy options.

Whilst a reminder that the Town Council doesn’t determine applications, we are the primary statutory consultee, with Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) as the relevant Local Planning Authority, they legally consider all of our comments, so this is a responsibility which we take and deliver seriously. We strive to work closely with MSDC, our residents, developers and applicants, whilst providing balance and a clear voice to safeguard the interests of the Town, in line with the Localism legislation. The Hurst Farm development is approved, pending delivery of a supporting Section 106 agreement to provide the HHNP requirements, prior to any eventual reserved matters application, which will include detailed design, layout and any environmental updates. Meanwhile the town council is cognisant that the increase in serious accidents in the lower Fox Hill area is unacceptable and will continue to press all stakeholders for commitment to deliver significant road-safety and Highway improvements in and around the town.

Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan - Is part of the planning framework, wrapped and supported by the Mid Sussex District Council District Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan is used in Mid Sussex District Council’s planning decisions and as a planning decision tool by the Haywards Heath Planning Committee, alongside NPPF, the MSDC Design Guide SPD and in due course the draft site allocation DPD document, which must navigate through the regulatory process of recommendations, public consultations, Government Inspection before any final implementation.

The Neighbourhood Plan is essentially unchanged since adoption; however, change will be required to deliver any additional housing development required by the emerging site allocations DPD. Currently the additional numbers for Haywards Heath are small and potentially may be delivered entirely via emerging windfall sites, provided they comply with policy H8 of the Neighbourhood Plan. The new council team will engage with our first review of the HHNP during this term of office, essentially to ensure that our plan remains contemporary and relevant, critically ensuring that it maintains its full statutory weight when determining planning applications. We will engage actively and support delivery of that process.

Applications are running at similar levels to last year but once again with significantly more contention and complexity. Frequent revisions return applications to committee and increased planning detail, design and specific new legal aspects, place an increasing demand upon councillors. We anticipate another busy year during 2020/2021 with further education and training required to bring new and existing councillors up to speed, ensuring they have the relevant skill and experience to serve the community. The committee formulated and promoted an aspirational planning policy document, “Destination Haywards Heath” which outlines our best expectations how the town will develop and grow, and perhaps more importantly, considers how a modern, evolving town center must change to

accommodate and support harmony with balance in a comingled urban residential/commercial/retail/leisure orientated environment.

An unwelcome and emerging trend is for applicants to destroy or remove trees, hedges and other vegetation before planning applications are submitted. Essential Green Corridors are constantly threatened with domestication for garden development, cultivation and/or enclosure, all of which further threaten the essential bio-diversity aspirations which most of us cherish and seek to maintain and enhance. Without exception, all members have striven to resist this anti-social development.

The Planning Committee takes time to research and explore all applications, to provide voice and balance when considering its decisions, and without hesitation all members take pride to deliver their best for the community they serve.”

Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan - Is now a formally part of the planning framework on the adoption of Mid Sussex District Council District Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan is used in Mid Sussex **District Council's** planning decisions and as a planning decision tool by the Haywards Heath Planning Committee.

What is in the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan: -

The Plan is for the whole Town, including part of Ansty and Staplefield Parish. It provides a vision for the future of the Town, setting clear planning policies to achieve this vision. These policies accord with higher level planning policy, as required by the Localism Act. It looks at a wide range of issues, including:

- *Providing for a new Country Park, new Allotments, a new Cemetery, and a new School to be located off Hurstwood Lane.*
- *Policies on Clair Hall and the Dolphin Leisure Centre.*
- *Protecting Clair Park, Beech Hurst Gardens, Victoria Park, Muster Green, the Harlands School Playing fields and other established green areas within the Town.*
- *Allowing for the improvement of, and enhancements to all aspects of the Town Centre.*
- *Allowing for the Bluebell Railway terminus in Haywards Heath.*
 - *Allowing for increased provision and facilities at St Francis Sports site.*
- *Providing housing for an ever-growing population.*
- *Supporting policies on the Environment, Sustainable Travel, Transport and Business. Holding.*

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

Annual Allowances are paid under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003.

It must be noted that Town Councils are able to offer up to £1032 per Councillor,

As a starting point for allowances Haywards Heath Town Councillors resolved to take up to £516 per annum in 2011, which was the higher level offered to Parish Councillors rather than Town Councillors. During the last financial year, the level of allowance has risen to £1032.

Payments relate to 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020.

| Councillor | Amount Claimed | Notes |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Chris Ash-Edwards | 1,032 | |
| Richard Bates | 941.77 | |
| Clare Cheney | 1,032 | |
| Rachel Cromie | 941.77 | |
| Sandy Ellis | 1,032 | |
| Christopher Evans | 941.77 | |
| Stephanie Inglesfield | 941.77 | |
| Matthew Jeffers | 1,032 | |
| James Knight | 1,032 | |
| Clive Laband | 1,032 | |
| Jack Langley | 941.77 | |
| Alastair McPherson | 1,032 | Plus, Mayors allowance £985 |
| Howard Mundin | 558.30 | Elected 17/10/19 |
| Richard Nicholson | 941.77 | |
| Christian Pitt (resigned) | - | Resigned as Cllr 14/08/19 |
| Michael Pulfer | 1,032 | |
| Sujan Wickremaratchi | 1,032 | |
| Total Claimed | £ | |

Please note - those Councillors who were newly elected in May 2019 only received prorated amounts as the financial year runs 1st April – 30th March where formal Council year runs May to end of April.

COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT FULL COUNCIL/COMMITTEE

FULL COUNCIL

| Councillor Name | Number of Meetings | | Attended | Apologies | Absent |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Chris Ash-Edwards | 6 | | 6 | - | - |
| Richard Bates | 6 | | 6 | - | - |
| Clare Cheney | 6 | | 6 | - | - |
| Rachel Cromie | 6 | | 5 | 1 | - |
| Sandy Ellis | 6 | | 6 | - | - |
| Christopher Evans | 6 | | 5 | 1 | - |
| Stephanie Inglesfield | 6 | | 5 | 1 | - |
| Matthew Jeffers | 6 | | 6 | - | - |
| James Knight | 6 | | 5 | 1 | - |
| Clive Laband | 6 | | 6 | - | - |
| Jack Langley | 6 | | 5 | 1 | - |
| Alastair McPherson | 6 | | 6 | - | - |
| Howard Mundin | 4 | | 4 | - | - |
| Richard Nicholson | 6 | | 6 | - | - |
| Christian Pitt (resign) | 2 | | 2 | | - |
| Michael Pulfer | 6 | | 6 | - | - |
| Sujan Wickremaratchi | 6 | | 6 | - | - |

ENVIROMENT & GENERAL PURPOSES

| Councillor Name | Number of Meetings | | Attended | Apologies | Absent |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Clare Cheney | 6 | | 5 | 1 | - |
| Rachel Cromie | 6 | | 4 | 2 | - |
| Sandy Ellis | 6 | | 6 | - | - |
| Stephanie Inglesfield | 6 | | 4 | 2 | - |
| Matthew Jeffers | 6 | | 5 | 1 | - |
| Jack Langley | 6 | | 6 | - | - |
| Alastair McPherson | 6 | | 5 | 1 | - |
| Christian Pitt (resign) | 2 | | 2 | - | - |
| Sujan Wickremaratchi | 4 | | 3 | 1 | - |

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

| Councillor Name | Number of Meetings | Attended | Apologies | Absent |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Chris Ash-Edwards | 5 | 4 | 1 | - |
| Richard Bates | 5 | 5 | - | - |
| Rachel Cromie | 5 | 5 | - | - |
| Christopher Evans | 5 | 4 | - | 1 |
| James Knight | 5 | 5 | - | - |
| Clive Laband | 5 | 5 | - | - |
| Richard Nicholson | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Michael Pulfer | 5 | 5 | - | - |

PLANNING

| Councillor Name | Number of Meetings | Attended | Apologies | Absent |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Clare Cheney | 16 | 14 | 2 | - |
| Christopher Evans | 16 | 15 | 1 | - |
| Clive Laband | 16 | 14 | 2 | - |
| Stephanie Inglesfield | 16 | 13 | 3 | - |
| Alastair McPherson | 16 | 14 | 2 | - |
| Howard Mundin | 9 | 6 | 3 | - |
| R. Nicholson | 16 | 15 | 1 | - |
| Christian Pitt (| 5 | 5 | - | - |
| Michael Pulfer | 16 | 13 | 3 | - |

