

Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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Report for period: May 2018 – May 2019

Name: Councillor Paul Hughes

Position held: Executive Member for Communities and Tourism

A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

Waste Management, Cultural Services, Sports and Recreation, Open Spaces, Leisure Centres liaison with Circadian Trust, Voluntary and Community Services, Area wide Grants, Member Awarded Funding, Safer and Stronger Communities, Tourism and the Visitor Economy. Board Member of Designation Bristol.

Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

Waste Strategy improvements to increase recycling rates to record levels.
Gradual phasing out of recycling bags in favour of recycling boxes.

Effective Enviro Crime Team bringing more Fly Tippers to justice and giving more power to Dog Wardens to help prevent dog fouling on open spaces.

Enforcement powers to help prevent littering from vehicles.

Increased use of libraries" Open Access "

Funding for many sporting facility improvements via various grant schemes.

I was honoured to accept a" Bees Needs" National award at Kew Gardens on behalf of the Council,

for their work with volunteer groups at Patchway Common to improve the habitat for endangered pollinators including Bees and other Pollinating species.

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

Added value has been achieved in many areas that the portfolio is responsible for, such as Waste Management through to Community projects.

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

I have ensured that any Communities and Tourism initiatives that have been brought forward, have been rigorously examined and scrutinised and have past the Value for Money test before any decision has been made.

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

The prime responsibility is to support the core objectives for the residents of South Gloucestershire and to that end the Council objectives. Communities and Tourism is an integral part of the plan to develop the forward plan by the Councils Senior Management Team led by the Councils Chief Executive, and the Council Leader and Cabinet.

I have, through my role added value to core objectives.

