

Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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Report for period: 2015/16.....

Name: Michael Bell.....

Position held: LABOUR SPOKESPERSON DC EAST.....

A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

I LEAD THE 3 LABOUR COUNCILLORS ON THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE (EAST).
I ATTEND ALL AGENDA MEETINGS, DC SPOKESPERSONS (COMBINED WEST AND EAST)
GIVE GUIDANCE TO FELLOW LABOUR COUNCILLORS ON PLANNING ISSUES.

Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

IN ADDITION TO MY CONTACT WITH MY FELLOW COUNCILLORS, I REGULARLY MEET LOCAL RESIDENTS AND GIVE ADVICE ON PLANNING ISSUES AND COUNCIL PROCEDURES.
I AM SOMETIMES ASKED TO GIVE STATEMENTS TO THE LOCAL MEDIA

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

AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, BY GIVING ADVICE ON PLANNING APPEALS TO LOCAL RESIDENTS, AND OUTLINING PLANNING PROCEDURES IN RESPECT OF IN PARTICULAR OBJECTING, SITE VISITS, AND THE PUBLIC DECISION MEETINGS.

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

I CERTAINLY HOPE SO.
BY ATTENDING ALL THE RELEVANT TRAINING SESSIONS, AND READING THE NUMEROUS WEBSITES, I HAVE GAINED A LOT MORE KNOWLEDGE, THIS HELPS ME TO GIVE A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE INPUT.

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

CERTAINLY EQUALITY, AND ALSO COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT