

Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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Report for period: 2016-2017

Name: Councillor Jon Hunt.....

Position held: Chair of Children Adults & Health Committee.....

A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

Chair of Children Adults & Health Committee
Chair of Corporate Parenting Steering Group
Chair Virtual School Governing Body
Member of Childrens Trust Board
Member of Health & Wellbeing Board
Member Care & Accommodation Group
Member Local Safeguarding Childrens Board
Member Youth Offending Management Board
Member Families in Focus
Member Schools Forum
Representing South Glos Council in media
Regular meeting with Head of Services
Attend front line services to hear views of staff Work with officers & partner agencies to ensure the best outcomes for all Children & Young people within South Glos

Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

The Implementation of the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) strategy and the increase in provision at Warmley park
Continue the roll out of Fair price for care for providers in South Glos
The setup of Adoption west to combine the West regions adoption services to provide better opportunities for children requiring adoption.
Being involved in the OFSTED inspection of Childrens Services and the subsequent process of improving services following the judgement
Leading on our group's campaign for better Schools funding and an improved fair funding formulae. It has now been announced that the budget will go up and the new funding formulae will be implemented leading to an increase in local schools funds.

What “added value” to the local community have you been able to achieve through your special responsibilities?

Acting as a main point of Contact for South Glos members with officers Acting as a main point of contact between residents and the Children & Young Peoples department.
Ensuring improved outcomes for Children & Young people in South Glos through policy improvements and that decisions are in the best interest of residents and are best use of Council money

How have your special responsibilities enabled the Council to be more effective?

The permanent appointment of Head of Adult Social Care and Head of Children Adults & Health Finance has allowed the department to make agency staff savings and bring stability as a base for improvement. This also enables us to work towards delivery of the Council Savings Plan.
Ensuring that correct and proper planning and scrutiny at the decision formulation stage has encouraged strong positive decisions to be put in front of Committee for final decisions.
Quick and full engagement with officers and public allows the council to be efficient and effective.
Meeting with front line staff enables issues to be picked up by members at an early stage before they escalate.

In what ways has the exercise of your special responsibilities supported the core objectives of the Council?

Children & Young People directly contributes to the economy through raising education standards and opportunities for young people in South Glos.
Ensuring policies are in place that supports the best outcomes for Children & Young people.
Children & Young People directly supports families and communities through several initiatives including Families in Focus, Early years, and Preventative services.
Children & Young People supports our children in care to give them the best opportunities possible