

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2015/16

NAME: Ronald James Higginson

WARD: SEVERN

ELECTORATE: 1385

The last year 2015/16 has been rather busy at times for reasons associated with being Vice Chairman of Monmouthshire County Council.

However, I have attended most of the meetings scheduled and for which I am delegated to. Meetings missed have, in the main been due to holidays and occasionally a clash of dates with other arrangements in the calendar.

I remain on the Licensing and Regulatory, Planning, Audit, Community Governance, J.A.G. L. E.A. Governors Appointments, Valuation Tribunal Appointments Panel with the additional outside body appointments of Joint Records and Joint Council.

I am a Governor of Durand Primary School having been a member and Chairman of that body since its inception. I am involved on the Finance and Staff appointments committees of that Governing body which, along with the previous cluster arrangement has extended my membership of various Governing bodies to 33 years in total.

As a Council delegate and a Chairman of the Valuation Tribunals Service I regularly undertake Tribunals in various parts of South East Wales, some being held in areas very distant from Monmouthshire. Within the Tribunal Service I am also a Member of that service Human Resource Committee.

Being Vice Chairman of Council has resulted happily in being requested to represent Council on behalf of the Chairman on many occasions.

My constituency work is mainly undertaken when meeting constituents when out on the street, that however is additional to, when requested, attending their homes in order to discuss their concerns. On occasions however the very nature of their problems realise outside agencies being approached in order that concerns can be addressed.

Moving around the ward also means that whenever something obviously needs attention then that matter whatever maybe is pursued. If approached by constituents from wards I don't represent on matters I refer them as appropriate to respective ward representatives.

I don't partake in ward surgeries solely on the basis that whenever they have been held constituents simply do not attend.

Cllr Jim Higginson. Severn Ward Caldicot.