

# Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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**Report for period: 2015/16** .....

**Name: Ian Blair** .....

**Position held: Liberal Democrat Lead Member on CYP Committee** .....

## A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

I attended meetings with senior CYP officers where I am informed of issues and developments within the department.  
I attend agenda setting meeting where with other lead members we ensure that committee members receive enough of the right information to make informed decisions,  
I ensure that members of my group are kept up to date with major issues within CYP.

## Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

Ensuring that the safety and wellbeing of children was maintained while the department underwent major restructuring by closely monitoring performance via high level scrutiny group.

Seeking to maintain positive activity provision for the most vulnerable of our young people when the resources of the council are being cut.

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

Ensuring that decisions of the committee are made openly and transparently by members having a good knowledge and understanding of all the issues.

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

Having a knowledge and understanding of where the key issues lie within the department and using the performance data of the department to closely monitor how well children in South Gloucestershire are being served by the Council.

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

The health and wellbeing of children and young people is a core objective of the council. Good decision making is essential to support this aim. I believe I have contributed to this process.