

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending May 2018. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose. The views expressed in this report are those of the Councillor and do not necessarily reflect the views of Monmouthshire County Council.

Name: County Councillor Jo Watkins **Political Group:** Liberal Democrats
Ward: Caldicot Castle **Electorate:** 1792

APPOINTMENTS

I sit on the following committees of the Council:

Severnside Area Committee	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)
Audit Committee	Children and Young People Select Committee
County Council	Democratic Services Committee
Joint Select Committee	

ATTENDANCE

My attendance at Council meetings is available on the Monmouthshire County Council website at the following link:

<https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

REMUNERATION

Remuneration levels for Councillors throughout Wales are set by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. Details of actual remuneration I have received in relation to my role as Councillor are available on the Monmouthshire County Council website at the following link: <https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

TRAINING:

I have attended the following training session this Council year:

Licensing Training	Council Induction
Council Induction	Children & Young People Induction
Scrutiny Induction	Safeguarding Training
Audit Training	

CONSTITUENCY MATTERS

I have responded to residents request for information about council services and contacted council departments to initiate repairs to roads, street lighting and grounds maintenance.

There is a proposed housing development in the ward off Church Rd – I have attended a number of meetings with council officers, the developers and residents and raised many queries about the proposed development.

There is a significant road safety issue outside Castle Park Primary School and I have met with school, council officers and the police to try and address this situation.

Caldicot Castle and Country Park is a highlight of the ward. I have worked with the new management to ensure good access for residents and that the Castle suits the needs of the community.

I have organised a volunteering group working on the Castle grounds – so far we have engaged in litter picking and maintaining and improving the Rose Garden.

ACHIEVEMENTS / INITIATIVES

I have chaired the cross party working group investigating Period Poverty in Monmouthshire.

I have been involved in the Caldicot Town Centre Regeneration Project.

I have worked on the Green Infrastructure Plan for Caldicot.