

Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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Report for period: 2015/16

Name: Tony Davis.....

Position held: Lead Member Regulatory Committee

A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

Attendance at agenda briefings in preparation for decision-making meetings of a quasi-judicial nature, ensuring all aspects of potential items is covered in reports.
Keeping informed of changes in National legislation that affect the work of the regulatory committee
Reviewing council policy relating to licensing
Attending Taxi Liaison meetings and looking at potential for changes to fares
Attending Licencing sub-committee to determine both premises and taxi driver allocations.
Attending Public Rights of Way sub-committee
Regular meetings and briefings with officers

Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

Working with fellow leads to establish good working relationships. No judicial reviews experienced. Initiating a meeting between Local Taxi firm and Community transport enabling a better understanding of their respective limitations. Ensured that all taxi- drivers have/can attend child protection training.

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

Ensuring that the residents of SG are served by people who have been tested and are considered to act in a professional and responsible way.

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

By establishing a good working relationship with various groups I have been able to ensure that these groups are communicated to in an effective way thus avoiding misunderstandings.

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

There has been a consistent approach to the Licencing of premises and Taxi drivers, which has meant that those that fall short of the required standard have been sanctioned to ensure safe public standards.