

Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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Report for period: 2015/16

Name: Adam Monk

Position held: Resources Sub Lead......

A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

I am the lead member for Resources Sub Committee on behalf of the Labour Group. As such I lead Labour's team on the committee and keep other Labour councillors informed about current issues before the committee. The Resources Sub Committee is responsible for the corporate functions of the authority.

Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

This committee plays a key role at these difficult financial times, and it makes decisions to implement the Council's corporate cost-saving targets.

Within this reporting there has been an election which has resulted in a strong Conservative majority. This has had a negative impact on the governance of this committee due to the majority leadership. The committee has operated as normal but there haven't been any significant achievements. The committee has made decisions on asset disposals and operational improvements.

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

Ensuring that the scrutiny of difficult decisions is conducted robustly. The majority leadership is challenged.

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

In my opinion given we are not in a Cabinet System makes the council more accountable to the public and transparent.

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

Managing reduced budget is central to the Council’s ability to meet its core objectives.