

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by Councillor Robert Bevan below regarding his/her key activities over the year ending 31st March 2015. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

Councillors are free to include as much or as little information as they wish in each section, however the report is to be kept to this 2 page (maximum) format.

Councillor: Robert Bevan

Electoral Division: Tylorstown

Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

Cabinet Members for Economic Development & Planning

- Economic Development
- European Structural Funds
- Inward Investment
- Urban Renewal
- Forward Planning
- Business Support
- Town Centre Regeneration
- Heads of the Valleys
- Planning
- Spatial Planning & Local Development

Member of the following Committees / Bodies

- Council
- Cabinet
- Development Board
- Cabinet Performance & Resources Committee
- Ynysangharad War Memorial Park Cabinet Committee
- Welsh Language Cabinet Steering Group
- Wales Co-op Centre Board
- Town Centre Forum

Appointed as Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Planning on 28th May 2014

Section 2: Constituency Activity

I work closely with my Ward colleague to represent the needs and interests of the community.

I continually liaise with Council departments and officers on behalf of residents in respect of various issues in order to support residents, resolve issues and put forward and drive proposals to improve the community.

I liaise regularly with Police regarding issues affecting the local community and work with a wide variety of community groups to help them achieve their objectives.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities

Town Centre Regeneration is fundamental to the success of any community and whilst working with officers this is something that I promote and support as Cabinet Member with this portfolio, with a number of projects going forward.

Recognising and supporting local small businesses goes hand in hand with town centre regeneration and I was delighted to see the 'Small Business Saturday' initiative take place again this December, for a second consecutive year. It is important that we recognise and support the unique offerings our town centres have for visitors and the role small businesses play.

I am currently working with officers on introducing a Local Development Order for Treforest Industrial Estate which will make it easier for business to expand their activities on the estate.

The council officers and I are meeting regularly with the University of South Wales to discuss with a view to implement activities that support industry and develops the experiences of students.

Section 4: Learning & Development

EMC - Winter Maintenance

EMC - Child Protection

Supplementary Planning Guidance - Flats

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues

On the Board of Governors for Tylorstown and Pontygwaith Primary Schools.