

Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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Report for period: 2013 - 2014

Name: Adam Monk

Position held: Lead Member (Labour) Resources Sub-Committee

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 Transformation programme and Savings Plan required to deal with government cutbacks. During the year this has included:

- Managing the Council's accommodation to ensure best value for money. This has included vacating former headquarters offices at Thornbury.
- Disposal of capital assets as a contribution to the Council's overall financial position.
- Formulated a new Council Tax Reduction Scheme as a contribution to the Council's overall financial position.
- Worked to identify possible sites to enable self-build properties to meet affordable housing demand.
- Overseen the ongoing roll-out of internet broadband within the district.

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

Ensuring that the cross-party scrutiny of difficult decisions is conducted robustly.

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

Moving away from the Cabinet System has made the council more accountable to the public and therefore the key responsibilities under taken by a wider group of councillors has enabled the council to have a more even handed approach. This has assisted the council operate far more effectively.

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.