RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by Councillor Alison Chapman regarding her key activities over the year. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

Councillor: Alison Chapman

Electoral Division: Treorchy

Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

Full Council Member.

Member of Public Service Delivery, Communities and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee. Member of Public Services Delivery, Communities and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee (Crime and Disorder). Community Governor, Treorchy Comprehensive School. LEA Governor Treorchy Primary School. Member of Treorchy Town Centre Forum. Treorchy PACT Committee. Councillor Surgeries. Welsh Water Flood Action Group (Treorchy Ward). Treorchy Wind Fund Committee. Co-Organiser Rhondda Arts Festival Treorchy RAFT Member of Friends of Treorchy Park.

Section 2: Constituency Activity

I work closely with my Ward Colleagues.

I have undertaken case work on a range of subjects and represent the needs and views of residents of Treorchy Ward and community organisations. Casework includes issues with pot holes, parking, dog fouling, noise pollution and problem with neighbours, overgrowth, council tax and broken pavements. I attend monthly Councillor Surgeries to listen to constituents issues. I liaise with Council Department and Officers on behalf of residents to ensure their views are being represented.

I worked with the businesses and traders in Treorchy Town Centre to ensure their interests are met and keep them up to date on what is happening in the Community. I was involved in discussions with traders about Treorchy potentially becoming a BID area.

I have spoken in Council and submitted petitions on behalf of residents in Treorchy Ward. I have spoken and asked questions in Scrutiny meetings on behalf of matters relating to RCT as a whole.

I frequently provided job and character references.

I have hosted the Treorchy Wind Fund event, where community organisations received their cheques from the Fund. I attended numerous community event's.

We keep residents up to date with regular newsletters giving constituents information relating to matters that may be of interest to them.

As promised, I have made donations, equivalent to a voluntary 5% cut in my annual allowance throughout the year, to local voluntary and charitable organisations to assist in their work.

I have been involved with plans to improve Stag Square and supported a parking review for residents of Treorchy.

I attend regular PACT meetings I have a good working relationship with our local PCSOs and the Police in general who respond promptly to issues that are their responsibility.

I became a member of Friends of Treorchy Park where we campaigned for improved playground facilities at Treorchy playground and played an active role in organising fundraising events.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities

I was part of the Town Centre Forum group that organised the Treorchy Christmas Event and have also recently co-organised the first RAFT Festival in Treorchy. I have been involved in discussions around a BID for the town centre and it is hoped that we can support Treorchy Chamber of Trade with a BID for the town centre.

Section 4: Learning & Development

I attended all training sessions available to new Councillors which assisted me in my role as Councillor.

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues

I have attended a number of local activities and community events in the area.

Attended litter picks.

Signature of Councillor: Alison Chapman

Date: May 2018