

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 2017 to May 2018

Name: Heather Goddard.....

Position held: Executive member for Communities and Tourism

A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

Waste Management, Cultural Services, including libraries, Sports and Recreation including local open spaces, Overseeing Leisure Centres. Working with Voluntary and Community Services. Member Allocated Funding

Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

The New waste strategy started being implemented in June 2017. This meant introducing weekly recycling in preparation for the Rollout of 140 Litre Black Bins for residual waste. Despite new routes and induction of new staff there were relatively few problems. This has resulted in 3,644 tonnes of recyclables have been collected since June 2017, which is a 14% increase since the Black wheelie bins started being rolled out in January 2018 - 3,350 tonnes less waste has been thrown away a 16% reduction. These changes deliver a less wasteful and more environmentally friendly service, maximising value for money for our residents.

The Council savings plan required half a million pounds being taken out of the Library service. A Service much valued by our residents. However despite reducing staffed hours we introduced "Open Access" which allows our residents to visit unstaffed libraries to exchange books and take out new books and also use computers which means libraries are now open every day of the week including Sundays, from 8am until 7pm every day (NB. There are some variations in some libraries) More residents are using the libraries in the morning so we are planning to open them earlier in the day.

We have also leased our sports facilities particularly football and cricket to clubs to maintain which is proving to be successful and working well.

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

We have made savings for the council but in many cases enhanced the services for our residents which are being appreciated

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

The council has had to make savings in order to balance their books – we have managed to do and in many cases enhanced the services we provide for our communities

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

Communities and Tourism does not work in isolation it works as a partnership with the other Special responsibility Allowance (S.R.A.) recipients who are the other Executive Members who form the Council's Cabinet.

The Council Senior Management Team, led by the Council's Chief Executive, formulate a forward plan with Council Leader and Cabinet, this plan is then implemented. My part is small compared to the whole plan but never less I do believe I have played my part to support the Council's Key Objectives