

Outside Bodies Reports

2012

Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name:

Rick Barnicott

Name of outside body:

Faversham Swimming Pool Management Committee

Number of meetings held and number attended:

All meetings but one

Purpose of outside body:

Appointed by Swale B C as a trustee to oversee the management of the Swimming Pool and to ensure that the grant money from the Borough Council is correctly used for the provision of swimming for the residents at low costs to the charge payers

What you contributed:

Considerable experience gained from the being involved from day one from raising the funds without local government assistance for the building of the outdoor pools and attending at the pool at least once a week in addition to the regular convened meetings of the week to have regular discussions checking accounts for payment and the signing of cheques

What you learnt:

A good knowledge on all aspects of marketing and management in this particular sphere of leisure provision by being hands on and that the continuing administrative requirements from SBC is achieving nothing but adding to administration costs of the pools.

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes Yes - Its a leisure facility that is continually at the top of the tree in all the borough surveys at a cost that is well below any similar facility

No

Date: March 8th 2012

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| Councillor's Name: | Rick Barnicott |
| Name of outside body: | Queenborough Fisheries Trust & Swale Recreation Trust These two bodies meet on the same night and are of related functions |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: | Did not keep a record - all but one I believe The record of attendances is, I think, already recorded by SBC so that information is already available |
| Purpose of outside body: | For the distribution of funds to various charities and organisation for specific projects |
| What you contributed | I have taken part in formulating the policies for distribution of the monies to various applicant after carefully considering the presented accounts of the applicants As last rear a part o my role has been to attend meeting with others and a financial to discuss the various investment of trust funds to achieve maximum growth. |
| What you learnt: | Basically the report must follow the comments I made last year. Certainly it improves ones knowledge on how to read and asses the many different ways of providing balance sheets that are produced from the many applicants. Not an easy task but nevertheless interesting. |
| Yes | See above |
| No | |
| Date | March 30th 2012 |

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| Councillor's Name: George Bobbin |
| Name of outside body: Benstead's Charity Faversham |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: Meetings held – 3 Meetings attended - 3 |
| Purpose of outside body: The purpose of this body is to look at "needy" cases that apply for funding to help their causes. |
| What you contributed: I attended these meetings and either agreed or disagreed with the application. |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Date:10/02/2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Councillor Bobbin

Name of outside body:
Faversham Enterprise Partnership

Number of meetings held and number attended:
No information on meetings was received.

Purpose of outside body:

What you contributed:

What you learnt:

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes

No

Date:

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| Councillor's Name: George Bobbin |
| Name of outside body: Faversham Swimming Pool Management Committee |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: Meetings held - 4 Meetings attended – 4 |
| Purpose of outside body: The purpose of this group is to manage the upkeep of both the inside and outside pools at Faversham. |
| What you contributed: I attended these meetings and agreed with proposals put forward by the committee. We also discussed and approved an update to the Service Level Agreement. |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Date: 10/02/2012 |

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| Councillor's Name: George Bobbin |
| Name of outside body: Kent Rural Community Committee |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: Meetings held - 2 Meetings attended – 0 |
| Purpose of outside body: Unable to state the purpose of this group as I was unable to attend any meetings due to commitments elsewhere on the dates of the meetings held. |
| What you contributed: Nothing – Please see above. |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
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| Date: 10/02/2012 |

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| Councillor's Name: George Bobbin |
| Name of outside body: Oare Gunpowder Works Advisory Group |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: Meetings held – Unsure Meetings attended – 1 + Green Flag Day |
| Purpose of outside body: The purpose of this group is to raise awareness of and funds for the Gunpowder Works at Oare. |
| What you contributed: I listened to proposals to promote this site as a tourist attraction and agreed with the proposals put forward plus I agreed with the fund raising ideas that were mentioned. I attended the Green Flag Day as Deputy Mayor. |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Date: 10/02/2012 |

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| Councillor's Name: Monique Bonney |
| Name of outside body: Kent Downs AONB Joint Advisory Committee |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 3 meetings held on the following dates; 21/06/11, 29/11/11 and 18/04/12 |
| Purpose of outside body: The purpose of the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) is to provide advice to those of its members with statutory responsibilities for the effective management of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. |
| What you contributed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support for the Woodland pathfinder project – local business/land owner in Swale has actively contributed to this project. I asked that a leaflet be published to help householders considering wood fuel systems to give some guidance on this technology and how it can support the local coppice woodlands. Requested that AONB push gov't to prevent the compartmentalisation and sub-division of ancient woodland and create buffer zones around it with a cohesive management of woods in their entirety. NFU raised issue of plotting and supported my comments. I pointed out the mismatch of permitted development and National Planning Policy where ancient woodland falls outside the AONB. Requested AONB feed into Swale's current LDF consultation that closes in May Support for the sustainable tourism agenda including the Our Land (www.our-land.co.uk/holidays/the-kent-downs) and asked local business owner in Swale what she thought helped attract visitors to the area. Requested AONB provide advice on buffer zones to the AONB including good practice for managing these areas. AONB in Swale is defined by an artificial boundary along the M2. Clearly areas north of M2 in Swale have the qualities of AONB and should either be considered for inclusion or at the very least managed to maintain the setting of AONB. |
| What you learnt: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Swale has considerable gains to be made from the woodland pathfinder project not just in land management but economically. If promoted and supported in Swale this could unlock employment opportunities for businesses not just supplying wood fuel but also installing the technology and advice. RECOMMENDATION: Swale Exec and senior management explore ways to unlock the potential of the pathfinder project in Swale. Swale has a number of ancient woodlands some fall outside the AONB and therefore do not have the benefit of AONB planning status and prohibition of permitted development rights. Swale to assess and implement how it can protect ancient woodland from compartmentalisation and sub-division of ancient woodland and create buffer zones around it with a cohesive management of woods in their entirety. In particular how to stop inappropriate fencing and development (permitted or otherwise) in and adjacent to the boundary of ancient woodland. RECOMMENDATION: Exec and senior officers consider how to implement protection of ancient woodland including the appropriate use of Article 4 orders removing permitted development. AONB will comment and provide advice to local authorities on planning applications and Core Strategy consultations as appropriate. RECOMMENDATION: Officers actively engage with AONB and consider "Setting"/buffer areas that boarder the AONB in Swale. It was interesting to find that sustainable tourism was a major contributor to the economic success of rural economy across the AONB, it seems to me Swale and the Swale area of the AONB could be far more active in this area and is lagging behind other areas. The sustainable tourism agenda could significantly add to Swale's (rural) economy not just in the AONB but across the borough. The business owner we visited commented how the Faversham Food Trails had proved very popular to visitors/walkers (www.faversham.org/visit_faversham/walking/Kents_Best_Food_Trails.aspx), however there were no longer any paper copies available for visitors as funding for this had run out under the FEP. It would be worth looking into further funding for print these. It was fascinating to see how implementing sustainable practices had created viable rural business and had improved the local environment. The range of visitors was immense and their reasons for visiting broad from medieval reactivation groups to ramblers to overnight stopovers for the Channel crossing etc. Clearly preset walks extolling the virtues of Swale with detailed local information/guides have had a positive affect on tourism. It occurs to me that Swale could significantly up its game by creating more of trails these across the borough, in the villages around Sittingbourne, and on Sheppey. It seems we are missing cycling routes with maps akin to the Food Trails that stretch out across the AONB and along the No.1 cycle route and on the isle of Sheppey. RECOMMENDATION: Swale Exec and Senior Officers to actively pursue the rural sustainable tourism agenda and look to capitalise on Our Land website and increase the number of guided walks and cycle routes across the borough and specifically in the AONB and adjacent areas to capitalise on the boroughs natural assets. It should consider teaming up with neighbouring boroughs to create a network straddling the borough linking areas. Planning policy still appears to be rather fuzzy. AONB's and the areas adjacent to them are not a comprehensively covered in terms of policy and much of the detail is left to local authorities to determine RECOMMENDATION: Exec and Senior Officers ensure the LDF is comprehensive in its approach and policy wording to the AONB and the areas adjacent to it including areas those that make up the AONB "setting". <p>In addition to the above see the attached Summary Activity Report 2011-2012 detailing all the projects managed over the course of the year.</p> |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes - very worthwhile considering part of the Borough is located in the Kent Downs AONB |
| No |
| Date: 19/04/12 |



Kent Downs AONB Joint Advisory Committee Summary Activity Report 2011-2012.

Provided to Local Authority Members of the Kent Downs AONB Joint Advisory Committee to assist in reporting on the activities of outside bodies.

Statutory management planning

The Statutory Kent Downs AONB management plan, adopted by all Local Authorities with the AONB in their jurisdiction, is what drives all of the work of the AONB partnership, its detailed action plan has been overseen by the Kent Downs AONB Joint Advisory Committee.

The Joint Advisory Committee has met twice during the year with agendas covering AONB Unit project activity in support of the management plan action plan, monitoring delivery and highlighting successes. The JAC has also considered current issues for the AONB such as AONB Boundary review, budget and activities, governance and planning matters.

Partnership projects

Valley of Visions Landscape Partnership Scheme

This year was initially planned to be the final year of this £2.4m principally Heritage Lottery Funded project operating in the Medway Valley. Through careful financial management we have been working to secure an extra year of activity, this will be focused on additional project activity and securing the legacy of the project.

Key activity delivery this year include;

Chalk grassland conservation

- Restoration work completed at Ladd's Farm. Ongoing active management regime initiated on all 27.5 ha with two Hebridean sheep flocks. A further 1.5 ha cleared in early 2012 and will be included in management regime.
- All work at five other sites (Burham to Wouldham Downs Birling Escarpment, The Brockles, Nashenden Down and Culand Pits) all completed and now in active management. Results in a total of over 140 ha of chalk grassland now in positive, long-term management.

Wetland conservation

- All programmed works completed on four marshland sites: Holborough Marsh, Burham Marsh, Halling Marsh and Wouldham Marsh. All sites, totalling 177 ha in long-term positive management.

- Restoration management completed at Aylesford Old Pit wet woodland site (5 ha) and long term management put in place.

Heritage hedgerows

- 4.5km of hedgerow planted or managed within the Medway Gap

Access

- Fully subscribed national Securing the Landscape (STL) conference held in July 2011, sharing VoV's approach to solving illegal motorised access and environmental crime issues.
- Continuing effective strategic STL approach headed by Kent Police.
- Funded PCSO role embedded with VoV team supporting physical works with enforcement and community liaison.
- Completed project planning study for Aylesford to Allington Lock shared use path – will unlock the aspiration for shared use path between Maidstone and Rochester.
- 1km of shared use path completed at Ranscombe Farm
- 800m of new permissive footpath at Holborough Marsh.
- Reprints of VoV's seven community trail leaflets due to popular demand

Events

- 30 events organised and run by VoV with approximately 450 attendees.
- A further 139 events run by partner organisations promoted through VoV

Heritage conservation

- Restoration of Bishop's Palace scheduled monument in Halling complete. Landscaping of site close to completion.
- LIDAR survey of Medway Gap undertaken to provide information on heritage features hidden by vegetation and to support monitoring of vegetation encroachment on open habitats such as chalk grassland.

Community

- Neighbourhood planning projects completed in Halling and Wouldham Primary Schools culminating in presentations made to local dignitaries and community partners.
- Medway Mosaics community archaeology project established with local volunteers recruited to 'ground-truth' LIDAR results in the Birling and Burham areas of the valley.
- River Wardens scheme co-ordinated by Medway Valley Countryside Partnership now self-sustaining.
- Support of Parish Council led volunteer group to undertake biodiversity and heritage conservation at the White Pit quarry near Halling.

White Cliffs Landscape Partnership Scheme

The Kent Downs AONB Unit led the submission of the successful stage 1 application for this £2.4m scheme which will focus on landscape conservation and enhancement in the Dover and Folkestone area of the AONB, and its surroundings. Again this scheme is funded principally by the Heritage Lottery Fund. This year the project lead was taken up by Dover District Council but the AONB Unit provides detailed support and Chairmanship

to the Partnership Board, a stage 2 (final) submission has been completed on time and within the agreed budget.

Landscape and Nature for All projects.

The Kent Downs AONB has provided a lead for 14 UK partners in this 4.4m Euro project which has been operating over 4 years, this year being the final year of delivery and closedown. This project has focused on the delivery of the biodiversity activity promoted through the Kent Downs AONB management plan. Outputs include;

- 23 Parish Councils involved
- 370 ha of chalk grassland conserved
- 1450 ha woodland under environmental management, covering 43 sites
- New website with woodland management advice for private landowners
- 4 new leaflets on woodland management for private landowners
- 44 events for children, families and volunteers
- 8 information panels
- 290 adult volunteers involved through awareness raising event and practical tasks
- 1575 children involved through woodland discovery and tree planting events
- 3 ha of new woodland planted
- 122 ha of wetland managed
- 70 volunteers involved in pond creation and monitoring as well as marshland monitoring
- 25 bat sites surveyed
- Action plan for adder protection and a leaflet on adder habitat conservation and management
- 110 events for various community groups
- 32 landscape enhancement projects completed, most of them in publicly accessible sites improving visitor experience; further 40 local projects delivered with community groups

The Kent Downs AONB wood fuel pathfinder project

The management of woodlands in the Kent Downs AONB has been identified as a key priority, the AONB being one of the most wooded landscapes in England. This year we have secured and established the national wood fuel pathfinder project with the support of the Forestry Commission and supported by Interreg funding, this project has been very active supporting over 80 sites, providing support for woodland owners and encouraging the potential for wood fuel demand from a number of sites including 25 schools.

Sustainable Rural Tourism in the Kent Downs – Our Land project

This year saw the ministerial launch of a sustainable rural tourism project for the Protected Landscapes (National Parks and AONBs) of the south east of England. The Kent Downs AONB has provided a lead role in securing the £1m RDPE grant which supports this ground breaking public private partnership. Since the October launch 32 Kent Downs tourism businesses have signed up to 'Our Land', with 11 more in progress and an active recruitment programme. The Our Land project is all about getting tourism right in the Kent Downs AONB, so that it supports local business and services, provides a great experience for visitors and benefits the landscape. please visit <http://www.our-land.co.uk/holidays/the-kent-downs> for more information.

The Kent Downs AONB Landscape Education Project

This exciting project has focused on getting school children into the AONB – this has been described by at least one participant as ‘the best school trip ever’. This year amongst many other things we launched a new website <http://education.kentdowns.org.uk/> additionally we held 12 walks which includes one with was for teachers, 324 children have participated in the walks together with 60 teachers, of which 53 have undergone training, 187 of the children came from rural areas and 117 from urban areas.

Undergrounding of overhead cables

Work has finally started on the Undergrounding scheme on the Woodland Trusts Hucking Estate, in the Mid Kent Downs; Approx. 2km of 11kV cabling is now being removed at a total cost of £352,000

Final approval for the scheme at Ranscombe Farm in Medway has been secured. 1.3km of 11kV to be removed adjacent to the North Downs Way. An estimated cost of £162,000.

Works to the scheme at Saltwood Castle are going through the final stages with UK Power Networks working on the landowner way leave agreements. Work on this scheme to start later in the year. Approx. 900m of 11kV to be removed.

AONB Partnership activity in support of AONB management plan policies

Positive Planning function

We seek to provide an active and supportive planning function to the Local Authorities, partner organisations and communities of the Kent Downs. The Kent Downs AONB is probably the most pressurised AONB from a planning point of view and we seek to be positive and professional in providing helpful planning advice from the Kent Downs AONB perspective and drawing from the management plan.

Our primary focus is to support Local Authorities in the preparation of the policy framework through development plans – we do this by engaging in the early stages of plan making and through active and thorough engagement in the consultation process, although we have also provided comment on over 40 individual applications, usually at the request of JAC members or Local Authority officers.

Overall this year we received 100 general planning requests and responded to 41 of them. In addition we have been involved in providing pre-application advice in two major development cases, responses to the Minerals and Waste Development Framework, 7 Core Strategies, 6 Wind turbine applications, 2 quarry applications and 4 pipelines. In addition we worked at the regional and national level in support of SE Protected Landscapes Planners Meetings and the National Association of AONBs response to the Draft National Planning Policy Framework.

Guidance documents

The AONB design guidance documents have been consistently well received by Local Authorities, developers, land managers and farmers along with many others who

influence land in the AONB. This year we have worked to update both the Kent Downs Land Manager's pack, the landscape design handbook and we have been actively promoting the more recent Rural Streets and Lanes Design Handbook. We have finalised a new design guidance document in partnership with English Heritage, KCC Heritage and the Kent Design Initiative, focusing on the design of farmsteads in the landscape. The advent of the National Planning Policy Framework, with a focus on 'good design' is likely to make our design guidance more important in the future.

Farming

The Kent Downs is a farmed landscape and promoting and supporting sustainable farming which supports the landscape is a key issue. This year we have taken a new step in recognising best practice through the sponsorship of the Kent Food, Farming and Landscape Award as part of the Taste of Kent Awards, this new award received significant publicity and there were 12 excellent entries – it has been seen as a real success in providing much needed recognition for the good work which has been achieved. We have also worked on the revision of the Kent Downs AONB farm diversification tool kit.

Communications

The Kent Downs AONB web site

This year has seen extensive work updating the web site, the new site is due to go live early in 2012, and will be linked to social media, have a more intuitive layout and updated content. The existing site continues to be very well used with over 1m visits to our most popular pages and 224,000 downloads.

The Kent Downs Orchid newspaper

Two editions of the Kent Downs AONB newspaper have been published a total of 140000 papers

The newspaper provides news and updates to Kent Downs AONB communities and those who live in and around, it has a web presence on the Kent on Sunday website along with the Kent Downs AONB site and provides an important resource in support of tourism in the AONB.

Gateway signs

Already over 80 village gateway signs, signalling that the village is in the Kent Downs AONB have been installed, this year we have secured more funding and another 25 are in line for being installed.

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Monique Bonney |
| Name of outside body: Faversham Swimming Pools Management Committee |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 4 meetings held August, October, January, April - attended all but January's meeting |
| Purpose of outside body: A registered charity for the purpose of managing and maintaining Faversham pools for the benefit of local residents and providing a good swimming experience. |
| What you contributed: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To detailed discussions on the charity's finances including the possibility to create sponsorship opportunities to help ease the burden on Swale funding (currently c £80k per yr).2. Breakdown of the types of sponsorship that would be deemed acceptable to the charity and the possibility to identify certain "projects" for funding.3. Supported efforts to stabilise the charity's income flow; given its vulnerability to weather (affecting the income from the outdoor pools)4. To the discussion on how to resolve the difficulties arising from the complex legal ownership structure of the pools and environs5. To discussions regarding specifics areas such as smoking areas and the children's playpen on the poolside. |
| What you learnt: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Faversham Pools has fantastic facilities - the outside pools and rapids are unique to Swale and the only outdoor pool with 1/3/5m diving board in UK – this should be broadcast from the roof tops! http://www.favershampools.com/page3.html2. The charity has historically had a chequered relationship with Swale however this has improved over the course of the last year.3. Facilities are well managed and maintained on a very tight budget.4. Funding opportunities to be exploited for capital investment and maintenance5. Faversham Pools provide very good facilities at minimal cost to the public/Council purse when compared to other leisure facilities in the borough; Swallows and Sheppey.6. Faversham Pools users have to pay for car parking where as the council tax payer subsidises users of Swallows and Sheppey Complexes (via a parking refund). |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes; - this is a very worthwhile charity delivering leisure facilities to residents |
| No |
| Date: 25/04/12 |

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| Councillor's Name: Lloyd Bowen |
| Name of outside body: Faversham Swimming Pool Management Committee |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 4 formal meetings three attended (by the annual Council meeting on 15 th may 2012) |
| Purpose of outside body: Appointed by Swale B C as a trustee to oversee the management of the Swimming Pool and to ensure that the grant money from the Borough Council is correctly used for the provision of swimming for the residents. |
| What you contributed: This was the first year I have served on the management committee and as such it has been one of learning about how the Swimming Pool is managed. I have contributed to the committee and asked questions as and when I felt appropriate and necessary. |
| What you learnt: I have started to build knowledge of the demands of managing a community swimming pool. I quickly realised that the management of the swimming pool is very good and provide, in my opinion, excellent value for money for the people who use the facilities. I have started to develop an insight into the workings of the pool and the issues to be overcome ie. implications of opening the outdoor pool before the weather improves. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
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| Date: April 10 th 2012 |
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| Councillor's Name: Cllr Andrew Bowles |
| Name of outside body: Local Government Association (LGA) |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: LGA Audit & Scrutiny Committee (including Review Group) – 7 out of 7 LGA Councillor Forum (monthly meetings) – 5 out of 10 LGA Rural Policy Review Group – 1 out of 2 LGA Rural Commission – 2 out of 2 LGA Annual Conference – 28 to 30 June 2011 LGA Rural Conference 6 and 7 September 2011 |
| Purpose of outside body: Represent the Authority on the LGA which meets in full plenary session, twice annually – once in March and once during the conference session. |
| What you contributed: I am the Swale Borough Council appointee to the Rural Commission having completed a term of office as Chair to the Rural Commission in 2011. I stood for and was elected to the LGA Rural Commission Policy Review Group. I was made Conservative Party appointee (Vice-Chairman) to the LGA Audit and Scrutiny Panel. I am currently part of a sub-group to review the LGA offer to member authorities. I am an appointed member to the LGA's monthly Councillor Forum and attend when possible. |
| What you learnt: Invaluable networking opportunities with most Council Leaders across all tiers of Local Government. Good insight into, and hopefully ability to influence, emerging Government policy. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
| No |
| Date: 30 March 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name:
Cllr Andrew Bowles

Name of outside body:
Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board (LMIDB)

Number of meetings held and number attended:
LMIDB – 2 out of 4
ADA – 1 out of 2
RFCC – 3 out of 4
Kent Flood Risk Management Committee 2 out of 2

Purpose of outside body:
Land drainage, flood protection and biodiversity enhancement.
Statutory consultee on all planning applications within Board's area ie the flood plain.

What you contributed:
As a KCC appointee to the Environment Agency, Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC), and as a member of the KCC Kent Flood Risk Management Committee, I am ideally placed to act as a conduit of views and opinions in both directions. Also represent Southern Region nationally on the Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA) Executive which meets in Peterborough.

What you learnt:
Under new structure the localisation of responsibility for flood risk matters and consequently increasing locations of commissioning and funding for amelioration matters.

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Yes ✓

No

Date: 30 March 2012

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Councillor's Name:
Cllr Andrew Bowles

Name of outside body:
South East England Councils (SEEC)

Number of meetings held and number attended:
7 out of 7

Purpose of outside body:
Co-ordination of view of potentially 74 councils.

What you contributed:
Elected Member of the Executive Committee.

What you learnt:

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Yes ✓ in the short term at least.

No

Date: 30 March 2012

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| <p>Councillor's Name: Cllr Andrew Bowles</p> |
| <p>Name of outside body: Swale Locality Board</p> |
| <p>Number of meetings held and number attended: Locality Board – 7 out of 7 Swale Public Services Board – 3 out of 6</p> |
| <p>Purpose of outside body: The Swale Locality Board comprises all County Councillors for divisions within the Swale Borough area and there is an equivalent number of Borough Councillors. Note – 'Twin Hatters' account for this purpose as County Councillors unless the leader of the borough when they count as a district representative, therefore for Swale there are 6 Members sitting as County Councillors and 6 Councillors appointed by the Leader.</p> <p>Its purpose is to review and comment on emerging policies from either SBC, KCC or Central Government which impact on Swale residents. Examples of current work streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCC review of youth services in Swale • KCC review of library services in Swale • New waste management contract for Swale • Review of children's services and centres in Swale |
| <p>What you contributed:</p> <p>Leadership. This is an emerging board still to fully find its feet but is already providing a valuable tool to give Swale Borough Council an input into future changes to County Council services. Also to give County Councillors who are not twin hatters a better understanding of SBC priorities. Each County Councillor member of the Locality Board is tasked with being the first point of contact with County or other services.</p> |
| <p>What you learnt:</p> |
| <p>Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.</p> |
| <p>Yes ✓ as things are at the moment, will see how it develops</p> |
| <p>No</p> |
| <p>Date: 30 March 2012</p> |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Cllr Andrew Bowles |
| Name of outside body: Thames Gateway Kent Partnership (TGKP) |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 4 out of 4 |
| Purpose of outside body: Joint body of Swale Borough Council, Medway Unitary Council, Gravesham Borough Council, Dartford Borough Council and Kent County Council with private sector and academic representation. Meets to discuss relationship with Central Government, Thames Gateway Essex and the office of the Mayor of London. |
| What you contributed: Vice Chairman of TGKP. Represent TGKP on the Thames Gateway Strategic Group |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
| No |
| Date: 30 March 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name:

Derek Conway

Name of outside body:

AmicusHorizon (Mid-Kent Area Panel)

Number of meetings held and number attended:

5 attended out of 5.

Purpose of outside body:

To consider data regarding management and deployment of housing stock, together with servicing/refurbishment thereof. A considerable quantity of closely recorded and statistical information is provided in advance of regular meetings to stimulate discussion upon a wide range of issues generated by social housing in Swale. Meetings cover neighbourhood inspections, area manager's report and Area Panel report. The Panel comprises residents and council member working closely with Amicus officers.

What you contributed:

I have attended local and area meetings, engaging fully with members and officers and contributing to discussion upon the issues raised by the varied agenda. During this session I also participated at a Regional Meeting formed to debate priorities and budget settings. I have also engaged in full discussion about the Resident Governance Documentation.

What you learnt:

With the above opportunities of engagement and arranged development sessions, I feel that my performance and effectiveness as a Councillor have been considerably advanced. Likewise, this association has strongly enhanced my role as Cabinet Member for Housing.

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes ✓

No

Date: 11 April 2012

Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name:

Derek Conway

Name of outside body:

Citizens Advice Bureau Trustee Board (Vice-Chair)

Number of meetings held and number attended:

4 attended out of 4.

Purpose of outside body:

CAB in Swale provides a wide range of free and independent advice to residents of Swale. The Board meets to receive updates in development and progress throughout the year. Reports are available from the Manager, finance and staffing sub-committees. A business plan and risk analysis are also made available and a review of progress against strategic objectives to be discussed. Trustees also review for discussion, a report on social policy activity for sections of the financial year. A review of complaints and the Bureau's anti-harassment policy is also reported by the manager.

What you contributed:

I have contributed fully upon regular agenda topics and more recently participated in a debate on the core funding from Swale Borough Council (SBC) in 2012 - 2013 and onwards. This particular meeting was attended by the SBC Cabinet Member for Localism and the Economy and Community Services Manager.

What you learnt:

Through this medium/body there is a further opportunity to discover what issues most concern the residents of Swale and the strategy and means which are in place to ensure that the best service is provided by CAB. This is achievable with considerable contribution from SBC and other partners.

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes ✓

No

Date: 11 April 2012

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Derek Conway |
| Name of outside body: Staying Put Steering Group (Swale Staying Put Service) |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 1 attended out of 3. |
| Purpose of outside body: To oversee the direction of the service and to monitor its activity; this is to provide a comprehensive advice/support repair service for the vulnerable (elderly/disabled), in accordance with Government funding. Conditions and performance targets continue towards housing sustainable communities, community care, and energy needs/objectives. It aims to assist elderly residents in the private sector to repair and adapt their homes in order to live in comfort within the community. To give advice to clients to enable them to live independently in their own homes. This in-house service has been provided by the Council since 1990, receiving the DETR grant since 1991 and now supporting people. It is established as a district self-contained team and specific cost centre. |
| What you contributed: The service puts on the Living in Safety event annually. All of the Steering Group get involved by giving ideas on stands, promotion and funding. The last event was organised in September 2011 at the Alexander Centre, Faversham. This free event had 50 stands with information for residents to help them live independently in their homes. This included fire checks and benefit checks. There was equipment on display and for demonstration to assist the hard of hearing, support advice for healthy eating and much more. It was also an enjoyable and productive opportunity for me to engage with stand holders and attendant partners alike and meet with many of the visitors. This was an extremely successful event all round. The Steering Group itself is well structured and productive. A programme report is presented at each meeting and comments from clients read out, these are usually plenty. Health representatives attend the group and have confirmed a favourable impression with the hospital discharge service provided. |
| What you learnt: My involvement/association with this group has obviously enhanced my current role as Housing Portfolio holder by developing my comprehension of the numerous services and benefits which the SBC Housing Section provides for the residents of Swale and its valuable work with partners and shareholders alike. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. Yes ✓ No |
| Date: 11 April 2012 |

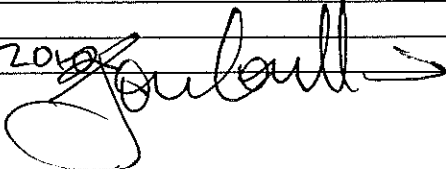
Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name:Mike Cosgrove |
| Name of outside body: Bensted House Charities |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 3 and 2 |
| Purpose of outside body: To disburse charitable Funds within stated area |
| What you contributed: Extensive knowledge of health and social care, sound judgement, good local knowledge |
| What you learnt: Exent of local needs and demands especially by eledrly and disadvanatged |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
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| Date:3/2/2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name:Mike Cosgrove |
| Name of outside body: Faversham Creek Consortium |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 9 and 10 |
| Purpose of outside body: To hold a remit for the navigation and footprint of Faversham Creek and Related issues |
| What you contributed: Extensive knowledge, sound judgement, good local knowledge, linkage with SBC Key issues relating to Localism for Faversham |
| What you learnt: Complexity of regeneration and planning issues involved including pilot neighbourhood planning process |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes/ |
| No |
| Date:3/2/2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: | John Coulter |
| Name of outside body: | West Faversham Community Association (West Faversham Community Centre) |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: | Trustee meetings: 11. Attended: 11. Also attended fundraising and other meetings and training sessions. |
| Purpose of outside body: | <p>The aims of WFCA, a registered charity, are to set up and operate a community centre for the benefit of local residents in terms of education, social welfare and leisure time occupation, and more generally for such other charitable purposes in West Faversham as may be determined.</p> |
| What you contributed: | <p>Being an active member of the trustee body to which I have been appointed, and going on to support the centre with voluntary work as one of the growing team of volunteers keeping it running.</p> |
| What you learnt: | <p>The complexity of running a large community centre such as this, and the need to have the support of people with a wide range of skills and talents. Also the ability of the centre to attract volunteers previously not involved in any community project and to encourage the formation of new clubs and groups.</p> <p>Many of the things that the centre is trying to achieve have connections with the work of local government, social and education services and housing associations.</p> |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. | |
| Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
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| Date: 6 April, 2010  | |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Duncan Dewar-Whalley |
| Name of outside bodies : Queenborough Fishery Trust & Swale Recreation Trust |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: Queenborough Fisheries Trust Six meetings held. I could only attend three meetings due to portfolio holder for Finance & Budget Management commitments Swale Recreation Trust held a meeting on the 8 th November and unfortunately I was unable to attend |
| Purpose of outside bodies: The charity is to be used to help the poor, sick or disabled people and to help provide recreational and educational facilities. In addition monies may be granted to what is considered to be a worthy cause. |
| What you contributed: My opinion on the applications for grants requested. |
| What you learnt: More about the needs of the community in the borough |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes |
| Date: 9 th March 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Duncan Dewar-Whalley |
| Name of outside body: South East Employers |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: One only attended by me because Cllr Ted Wilcox replaced me on this Body. Firstly as my deputy and subsequently as part of his own portfolio. |
| Purpose of outside body: South East Employers (SEE) is one of the nine regional employer's organisations which represent the interests of councils and public sector bodies in England. |
| What you contributed: I only attended the Annual meeting which consisted of making appointment of the new committee for the forthcoming year and giving an overview of the previous year. I had nothing to contribute. |
| What you learnt: Nothing |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes I am unable to voice an opinion as I did not attend any other meetings |
| No As above |
| Date: 8 th March 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: June Garrad |
| Name of outside body: Citizens Advice Bureau |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: Five Meetings Held. Two Attended |
| Purpose of outside body: Charity Advice Service |
| What you contributed: Being a newly elected trustee I have only attended two meetings, as other meetings coincided with Council. My contribution to the Charity has been minimal. I have generally been observing, whilst training and learning new skills |
| What you learnt: I have learnt collectively the structure of the Charity and how it performs |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
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| Date: 12 th March 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Councillor Sue Gent |
| Name of outside body: Charity of Sir William Stede |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: I have been on since 2002, only missed 3 or 4 meetings. |
| Purpose of outside body: It is to help people with uniforms and school equipment etc., who may not otherwise be able to participate in school or outside activities. |
| What you contributed: By being there to make sure the right discussions are made and money goes to good causes. |
| What you learnt: That this charity is very important; it helps people who are less fortunate than others |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
| No |
| Date: 21 February 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name:

Councillor Sue Gent

Name of outside body:

United Charities of Milton Regis

Number of meetings held and number attended:

I have been on since 2002, only missed 3 or 4 meetings.

Purpose of outside body:

It is to help people with uniforms and school equipment etc., who may not otherwise be able to participate in school or outside activities.

What you contributed:

By being there to make sure the right discussions are made and money goes to good causes.

What you learnt:

That this charity is very important; it helps people who are less fortunate than others

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes ✓

No

Date: 21 February 2012

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| <p>Councillor's Name:</p> <p>Cllr Nicholas Hampshire</p> |
| <p>Name of outside body:</p> <p>Citizens Advice Bureau in Swale</p> |
| <p>Number of meetings held and number attended:</p> <p>3 out of 4 Trustee Board meetings</p> |
| <p>Purpose of outside body:</p> <p>The Charity's objectives are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in Swale and the neighbourhood thereof by the advancement of education, the protection and preservation of health and the relief of poverty, sickness and distress.</p> <p>Citizens Advice Bureau in Swale belongs to the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, all of whose members adhere to the following aims and principles:</p> <p>Aims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that individuals do not suffer through lack of knowledge of their rights and responsibilities or of the services available to them or through an inability to express their needs effectively; and equally • To exercise a responsible influence on the development of social policies and services both nationally and locally. <p>Principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service is confidential, impartial, free and independent. |
| <p>What you contributed:</p> <p>I have continued to work with the Charity's trustees at maximising income opportunities and controlling costs so as to allow Citizens Advice Bureau in Swale to continue its philanthropic objectives of helping Swale's community.</p> <p>The Charity, however, continues to face significant challenges. For example, how the organisation can continue to deliver the quality and breadth of service it provides when facing the prospect of reduced grants and ever increasing financial constraints. The effect of the recession on Swale's residents has certainly increased demand for the organisation's services making this challenge ever more pertinent. It is, however, thankful to Swale Borough Council for freezing this year's grant; a much improved outcome than what had been expected and demonstrates the value the Council places on the work Bureau undertakes.</p> <p>Lease arrangements over the Charity's offices have formed the centre of much discussion and how any changes will affect service delivery will require careful</p> |

consideration.

Meeting these challenges will no doubt be a key aspect of future meetings.

What you learnt:

I have continued to be impressed with the work of the Charity's volunteers, full-time staff and Trustees who work relentlessly and tirelessly to uphold the aims and purpose of the Charity. Advisors continue to deal with a range of diverse issues from Swale's residents on a day-to-day basis; receiving high satisfaction ratings from clients for their personal and plain English delivery of advice. This is even more impressive given the challenges the Bureau continues to face.

Date:

15 April 2010

Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: ANGELA HARRISON

Name of outside body: AMICUS HORIZON KENT GATEWAY AREA PANEL

Number of meetings held and number attended: I have attended all except one of the meetings held since our AGM last May.

Purpose of outside body:

To improve tenant engagement and ultimately their participation in the governance of the housing association.

The knock-on effect for SBC is that more people take an interest in their community and their environment so we get more feed-back to help us target our resources more effectively.

The Panel are consulted and asked for views on Policies.

The Panel decide what the local priorities are for the Area.

What you contributed:

I took part in some of the tenant activities where I could. I input the view that resources should be targeted where they are needed, not where we would like them to go. The Panel looks at ASB stats and deprivation stats now, which they never used to.

The Panel feel that the Partnership with SBC on ASB is paying dividends.

One of the priorities which I pushed for was debt counselling, which is an increasing need, right across the Borough.

I also make suggestions on where we might collaborate with SBC, like the Stay Put Service.

What you learnt:

All in all, the Panel and the local residents on it are growing in confidence and there is a genuine desire to improve the local community. Which we all benefit from.

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes YES

No

Date: 13th April, 2012

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Councillor Mike Henderson |
| Name of outside body: Faversham Swimming Pool Management Committee |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 4 full meetings. All attended, plus frequent project meetings and meetings with SBC. |
| Purpose of outside body: To provide excellent swimming facilities in Faversham. |
| What you contributed: As Vice-Chairman of Trust: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Day-to-day support for manager;2. Responsibility for HR issues;3. Developing business plan and budget to ensure high performance and improvement on delivery of services to customers combined with effective use of income and control of expenditure;4. Future project development;5. Co-operative and effective links with SBC;6. Meeting charity demands. |
| What you learnt: Understanding of effective provision of swimming and other sport and recreational uses. Development of co-operative links with other community providers. Identifying growth potential of market. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
| No |
| Date: 11 April 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Councillor Mike Henderson |
| Name of outside body: Oare Gunpowder Works Steering Group |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 2 formal meetings - both attended; plus meetings with 'Friends Group'. |
| Purpose of outside body: Development and improvement of Oare Gunpowder Works Country Park, provision of educational uses and increase of visitor numbers. |
| What you contributed: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Contribution of LEF Councillor funding to 'Friends Group' to increase their capability in volunteering, plus volunteering for 'Friends Group';2. Working towards successful achievement of Green Flag Award;3. Supporting educational activities;4. Prioritising improvements to Country Park;5. Ideas for successful marketing of Country Park. |
| What you learnt: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That there is a continuing low level vandalism to the site which is not easy to resolve;2. That the nearby fishing club is not always a good neighbour in environmental terms;3. That there needs to be an ongoing commitment from SBC towards maintaining and improving the Country Park. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
| No |
| Date: 11 April 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name:

Councillor Lesley Ingham

Name of outside body:

Swale GP Commissioning Consortium Board

Number of meetings held and number attended:

There have been seven meetings and I have attended six of them.

Purpose of outside body:

The purpose of the group is to arrange how the new budgeting process will affect Swale and the best way to manage this.

As a small consortium Swale must merge with others to make this cost effective. Dover was mentioned but Swale GPs decided that Medway would be better; this has not yet been confirmed as Medway is now going to merge with Darent Valley and has not yet confirmed.

What you contributed:

The group has also been looking at prescription services and services to dementia.

Each meeting I go to the goal posts shift somewhat so nothing is fully agreed yet the next meeting I will attend is tomorrow, 13th April, so will see what happens then.

What you learnt:

As above.

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes ✓

No

Date: 12 April 2012

Outside Bodies Report

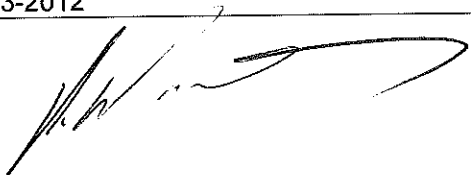
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| <p>Councillor's Name:</p> <p>Councillor Lesley Ingham</p> |
| <p>Name of outside body:</p> <p>Staying Put</p> |
| <p>Number of meetings held and number attended:</p> <p>There were two steering group meetings last year; I attended one of them in May 2011.</p> |
| <p>Purpose of outside body:</p> <p>The group mainly talked about the services they offered and how this could be improved, as funding would be limited this year. The handy man scheme could be affected; some members were concerned about the lack of SAAFA support in Sittingbourne and Sheppey. This has now been resolved and a new welfare case worker has been appointed.</p> |
| <p>What you contributed:</p> <p>On a personal note I have used staying put for several of my residents and this has been very gratefully received.</p> |
| <p>What you learnt:</p> <p>As above.</p> |
| <p>Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.</p> |
| <p>Yes ✓</p> |
| <p>No</p> |
| <p>Date: 12 April 2012</p> |

Outside Bodies Report - 2011/12

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| Councillor's Name: Cllr Gerry Lewin |
| Name of outside body: 1. South Thames Gateway Building Control Partnership [appropriate Cabinet member] 2. Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board 3. Action with Communities in Rural Kent 4. South Eastern Councils [sub for Council Leader] 5. Swale Locality Board [observer] |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 1. 4/4 2. 4/4 excluding Internal Audit working group 3. No invitations to meetings received – needs pursuing 4. Was not required to substitute 5. 4/4 |
| Purpose of outside body: 1. To provide a resilient LA Building Control service to Gravesham, Medway and Swale. The joint member meetings are very strategic. 2. To maintain water courses for drainage purposes to its ratepayers [of which this Council is one] – excludes Critical Ordinary Watercourses [CROWS] that are the responsibility of the EA. 3. What it says in its title 4. Refer to Leaders report 5. Refer to Council Leader's report |
| What you contributed: 1. Vice- chairman for the year. Strategic steer and input to the rolling 3 year business plan submitted to partner authorities. 2. Knowledge of Swale area and commenting on LMIDB required consents to planning applications in the Swale area. Sat on a newly formed Internal Audit Body of the Lower and Upper Boards 3. See above 4. See above 5. To act as an observer or make comment in the Leader's absence. |
| What you learnt: 1. Supports my Cabinet post 2. Acquired elementary internal audit skills 3. See above. 4. See above. 5. Many things from networking opportunities with partners |
| Date: 24 January 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Peter Marchington |
| Name of outside body: Island Partnership |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: No board meetings have been convened since my acceptance of the offer to join the Board. |
| Purpose of outside body: Primarily to establish an update on work experience and application skills to the long term unemployed and those that have been out of the job market for other reasons. Secondly to set up a contact and placement system with local employers |
| What you contributed: Early days as I have yet to attend my first board meeting, at which I believe my role is purely advisory. |
| What you learnt: That the Island Partnership is constantly striving to maintain the level of applicants needed to ensure the survival of the venture and that they are proud of their achievements. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
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| Date: 31-03-2012 |



Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: | Peter Marchington |
| Name of outside body: | Queenborough All Tide Landing |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: | 2 attended 2 |
| Purpose of outside body: | To act as a management committee for the day to day running of the ATL.on behalf of the Owners Queenborough Yacht Club. |
| What you contributed: | <p>At the QYC –AGM feb 2011, I submitted a FOC report to members on the condition of the ATL including photographs of damaged and worn elements and programme list of the minimum requirements for safe access at Easter.</p> <p>At meeting 1 ATL I gave a potted history of the ATL,from its conception its initial funding the running problems encountered and the hopes and aspirations to extend the ATL head to accommodate 200 overnight visitors</p> <p>At meeting 2 The new committee told me of their plans to tender for the Queenborough Harbour I informed them that this was not possible in their current format as the ATL Board was merely a committee set up by interested parties ie,SBC,QYC and QTC. I suggested to them they would do better to contact other parties with the intention of setting up a harbour users association</p> |
| What you learnt: | <p>With SBC preparing to hand over the control of Queenborough Harbour to an outside party, that the 1960's concept of small boat swinging moorings at Queenborough may be coming to an end,and a more modern approach is envisaged.</p> <p>It is hoped that the combined harbour control will meet the challenge</p> |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. | |
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| Date:01-04-2012 | |



Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Peter Marchington |
| Name of outside body: Queenborough Fisheries Trust |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 4 attended 3 |
| Purpose of outside body: To collect monies due to the QFT and distribute to needy organisations and charities throughout the Swale area with specific attention to the poor of Queenborough. |
| What you contributed: In my first year I have taken note of the applications and listened diligently to discussions of the proposals, commenting where prudent and voted on the distribution of monies to various organisations/charities etc. |
| What you learnt: That the income of the QFT is not finite and relies heavily on the rental income from the Lappel Bank (Peel Ports). The QFT is very much aware of this and future proposals include increasing the long term static charges from various sources and research into developing a proper income from Queenborough Harbour and associated waters controlled by the QFT. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
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| No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Date:31-03-2012 |



Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Councillor Bryan Mulhern

Name of outside body: Bensteds Charity Faversham

Number of meetings held and number attended:

I have attended three meetings of the above held on the 18/07/11 30/09/11 & 6/02/12

Purpose of outside body:

To administer and control the funds and to issues grants

What you contributed:

General input and advice on grant applications

What you learnt:

This is not a knowledge meeting body, it is all about local knowledge and people.

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes appointed for a 4 year term

No

Date: 18/04/12

Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Councillor Bryan Mulhern

Name of outside body: Faversham Hop Festival

Number of meetings held and number attended:

Monthly as Cabinet member from May 2011 to September 2012 after then I was invited to attend meetings on the 17/10/11 & 20/03/12

Purpose of outside body:

To work with the Faversham Hop Festival Ltd and to keep a Borough Council input into the event in an advisory manner

What you contributed:

Help and advice for the event, and also help at the event itself

What you learnt:

This body is an event only body

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes If required by either council or Hop festival body

No

Date: 18/04/12

Councillor's Name: Councillor Bryan Mulhern

Name of outside body: LGA Urban Commission

Number of meetings held and number attended: Two Held in past year and attended both all day

Purpose of outside body:

To represent Swale BC on the Urban Commission and to make any input to the committee agenda as feels required. Each Meeting has its own subject agenda and in the afternoon splits into Four different groups of which you can choose.

What you contributed:

I was not invited to speak at either of the meeting this year apart from at the group meeting before hand. All subjects this time round mainly focused on the midlands with the prosed HS2 and large city developments

I was the only representative from Swale BC at both meetings

What you learnt:

I left a copy of the minutes of the December meeting for members interest with Democratic Services
I have not yet had the copy from the February meeting

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes

No

Date: 18/04/12

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Ken Pugh |
| Name of outside body: Queenborough Fisheries Trust |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 9 meetings held and 9 attended and chaired |
| Purpose of outside body: Queenborough Fishery Trust Objects: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The relief of aged, poor, sick or disabled inhabitants of the Borough of Swale (including in particular the area of the former Borough of Queenborough2. The provision and support (with the object of improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants of the said borough in the interests of social welfare) of facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation3. The provision and support of educational facilities for the inhabitants of the said borough4. Any other charitable purposes (whether or not of a nature similar to any of those hereinbefore specified) for the benefit of the said borough. |
| What you contributed: <p>I have chaired the Trust and steered it to ensure that the bulk of the grants distributed have gone to the Isle of Sheppey, bearing in mind that the rent received from the land and sea bed owed by the Trust is in and around Sheerness and Queenborough. The activities undertaken meet the charity's aim for the public benefit. The Financial Statement and Annual Report for 2011/12 will be following.</p> <p>The Trust has improved the efficiency of making payments to the recipients in the form of grants by becoming more independent of SBC and saved money that has been put to community use.</p> <p>Queenborough Town Council's clerk has visited as an observer and we have been joined by Cllr Steve Worrall on the Trust who has made a valuable contribution.</p> |
| What you learnt: <p>That there is a lot of work involved in steering the trust to ensure that it meets its Charity Commission requirements. That we judiciously distribute grant funds and that the administration and governance of the Trust is both value for money and meets charity standards.</p> |
| Date: 20 th May 2011 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Ken Pugh |
| Name of outside body: Sheppey Matters |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 12 Meetings held 11 attended |
| Purpose of outside body: To serve the people of the Island and promote Public Health and Wellbeing. To manage the Healthy Living Centre and various community projects across the Isle of Sheppey. To attend thematic partnerships. To facilitate the Sheppey Together forum an association of voluntary and public bodies. To provide youth and elderly facilities. To promote economic growth through Culture and Tourism. |
| What you contributed: I have continued to shape the strategy (next 3 years) of the Charity. I have supported the staff and taken a keen interest in several of the programmes that Sheppey Matters run. Namely Sheppey Wheels where I have continued to use some of my highways fund in maintaining the mini bus service that runs from Leysdown, stopping at Warden, Eastchurch, Minster, Sheerness and Blue Town. It's a daily service that runs when the Commercial Busses stop leaving some of the residence with out a service. The Drug & Alcohol misuse project that targets the young by listening to them and gathering local data that has up to now not been available. This project was run in conjunction with a local research worker, (managed by Sheppey Matters) and several academics from the Health and Social Care faculty of Greenwich University. The results, analysis and sustainable action will be disseminated and presented to KCC. I have now arranged for the Drug and Alcohol project results along with a DVD made by the kids involved in the research to be presented to The Cabinet Members of KCC Along with Senior Directors with a view that the outcomes will be included in the Health and Wellbeing Board strategy. |
| What you learnt: The loyalty and commitment of the Staff. The ideas that have come forward from staff to improve the performance and efficiency of Sheppey Matters. The way that the Community have supported Sheppey Matters |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Date: 11/04/2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Councillor Pat Sandle |
| Name of outside body: Council for Voluntary Service |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 4 held - attended 2 (clash with Full Council). |
| Purpose of outside body: Work with various groups to promote and assist with projects and fund raising. Facilitate workshops and training for volunteers. |
| What you contributed: No able to contribute very much. |
| What you learnt: The work this service carries out. I felt and still feel that membership on the boards of Age Concern (UK) are more beneficial to the residents of Swale. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes |
| No ✓ |
| Date: 1 April 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: | David H. S. Simmons |
| Name of outside body: | Action with Communities in Rural Kent |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: | I am not aware of any meetings held. |
| Purpose of outside body: | |
| What you contributed: | |
| What you learnt: | |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. | |
| Yes ✓ But please can we be advised of any future meetings | |
| No | |
| Date: 9 th April 2012 | |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: | David H. S. Simmons |
| Name of outside body: | Coastal Issues – Special Interest Group (SIG) |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: | 2 meetings held, 1 in London, 1 on the Coast (Norfolk) None attended but over 100 emails read and considered. |
| Purpose of outside body: | The Coastal Issues SIG, is a Local Government Association body that brings together those LGA members who have a coastal interest. Swale Borough Council has the longest coast line of any Kent District. |
| What you contributed: | In June I am attending a meeting in Chichester which will be considering progress through partnership, with particular emphasis on coastal tourism and support for coastal communities. This will be helpful in relation to the new projects on Sheppey and the Medway Swale Estuary Partnership. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. | |
| Yes ✓ | |
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| Date: 9 th April 2012 | |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: | David H. S. Simmons |
| Name of outside body: | Groundwork Kent and Medway |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: | 5 meetings held, 3 attended plus 1 attended by Cllr. Hampshire |
| Purpose of outside body: | <p>The main purpose of this body is to supply support and training for various environmental projects. The emphasis is moving from physically doing the project towards providing training and signposting.</p> |
| What you contributed: | <p>In times of recession the budget for these kinds of projects is being squeezed, therefore a restructure of Groundwork has been necessary. The freehold office in Gillingham has been sold and rented office space is being secured. The number of fulltime employees has been reduced with services being contracted in on a fixed term basis. All of this has required a large amount of input not just attending meetings, as regular monthly management figures are circulated for comment and approval.</p> |
| What you learnt: | <p>Nationally, Groundwork UK (GUK) has been under pressure and this has increased the pressure on individual trusts. A small number have gone out of business and a larger number have merged with their neighbours. 2012/13 will be a crunch year for Groundwork Kent and Medway. If the order book is not up to budget by mid year merger will have to be considered.</p> |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. | |
| Yes ✓ | |
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| Date: 9 th April 2012 | |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: | David H. S. Simmons |
| Name of outside body: | Kent Waste Partnership |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: | 4 held, 4 attended |
| Purpose of outside body: | <p>The co-ordination of waste collection and disposal in Kent and providing a collective response to Government consultations. A sub group has been formed, to bring forward the new waste collection contract, of a mid Kent group of local authorities including Swale, Ashford, Maidstone and Kent County Council.</p> |
| What you contributed: | <p>The waste contract is Swale's single largest contract, substantial budget savings have been achieved in year. Even greater savings are possible within a new joint contract, but although savings may be greater so are the risks involved. It is important that the interests of residents are taken into account.</p> |
| What you learnt: | <p>The items thrown away in the bins each week should no longer be regarded as rubbish but rather considered to be a resource which should be used to advantage. The introduction of kerb side textile and small electrical goods will help to increase our recycling rates. The next big step forward will be the introduction of a weekly food waste collection.</p> |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. | |
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| Date: 9 th April 2012 | |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: | David H. S. Simmons |
| Name of outside body: | Mid Kent Downs AONB Steering Committee |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: | 2 meetings held, 1 attended |
| Purpose of outside body: | <p>The Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is an extremely valuable landscape area in the South East of England. The Steering Committee brings together County, District and Parish representatives along with members of rural environmental groups. It provides a very valuable opportunity for partnership working to maintain and enhance the Downs.</p> |
| What you contributed: | <p>The North Kent Downs form a large part of the rural area of Swale to the south of the M2. Swale is the champion authority for developments in wood fuel heating.</p> |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. | |
| Yes ✓ | |
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| Date: 9 th April 2012 | |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: | David H. S. Simmons |
| Name of outside body: | Rural Commission |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: | 3 meetings held, 2 in London and 1 in Bath All three attended |
| Purpose of outside body: | The Rural Commission is a Local Government Association body whose principle aim is to rural proof Central Government Policy. There is also an annual conference with key note speakers from Government, Utilities and various Statutory Bodies. |
| What you contributed: | The subjects debated this year have included the new Planning Policy Framework, Rural Affordable Housing, The Green Deal and Climate Change, Rural service delivery in the age of austerity, Delivering localism and enterprise in Market Towns, Managing Flood risk, Rural Broadband and Sustainable transport. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. | |
| Yes ✓ | |
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| Date: 9 th April 2012 | |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Adam Tolhurst |
| Name of outside body: Charity of Sir William Stede & United Charities of Milton Regis |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: Two held, one attended |
| Purpose of outside body: Position - Trustee. To distribute funds to those in financial hardship living in and around the area of Milton Regis. |
| What you contributed: Decision making with regards to the how funds are allocated. |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes |
| Date: 30/3/2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: ROGER TRUELOVE |
| Name of outside body: LGA URBAN COMMISSION |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 2/0 |
| Purpose of outside body: The Commission exists to ensure that Urban issues are heard by the LGA. The Commission is concerned to see that local government plays a part in local economies and to this end has been engaged with the setting up of LEPs. The Commission also wishes to influence the process of de-centralisation announced by the Coalition Government. Too many aspects of micro economic policy are still centralised whilst the Government's proper role should be with the macro economy. |
| What you contributed: The two meetings have been held on days when I could not attend, one for health reasons and the other because of local duties in Swale. |
| What you learnt: There are a wide range of key issues that affect Councils with largely urban populations. They include the local economies of urban areas, affordable housing, local government finance and the impact of welfare changes. Though there are vast differences across the country, these are common concerns. There is a widespread understanding that many urban communities are held back by lack of investment, in business, in infrastructure and in education and skills. We still suffer from a lack of clarity about the appropriate levels of government for key decision making, and the slowness in the process of decision making. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
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| Date: March 21 st 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Councillor Anita Walker |
| Name of outside body: Bensted House Charities |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 2 held - 2 attended and emergency meeting when only a quorum was required. |
| Purpose of outside body: Charitable purposes. |
| What you contributed: Helped to decide outcome of applications for money from the charity. |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
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| Date: 10 April 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Councillor Anita Walker |
| Name of outside body: Oare Gunpowder Works Steering Group |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 2 held - 2 attended. |
| Purpose of outside body: Conservation of gunpowder works and wildlife of area. |
| What you contributed: Also attended raising of the Green Flag which was won for third year running in 2011. |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
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| Date: 10 April 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Ghlin Whelan |
| The United Charities of Milton Regis |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: Only one notified since appointed – 02/04/2012 |
| Purpose of outside body: To consider requests for assistance from the fund received from various schools on behalf of needy children/families |
| What you contributed: Participated in the discussion as to apportionment of the limited resources, as the requests totalled more than the funds available. Some requests did not qualify as the children live outside the catchment area of the fund. |
| What you learnt: It is disappointing that in the 21 st century one of the richest nations in the world have so many of its poorest inhabitants living in such dire circumstances. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
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| Date:03/04/2012 |
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Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Ted Wilcox

Name of outside body: Alexander Centre Trust

Number of meetings held and number attended: 5 of 7 plus social events

Purpose of outside body: To run the Alexander Centre as a trust under the auspices of Swale Borough Council as a trial until the building is transferred to the trust when it takes over the full running of the centre.

What you contributed: I have been able to provide answers to questions relating to both Faversham and Swale and help with decisions of the trust.

What you learnt: Running the trust is a complex business and that with a determined Chair a lot can be done with limited finance.

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes ✓

No

Date: 5/4/2012

Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Ted Wilcox

Name of outside body: Faversham Swimming Pool Management Committee

Number of meetings held and number attended: 3 of 3

Purpose of outside body: Strategic management of running the Faversham Pool Complex and ensuring that the money contributed by Swale is well spent.

What you contributed: in my short time (I had to resign after becoming a full cabinet member) i took part in discussions and decisions giving both a town and borough view of the needs of users of the pool.

What you learnt: That the pool provides good value for money compared with other pools in the Borough.

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes ✓

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Date: 5/4/2012

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Ted Wilcox |
| Name of outside body: Queenborough Fishery Trust |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 5 of 6 |
| Purpose of outside body: Queenborough Fishery Trust Objects: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The relief of aged, poor, sick or disabled inhabitants of the Borough of Swale (including in particular the area of the former Borough of Queenborough2. The provision and support (with the object of improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants of the said borough in the interests of social welfare) of facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation3. The provision and support of educational facilities for the inhabitants of the said borough4. Any other charitable purposes (whether or not of a nature similar to any of those hereinbefore specified) for the benefit of the said borough. |
| What you contributed: I have looked carefully at account statements of the requests and I hope aided the decision making of the committee. I have also added my personal knowledge of applications from the Faversham area. As a bank signatory I have been able to drop in to the FEP office in Faversham to sign cheques to speed up the sending of grants. |
| What you learnt: That the Trust is active and with it greater financial standing that it is a major contributor to smaller organisations in Swale. That a number of organisations seem to think that they can submit repeat applications of a very similar nature. That the Trust is a complex organisation and the legalities of running it are not for the faint hearted. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
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| Date: 5/4/2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Ted Wilcox |
| Name of outside body: South East Employer |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 1 out of 2 |
| Purpose of outside body: SEE is one of the nine regional employers' organisations which represent the interests of local authorities and public sector bodies in England: providing advice, consultancy, training and networking opportunities. |
| What you contributed: I have attended a symposium in London on salaries where I was able to speak to councillors from other councils to give views from Swale. |
| What you learnt: Having recently taken over from Duncan I have used documents from the organisation and discussions with councillors from other councils to give me a greater understanding of employment aspects of Swale Council in my discussions with the Head of HR. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a <input type="checkbox"/> in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Date: 5/4/2012 |
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Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Ted Wilcox

Name of outside body: Swale Recreation Trust

Number of meetings held and number attended: 3 of 4

Purpose of outside body:

The provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants of the borough of swale (including in particular the area of the former Sittingbourne and Milton urban district council) as the trustee thinks fit

What you contributed: taken part in discussions.

What you learnt: A small charity but still important to Swale

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes ✓

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Date: 5/4/2012

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Nick Williams |
| Name of outside body: Swale Council for Voluntary Service |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: |
| Purpose of outside body: |
| What you contributed: |
| What you learnt: At the most recent meeting (25.4.12) amongst the issues discussed were: Finance - the financial status of the board is looking very healthy. All sectors are running efficiently and the community is regularly using the services offered. Funding has been received from the PCT. Other issues: the board is awaiting confirmation of N.A.V.C.A. accreditation in the near future. There is no Relate service within the CVS building now as they can't afford rent. As a result of this the CVS itself has taken over the 3 rooms previous occupied by Relate. These rooms have been decorated, furnished and carpeted. One is to be used by CVS itself, the other 2 are to be rented out. CVS is overseeing the local Mediation Service (Neighbour Mediation and Young Persons Mediation). The A.G.M. takes place on Wednesday 25th July. My overall impression of this body is that it is a very valuable service to the local community. It is manned by dedicated staff and volunteers who have a heart for our community. I hope to become increasingly involved with the CVS in the coming months and years. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
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| Date: 25 April 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Councillor Tony Winckless |
| Name of outside body: Charity of Sir William Stede |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 2 held - 2 attended. |
| Purpose of outside body: To make donations for courses. |
| What you contributed: To attend the two meetings. |
| What you learnt: The need for charity support in these difficult financial times. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
| No |
| Date: 9 April 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Councillor Tony Winckless |
| Name of outside body: United Charities of Milton Regis |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: 2 held - 2 attended. |
| Purpose of outside body: To donate for school uniforms/trips/shoes/trousers etc., for pupils from poor families. |
| What you contributed: The poverty there is in the Sittingbourne area with some families. |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
| No |
| Date: 9 April 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: Councillor Worrall |
| Name of outside body: Queenborough Fishery Trust/Swale Recreation Trust |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: Attended all meetings. |
| Purpose of outside body: To grant funding to applicants who meet criteria set by the Charity Commission. Collect rent from users of fishery holdings and safe guard Fishery Trust holding to maximise income. |
| What you contributed: Took active part in all discussions with regard to Trust business and grants. |
| What you learnt: Funding for grants is almost totally dependent on income from the Lapel Bank. Their funding by rent income is minimal. No urgency to protect Fishery Trust Holding. A number of important issues have still not been concluded. Allocation of funding to applicants needs to be reviewed. |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
| No |
| Date: 9 April 2012 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: John Wright |
| Name of outside body: Adjudication Joint Committee Parking |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: This meets once a year for Annual General Meeting at the national motor museum nr Birmingham. |
| Purpose of outside body: We automatically are members as they mediate car parking fine judgements and service. They send annual report which I place in the Members' Room. I do not attend as it involves a long journey a short meeting and a long lunch. A friend who sits on the Committee attends and I hear what goes on although all can be seen in the annual report. |
| What you contributed: |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes |
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| Date: 26.03.12 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: John Wright |
| Name of outside body: Faversham Enterprise Partnership |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: I attend regularly although come this financial year we will not be making any financial contribution to this group. |
| Purpose of outside body: It has drawn in partnership funding of 50 k from Leader funding. It has launched the retail loyalty card scheme. It does liaise with Faversham Retailers, website, etc. Have given it direction. I would still recommend someone sits on this body to contribute and communicate. |
| What you contributed: |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
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| Date: 26.03.12 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: John Wright |
| Name of outside body: Local Children's Trust |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: Have attended all but one of the meetings. |
| Purpose of outside body: Prioritises local children's commissioning of services early years primary secondary. Has little money to run this new body but feeds into county body. Under new directives will continue to attend. |
| What you contributed: |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
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| Date: 26.03.12 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: John Wright |
| Name of outside body: Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: Attended most meetings. |
| Purpose of outside body: Sets drainage rate for board's area, cleans and maintains ditches and drains. Will continue to attend. |
| What you contributed: |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
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| Date: 26.03.12 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: John Wright |
| Name of outside body: Queenborough Fisheries Trust |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: Attended most meetings. |
| Purpose of outside body: I have persuaded the board to look in depth at their assets and what return they are attaining. To implement an investment strategy for the long-term so that the fund does not dwindle away in value. Legally the Council places trustees to the board. |
| What you contributed: |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
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| Date: 26.03.12 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: John Wright |
| Name of outside body: Swale Community Leisure Limited |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: Have attended all meetings this year since being appointed. |
| Purpose of outside body: The trust was set up to run the leisure facilities in Sittingbourne and Sheerness. |
| What you contributed: |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
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| Date: 26.03.12 |

Outside Bodies Report

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| Councillor's Name: John Wright |
| Name of outside body: Swale Recreation Trust |
| Number of meetings held and number attended: Attend most meetings as is held at the same time as the Queenborough Fisheries Trust. |
| Purpose of outside body: To distribute funds to the poor and needy of Swale. |
| What you contributed: |
| What you learnt: |
| Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. |
| Yes ✓ |
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| Date: 26.03.12 |