

ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

Councillor: Ioan Thomas Group: Plaid Cymru																			
Ward: Menai (Caernarfon)																			
Purpose of the annual report: The aim of the Annual Report is to assist the electorate to become better informed of the work and activities of their elected local authority member during the year.																			
Role and responsibilities: Elected Member representing the Menai Ward in Caernarfon Cabinet Member with responsibility for Customer Care (including the Council's property, the Galw Gwynedd and Siop Gwynedd services, Information Technology, Libraries and Emergency Planning), Democracy and Legal, the Welsh language and promoter of the Armed Forces.																			
The following electoral activities were held: I attended 95% of the Caernarfon Town Council meetings and I had the opportunity to listen to issues of concern by virtue of my work as a Gwynedd Councillor. I worked in the community and offered advice and assistance to individuals on a number of issues, e.g. Planning and Housing Waiting Lists. I responded to enquiries from electors over the phone and via e-mail and I always visited people's homes when they requested me to do so.																			
The following initiatives and special activities were held: I received a number of complaints about speeding on Ffordd Balaclafa to Ffordd Bethel, the failure of the Welsh Government to fund the roundabout near Morrisons, Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd's maintenance work and dog fouling.																			
I attended the following Committees:																			
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Percentage of Attendance: 100%																			
I participated in the following additional meetings, seminars, investigations and workshops: TAN 20: Planning and the Welsh Language Task Group The Council's Strategic Plan Workshop																			
I represented Gwynedd Council on the following outside bodies: Welsh Books Council Ysgol y Gelli Governors Ysgol Santes Helen Governors Menai Straits Fisheries Order Management Society	I represented Gwynedd Council at the following meetings: The WLGA Annual Conference The National Meetings of Armed Forces Champions North Wales Armed Forces Forum (Vic—chairman) Business Improvement Area Plan																		

I attended the following Learning and Development training sessions:

Corporate

Authority and Schools Performance Data

School Governance and Safeguarding Children

Housing Allocation Policy and Statutory Responsibilities

Propriety and Planning Appeals

Corporate Parent Panel

Special Educational Needs

Additional

Support in drawing up a Personal Development Plan (The Cabinet)

Effective Chairing Skills

Team Development (Cabinet)

Total number of hours: 27