

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: 2015/16

Name: Benjamin Stokes

Position held: Chair of Adults, Housing and Public Health Committee

A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

Over the 12 months I have sat on 18 additional committees

1. SACRE*
2. PHCB*
3. LEP IPG*
4. WoE Nature Partnership*
5. Adult Services Lead Member Forum*
6. Health & Wellbeing Board
7. Safeguarding Adults Board
8. SAB Quality Assurance Sub-Group
9. Adults, Housing and Public Health Chair (including Chairs brief and Group Leaders' Briefing)
10. Area Forum
11. SSCG
12. LDPB Chair
13. PAG
14. Five x Parish Councils
15. Strategic Housing and Planning – Monthly Chairs Briefings
16. Appointments & Employment Sub Committee
17. PSP Members Working Group
18. Self-Build Member Working Group

*These are external appointment committees where I represent the Council

Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

I have been involved with difficult discussions with other elected members from the other WoE Local Authorities reviewing the Joint Strategic Plan and housing strategy.

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

Being on all these committees has given me an oversight and a lot of information which I can use when directing activity more effectively

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

I have spoken-up for council and resident interests in these roles and therefore helped to shape better decisions.

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

I have been the elected representative who has brought a level of public accountability back to the committees I sit on.

My decisions and influence have helped secure the smooth running of the council and helped to balance the decision making in the best interests of residents. Therefore I have positively influenced Council objectives while also helping to deliver the existing objectives of Council.