

# Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

(Under the South Gloucestershire Scheme of Members' Allowances, certain councillors who perform significant responsibilities over and above those of other councillors, are entitled to receive additional allowances to recognise those extra responsibilities. The Scheme requires councillors in receipt of such allowances to report on their actions. This report is published on the Council's website).

**Report for period: May 2018-19** .....

**Name: Colin J Hunt**.....

**Position held: Cabinet Member for Planning & Transport**.....

## A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

Representing the department to the general public through public meetings, press releases, media interview and one to one contacts.

Working with officers and other cabinet members on:

- Leading on infrastructure and major planning decisions for South Glos
- Budget savings within Planning & Transport and overall budget
- Ensuring Value for Money for residents and striving to improve their quality of life.

Representing South Glos on key regional groups and partners such as:

- WECA meetings at West of England, leading on Metrobus project.
- Metrowest with Network Rail.
- JSP committee & JTP committee.
- Bristol Airport.
- Bus operators.
- Highways England
- The three other authorities in the West of England

## Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

- Working with the West of England to present the JSP to the Government Inspector.
- Achieving the further advance of M4 J18A.
- Metrobus rollout
- Working with Network Rail on the completion of Four Tracking at Filton
- Working with Network Rail and GWR on improvements at Parkway Station
- Acting on Wester Gateway on improvements to major transport developments in the area

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

- Working with the West of England authorities on the committees for the JSP & JTP to supply new housing and affordable homes for the West.
- Meeting with ministers discussing major projects and funding, e.g. J18A Nuclear Plant at Oldbury.
- Working with Bus Operators in deciding on Bus subsidies and funding.
- Working with Bristol Airport to improve access and transport to Airport.
- Working with the other three authorities on the West of England to improve the transport network across the west of England.
- Working with Highways England to improve major road networks.
- Improving the ability for walking & cycling through new infrastructure.
- Improving the bus uptake in the area.
- Working to help control & improve the air quality
- Supply new bypasses and bus lanes for Metrobus.
- Working with local industry to improve their staff movements & quality of life.
- Maintaining roads and repairing potholes.

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

Being a single point of contact for the Planning and Transport department and acting as the public face.

Effective decision making.

Delivering a balanced departmental budget implementing efficiencies.

Helping to ensure South Glos is an attractive economic area to attract and retain employees and employers by:

- Tackling congestion
- Reducing health inequality
- Promoting and supporting healthy lifestyles
- Sustained growth of employment land
- Sustained growth of housing, especially affordable

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

Enhancing our natural and built environment.

Developing low-carbon, health promoting, integrated communities with a strong sense of place connected by well-planned transport networks.

Championing equality of opportunity for all.

Leading with our partners.

Using available resources to deliver best value for money for local people.