

Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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Report for period: May 2013 - May 2014.....

Name: COLIN JOHN HUNT

Position held: Chair of Development Control East

A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

To work with the two other lead planning group leaders and the chair of DC West.
To coordinate with the planning officers.
To help implement the authorities planning policies, and inform the group of any such changes to planning laws.
To attend and have input to the authorities Core Strategy through the Planning Advisory Group.
Attend the West of England Scrutiny committee representing S.G.C.
Help to form the authorities public transport policy.

Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

Helping to set the planning budget.
Working as a mediator between the public and the planning officers in planning disputes to achieve better understanding and fewer appeals.
Core strategy approved and accepted.

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

Planning is one of the most contentious departments and as the chair I act as the mediator dealing with many aspects of the planning disputes. Attending meetings in the community to listen to the local residents views and try to explain the laws of planning.

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

I attend the policy committee for the Core Strategy helping to form SGC future policies. Speak for SGC at the West of England. Implement budget savings from the PTSE Committee.

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

To implement the planning expectation of the council in protecting our green belt.
To help form new policies for new housing developments.
To ensure that new developments will be the most appropriate for residents.