

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by Councillor Geraint Hopkins 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: Geraint Hopkins

Electoral Division: Llanharan

Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

Cabinet Member for Children's Social Services & Equalities

- Children's Champion
- Foster Champion
- Welsh Language Champion
- Equalities Champion
- Foster & Adoption
- Child Protection
- Looked After Children
- Services for Women & Families
- The Children's Strategy
- Child Care
- Sure Start and Local Child Care Arrangements
- Families Strategy
- Residential Care for Children
- Equality Issues & Diversity Matters
- Equal Opportunities
- Disabilities
- Domestic Abuse & Victim Support
- The Welsh Language

Member of the following Committees / Bodies

- Council
- Cabinet
- Cabinet Performance & Resources Committee
- Rhondda Cynon Taf Charity for the Visually impaired Cabinet Committee
- Chair of the Corporate Parenting Board
- Welsh Joint Education Committee
- Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)
- Health & Safety Committee
- Community & Children's Services Group
- Foster Care Panel
- Children & Young People Strategic Group
- School Budget Forum
- Pupil Referral Unit – management Committee
- Welsh Language Cabinet Steering Group
- Welsh Books Council
- Consortium Local Authority Wales (CLAW)
- Investment & Advisory Panel (Pensions)

Appointed as Cabinet Member for Children's Social Services & Equalities on 28th May 2014.

Section 2: Constituency Activity

I have continued to work for the benefit of my constituents throughout 2014/15, undertaking a range of case work with individual residents relating to Council Tax, Benefits and other important issues.

I have also worked with local community groups on grant applications.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities

I have continued to campaign on traffic issues in the village including maintaining the campaign for a bypass.

I worked successfully with local residents to secure the adoption of the Oakbrook Estate Spine Road.

I was delighted to secure funding for hanging baskets throughout Llanharan.

I was pleased to secure funding to help the refurbishment of Llanharan Miner's Welfare Hall.

Section 4: Learning & Development

EMC – Corporate Parenting
Pension Panel training
ILM Leadership Course

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues

I am Chair of Governors at Llanharan Primary School.