

Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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Report for period: 2018 -2019

Name: Erica Williams

Position held: Cabinet Member – Housing Delivery & Public Health, Member for Bitton.....

A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

Support to DPH and the Public Health Team. Helping to promote new initiatives to enable young people with Mental Health Issues, attending conferences re: Sexual Health, Childhood Obesity, workshops on ACES, Drug and Alcohol, warm and Well. Member of CAH, ECS, WECA Infrastructure Advisory Board, the Health & Wellbeing Board and PADA. Working in Partnership with Developers & Agents and Housing Associations to facilitate Housing Delivery and ensure quality of Design and align with policies within the PSP. Supporting residents within the Ward with regards to speeding in the lanes and antisocial behaviour, attending Parish Council meetings and supporting Parish Councillors.

Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

With regards to Housing delivery achieving a “5 Year Land Supply” for South Gloucestershire Council with the help of the Strategic Planning teams and Developers.

Working with fellow Cabinet Member on the WECA Board to ensure that South Glos ambitions for housing, Infrastructure and transport and funding for the same are at the forefront of discussions and decisions

Changing the structure of PADA to a Strategic Board in order to be able to respond quickly and put policies in place to support those agencies to work in partnership to ensure the safety of individuals and families who experience DVA of any kind.

Bringing the Shrouds of The Somme to Bristol Aerospace Museum and raising awareness and funds for SSAFA (Bristol & South Glos).

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

I have been able to promote Public Health and all the work, health and environmental concerns to become the golden thread throughout the Organisation and our community in all that we do. Inclusion of Public Health Officers at all Strategic and Advisory Board Meetings in order to maintain high stands for health and wellbeing overall.

Ring fencing of funds so that those families who are fleeing DVA have financial assistance to facilitate safe housing and refuge.

Working with Officers to produce a new DVA Strategy,

Working with Housing Associations to build more Affordable Homes for our ever - increasing community.

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

I hope that I have encouraged good working partnerships with other UA's to gain an understanding of provision and sharing of knowledge and experience to improve upon our own ambitions for South Gloucestershire, whilst making sure that we maintain our own priorities.

Bringing people together to work collaboratively and understand each other's roles and priorities helps to ensure that as an organisation we are working as effectively as possible.

Promotion of Community Health and giving our communities the tools to be able to live well and be aware that prevention is key to all that we seek to take pressure off Health Partners and other agencies.

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

I have always maintained that whilst being a Cabinet Member that we all work inclusively to provide and deliver services that are not only value for money but are what our community needs.

Protecting budgets and working with all Cabinet Members to commit to the good record that SGC has for planning ahead and maintain high standards in all services.

Monitoring of all Policies, along with Cabinet Members making changes to Committees and setting Cross Party Task and Finish Groups which allows transparency and the opportunity for recommendations to be brought to Cabinet for consideration.

Working in Partnership brings added value to the workplace with a plan led approach and the ability to make change that will benefit the Organisation and our very diverse communities.