

# RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by Councillor Rhys Lewis below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. 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: Rhys Lewis**

**Electoral Division: Abercynon**

## **Section 1: Role & Responsibilities**

- To represent those who reside within the Abercynon Ward.
- To act as an advocate for residents, businesses, individuals, community organisations and groups in Abercynon and Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- To set policy for the service areas contained within my Cabinet portfolio: Stronger Communities, Wellbeing & Cultural Services.
- To act in a responsible manner recognising that although I am elected to represent the Abercynon Ward on RCTCBC, it is also my duty to consider my county wide responsibility to all residents in RCTCBC.
- To ensure that RCTCBC delivers its statutory obligations.
- To be a corporate parent.
- To bring any matters that I consider important the attention of my Councillor colleagues and the Executive.
- To help shape and improve Council services as a 'critical friend'.
- To recognise the responsibilities associated with the role of a County Councillor abiding by the Councillor Code and Conduct and the law at all times.

## **Section 2: Constituency Activity**

- Bi-Monthly public advice surgeries.
- Attend public meetings when necessary.
- Conduct street walkabouts periodically.
- Meet with individuals and organisations within Abercynon Ward when necessary.
- Attend PACT meetings.
- Leafleting.
- Advisory and guidance meetings with local organisations and groups.
- Serving as a governor on the governing body of YGG Abercynon.
- Attending and promoting local community events.
- Create and take part in local Campaigns to improve the community.
- Lobby for investment in road infrastructure, local leisure services, educational facilities and flood prevention schemes.
- Carry out street walkabouts with local police officers, housing officers and Council officers.

### **Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities**

- Advisory and guidance role with community organisations.
- A monthly Councillor newsletter for Abercynon Ward.
- A Committee Member, trustee or vice-president of the following local groups:
  - Cor Meibion Abercynon
  - The Phoenix Singers
  - Abercynon Rugby Club
  - Abercynon War Memorial Paddling Pool
  - John Hopla Society
  - Abercynon Community Hall
  - Bryntirion Residents & Tenants Association
- I have created a resident email list from which to inform residents about Council services and local news in the Abercynon Ward.
- I use social media such as Facebook and Twitter to communicate with residents.
- I have created a blog by which to keep residents informed of my activities and news in and around Abercynon and RCT.

### **Section 4: Learning & Development**

- Regular training sessions provided by Council officers and the WLGA.
- Regular officer and cabinet member challenge sessions.
- Contact with colleagues from other local authorities to establish best practice in service delivery.

### **Section 5: Other Activities and Issues**

**Signature of Councillor:** R.LEWIS

**Date:**07/07/2018