

# Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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**Report for period: 2016-2017** .....

**Name: Councillor Colin Hunt** .....

**Position held: Chair of Planning, Transportation and Strategic Environment committee** .....

## A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

- Assist in coordinating the Metrobus delivery
- Assist in defining strategy around roads, public transport, rail and housing provision
- Attend and contribute to the LGA
- Attend and contribute to the Policies Sites and Places meetings
- Attend and contribute to the ECS meetings, briefings and agendas
- Attend and contribute to the PHCB and JSP West of England meetings
- Attend, contribute to and chair the West of England Local Joint Transport Board
- Attend and contribute to Policy and Resources Committees
- Attend and contribute to Planning Advisory Groups
- Representing South Glos council to media and public meetings regarding PTSE concerns

## Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

- Assist in strategy around departmental savings leading to a balanced departmental budget
- Leading consultation on M4 J18A
- Assist in strategy for Metrobus delivery route leading to reduced overspends, negotiation with bus operators and preparation for launch
- Assist in delivery of the South Bristol ring road extension
- Negotiations progressing the delivery of rail electrification

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

Ensure that local communities get value for money for their services  
Encourage and advance plans and schemes which directly improve local residents quality of life, by reducing congestion, improving public transport and improving road network quality  
Representing the council and department in communicating strategy and delivery to local communities and media and assisting in resolving disputes  
Attend local community meetings with residents and action groups to act as liaison and champion for their concerns

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

Providing strong leadership for the West of England transport which aligns all four local authorities and coordinates approach leading to efficiencies and increased effectiveness  
Single point of contact between the committee and department on all PTSE matters leads to less duplication and saves officers time while speeding up delivery  
By being a champion for all residents ensures policy is reflective of local need and is aligned as closely as possible to residents wishes

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

By providing a stable growing economy with good cheap transport and sensible colocation of jobs and businesses reduces inequality by aiding high employment and the attractiveness of the area to outside investment  
By always having the interest of the residents first and foremost decisions can be taken to ensure value for money and preservation and enhancement of front line services as much as possible  
By planning for long term housing and business needs we can provide homes and jobs for new generations  
By attracting high tech companies into the area school leavers will have access to some of the best apprenticeships available right on their doorstep