

# Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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**Report for period: May 2018 to April 2019** .....

**Name: Jon Hunt** .....

**Position held: Cabinet Member for Children & Young People** .....

## A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

Cabinet member  
Chair of Corporate Parenting Steering Group  
Chair Virtual School Governing Body  
Member of Childrens Trust Board  
Member of Health & Wellbeing Board  
Member Care & Accommodation Group  
Member Local Safeguarding Childrens Board  
Member Youth Offending Management Board  
Member Families in Focus  
Member OFSTED Improvement board  
Representing South Glos Council in media Regular meeting with Head of Services  
Attend front line services to hear views of staff Work with officers & partner agencies to ensure the best outcomes for all Children & Young people within South Glos  
Deputy Leader of South Glos Council

## Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

OFSTED Monitoring Visits and Inspection culminating in Children's Services coming out of Inadequate  
Securing the conversion of Woodleaze Care Home to supported living for vulnerable Young People  
Increasing Foster Carers Allowances  
Continuing Care Leavers Christmas Lunch and Stockings  
Exempting Care Leavers from Council Tax  
In Care and Care Leavers awards Ceremonies  
New board to replace Local Safeguarding Children Board

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

Acting as a main point of Contact for South Glos members with officers. Acting as a main point of contact between residents and the Children & Young Peoples department. Ensuring improved outcomes for Children & Young people in South Glos through policy improvements and that decisions are in the best interest of residents and are best use of Council money

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

Ensuring that correct and proper planning and logic is applied at the decisions formulation and making stage which encourages strong and positive decisions to be made looking at getting the best results for Children & Young People in South Glos while also ensuring value for money for all residents. Quick and full engagement with officers and public allows the council to be efficient and effective. Meeting with front line staff enables issues to be picked up and addressed at an early stage preventing escalation.

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

Ensuring policies are in place that supports the best outcomes for Children & Young people. Children & Young People directly supports families and communities through several initiatives including Families in Focus, Early years, and Preventative services. Children & Young People supports our children in care to give them the best opportunities possible