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Name	Attendance Percentage for 2022/2023	Number of Meetings Attended
Cllr John Aston	69%	9
Cllr Graham Ballinger	100%	28
Cllr Claire Barnett	79%	15
Cllr Ben Brookes	95%	20
Cllr John Byng	95%	21
Cllr Vicky Caulfield	87%	26
Cllr Sally Chambers	89%	8
Cllr Anna Coleman	100%	22
Cllr Roger Coleman	100%	28
Cllr Berenice Dawes	85%	17
Cllr Nathan Desmond	89%	24
Cllr Helen Dyke	89%	24
Cllr Peter Dyke	100%	25
Cllr Calne Edginton-White	97%	28
Cllr Nicky Gale	63%	5
Cllr Ian Hardiman	94%	17
Cllr Paul Harrison	100%	17
Cllr Marcus Hart	100%	28
Cllr Ken Henderson	92%	11
Cllr Lisa Jones	75%	9
Cllr Nicky Martin	100%	15
Cllr Shazu Miah	88%	23
Cllr Fran Oborski	100%	31
Cllr Tracey Onslow	100%	15
Cllr Mary Rayner	97%	29
Cllr Chris Rogers	89%	33
Cllr Sarah Rook	78%	14
Cllr David Ross	77%	23
Cllr Dixon Sheppard	73%	11
Cllr John Thomas	100%	21
Cllr Alan Totty	79%	11
Cllr Leigh Whitehouse	92%	22
Cllr Peter Young	72%	13

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WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual report and review 2022/2023

Name of Member: Councillor John Aston

Ward: Aggborough & Spennells

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	5
Members Forum	3	0
Overview & Scrutiny	5	4

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This represents an overall attendance of 69%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
None attended	

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3



Section 3: Community Involvement

Prostate Cancer Group
Wyre Forest Dog Rescue
Cancer Research Support
Stone Parish Council

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I carry out ward work on a day to day basis and work with a team of volunteers delivering regular independent newsletters around the area. I have regular contact with constituents to discuss ward problems. I have supported Friends of Heronswood Primary School and Wyre Forest Dog Rescue with my Community Leadership Funding for this year

Section 5: Supplementary Information

During my time as Chair of Wyre Forest District Council (WFDC) for the 2021/22 municipal year, I raised £3,500 for Marie Curie.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual report and review 2022/2023

Name of Member: Councillor Graham Ballinger

Ward: Franche & Habberley North

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Cabinet	6	6
Council	5	5
Licensing & Environmental	4	4
Members Forum	3	3
Cabinet Advisory Panel – Green Agenda	7	7
Strategic Review Panel	3	3

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This represents an overall attendance of 100%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Licensing **	31/05/2022

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3



Section 3: Community Involvement

The numerous voluntary groups in my ward provide an invaluable service to our community. As an example, the Franche Baptist Church under the leadership of the super energetic Reverend Jason Borlase really does provide a major focal point and I have enjoyed a close working relationship with this body over the past four years.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

My home contact details have always been available to residents in the ward and I hope to offer responses to all within a reasonable time period. This is by home or mobile telephone, by email, occasionally on social media and of course by home visits, where necessary.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

Since the Progressive Alliance group gained control from the Conservative administration in May 2019, I have been privileged to either be leader or deputy leader working closely with Cllr Helen Dyke and our Cabinet colleagues. The Alliance was formed by Members from across the political spectrum and this has presented a challenging but most enjoyable experience. Now that my service on WFDC draws to an end, with my retirement from public service, I would pay tribute to all our committed and able staff team and not surprisingly to all my fellow councillors also for their challenges but especially their friendship. I was first elected to WFDC in the late '70s and I would recommend such a course of action to anyone who feels they have the strength to make a difference within their community. It is no easy ride!

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Claire Barnett

Ward: Areley Kings & Riverside

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	5
Members Forum	3	1
Planning	8	6
Cabinet Review Panel – Car Parking	3	3

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This represents an overall attendance of 79%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	16/08/2022

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	0



Section 3: Community Involvement

I have remained involved with the local community via meetings with local Stourport groups, including Stourport Forward and Patrick's Field, as well as other sports and residents' groups.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I have continued to assist residents by helping them with housing issues, neighbour disputes, community organisations, dog fouling and planning issues. Constituents are able to contact me via my district council email address and, as I am really well known in the area, residents often speak to me and raise issues when I am out and about.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I have been honoured to serve as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee and continue to attend meetings of those other Committees that I am a member of, as well as other meetings as an observer.

I was happy to support Wyre Forest Green Alliance Community Tree Nursery with my Community Leadership Fund donation.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual report and review 2022/2023

Name of Member: Councillor Ben Brookes

Ward: Franche & Habberley North

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	3	3
Council	4	3
Members Forum	3	3
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	2	2
Planning	6	6
Strategic Review Panel	3	3

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This represents an overall attendance of 95%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	3

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	27/06/2022
Induction / Refresher Chairmanship	20/07/2022
Planning **	16/08/2022
Treasury Management **	31/10/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3

Section 3: Community Involvement

I am a trustee of Wyre Forest District Scout Council. Trustee and Group Scout Leader for 7th Wyre Forest Scout Group and 6th Wyre Forest Scout Group. I am a member of Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council. I meet regularly with Community Housing and the neighbourhood policing team for Franche and Habberley North, where we walk 'the patch' and engage with residents where necessary.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

After nearly completing my first 12 months as a Councillor I have enjoyed meeting with residents on a face-to-face basis as well as responding to all calls, emails, text messages and one written letter posted to me.

I have worked closely with my ward colleague Councillor David Ross, and have engaged regularly with Community Housing and the neighbourhood policing team for Franche and Habberley North, where we walk 'the patch' and engage with residents where necessary.

In July 2022, just a few weeks after my election, I spoke at the planning committee on behalf of residents, to voice concerns over a planning application following its inclusion in the local plan. This application dominated my byelection and has continued to be a very important and divisive issue to residents in Franche and Habberley North.

With my ward colleague I deliver a regular newsletter to all households in the ward. At least three editions are produced each year. I also post regularly on Facebook.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

This is my first report as a Councillor, and I look forward to completing just shy of 12 months on the Council before the next election. I have very much enjoyed working with my ward colleague Councillor Ross and benefitting from his and my other colleagues' years of experience.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor John Byng

Ward: Wribbenhall & Arley

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	4
Licensing & Environmental	4	4
Members Forum	3	3
Cabinet Advisory Panel – Green Agenda	7	7
Cabinet Review Panel – Car Parking	3	3

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This represents an overall attendance of 95%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Treasury Management **	31/10/2022

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	4



Section 3: Community Involvement

1. Member and Trustee of Friends of Riverside North Park.
2. Member of the Bewdley Flood Emergency Group.
3. Attended meetings, in my District Councillor role, of Arley and Kidderminster Foreign Parish Councils.
4. In regular communication with the Chair of Wribbenhall Residents' Association.
5. Millennium Green Committee Member, maintaining Trustee responsibilities to the community.
6. Vice Chairman of Finance Committee (Bewdley Town Council) and member of three Working Groups i.e. Road Safety, Flood Emergency, and Christmas Lights.
7. Member of Bewdley and Stourport Town Councils.
8. Member of Bewdley Civic Society.
9. Surgery meetings with Community Housing.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I have endeavoured to assist my constituents by responding to requests received via email or telephone or personal home/site visits. I have also been visited at home on a few occasions.

I have been able to help resolve a wide variety of issues by, where necessary, involving WFDC officers, West Mercia Police, Worcestershire County Council, Community Housing and Wribbenhall Residents' Association.

I have dealt with issues as diverse as tree safety, highways and road safety issues, Localism, and reassurance to residents fearing losing their homes. Furthermore, I have helped residents dealing with mould, rodents, illegal parking, planning concerns and litter problems.

I have kept residents informed by delivering newsletters ('Wribbenhall & Arley Matters') which reach every household in my Ward, thus keeping residents informed. My contact details are prominently shown and are included on Wyre Forest District, Bewdley Town Council and Stourport Town Councils' websites. I have also made direct personal telephone calls and/or visits to residents to advise and inform in respect of their specific concern or issue raised.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I have observed Cabinet and Committee Meetings via Zoom. I have also worked closely with the Parish Clerks and Members of Kidderminster Foreign Parish Council and Arley Parish Council.

Being visible has encouraged people to approach me with issues that I have endeavoured to resolve.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Vicky Caulfield

Ward: Blakebrook & Habberley South

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	5
Members Forum	3	3
Overview & Scrutiny	7	4
Planning	8	7
Cabinet Advisory Panel – Green Agenda	7	7

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This represents an overall attendance of 87%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	16/08/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3



Section 3: Community Involvement

This year I have continued to be involved with the Friends of Brinton park group. We now hold regular gardening sessions along with litter picks with the Pick Up Artists. I am treasurer for the group and attend regular meetings. I have worked with AYOS and KDYT to put on more events for children and young people in the park.

I am a member of Wyre Forest Green Alliance and provide a link between the council and local sustainability groups.

I regularly liaise with the police local Safer Neighbourhood Team regarding speeding concerns and anti social behaviour.

I am a member of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for one of my local schools.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I communicate with residents regularly via phone calls/email, social media and regular newsletters. I have supported residents with a range of issues such as dog mess, anti social behaviour, housing and parking issues.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I work to the best of my abilities with Councillors and Officers to ensure that we work with the priorities in the WFDC Corporate Plan. Particularly important to me is reducing carbon, improving air quality, stopping single use plastic, and protecting the natural environment.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Sally Chambers

Ward: Foley Park & Hoobrook

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	4
Members Forum	3	3
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	1	1

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This represents an overall attendance of 89%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3



Section 3: Community Involvement

I have responded to all queries raised to me by constituents either by telephone call, letter or email. I've been able to signpost constituents to a number of places where they may be able to get some help, including writing emails and making telephone calls on their behalf.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

During the last 12 months I have delivered regular newsletters to the whole ward. These inform my constituents of all major issues I am dealing with and any achievements and improvements I have made across the ward. My contact details are listed in these newsletters helping to facilitate constituents to call me.

In addition to the regular newsletter, there are often issues which affect a particular street or area and I always communicate regarding those issues as well.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I continue to work with my ward colleagues Cllrs. Nathan Desmond and Nicky Gale. We continue to attend community events and residents' meetings as often as we are able and when we are invited.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Anna Coleman

Ward: Bewdley & Rock

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	1	1
Council	5	5
Licensing & Environmental	4	4
Members Forum	3	3
Overview & Scrutiny	1	1
Planning	8	8

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This represents an overall attendance of 100%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	2

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Induction / Refresher Chairmanship	20/07/2022
Planning **	16/08/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3

Section 3: Community Involvement

During the year I have attended various meetings at Bewdley Town Council as a councillor and other meetings of Upper Arley and Rock parishes. Currently I'm assisting with arrangements for the Coronation in the Jubilee Gardens.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I have helped by advising people on who to contact or the rules involved in Planning issues on numerous occasions. I have been a member of a working party set up by a local resident to tidy up Dowles Church grave yard. I have also continued to work with a different community group who keep the Welch Gate amenity areas tidy. I'm pleased to have championed a resident with severe damp and mould problems in a CHG house.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I used my £1,000 monies to support the purchase of part of a bus shelter in Bliss Gate.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Roger Coleman

Ward: Bewdley & Rock

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	5	5
Council	5	5
Licensing & Environmental	4	4
Members Forum	3	3
Overview & Scrutiny	3	3
Planning	3	3
Strategic Review Panel	3	3
Treasury Management Review Panel	2	2

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This represents an overall attendance of 100%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	6

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Induction / Refresher Chairmanship	20/07/2022
Planning **	16/08/2022
Audit & Treasury Management **	31/10/2022
Audit & Treasury Management **	30/01/2023
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	4

Section 3: Community Involvement

During the year I have attended various meetings at Bewdley Town Council as a councillor and other meetings of Upper Arley and Rock parishes. More recently I have joined the Patient Participation Group at Bewdley Medical Centre as a representative of BTC and myself as an individual.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I have helped by advising people on who to contact or the rules involved in Planning issues on numerous occasions. I've helped a local trader who had been 'fined' wrongly on a parking app problem who was most grateful to receive a refund. I regularly report failed street lights blocked footpaths highways issues that are reported to me or I have seen for myself whilst out in the ward.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I used my £1,000 monies to support the purchase of part of a bus shelter in Bliss Gate and some bench repairs in Bewdley.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual report and review 2022/2023

Name of Member: Councillor Berenice Dawes

Ward: Mitton

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	5	3
Council	5	5
Ethics & Standards	1	1
Licensing & Environmental	4	3
Members Forum	3	3
Treasury Management Review Panel	2	2

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This represents an overall attendance of 85%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Induction / Refresher Chairmanship	20/07/2022
Planning **	16/08/2022
Treasury Management **	31/10/2022
Treasury Management **	30/01/2023
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3

Section 3: Community Involvement

1. Stourport-On-Severn Town Council, I sit as a volunteer town councillor attending monthly meetings, the purpose of the town council is to maintain and enhance the lives of residents, businesses, visitors, and charitable organisations within the town.
2. I am the liaison representative between the council and the safer neighbourhood team having regular meetings with West Mercia Police regarding crime, anti-social behaviour, and other criminal activities. My main purpose is to address residents' concerns and help keep crime within Stourport on Severn to a minimum.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

1. I have assisted constituents in several ways, examples of which are helping to resolve an issue relating to refuse collection in particular a bulk waste error where a constituent wrongly interpreted what could be taken, resulting in bulky items being left on her property.
2. A resident complained in relation to grass verges being left uncut and weeds growing in kerb ways, I was able to liaise with the responsible authority on the resident's behalf and ensure the matter was readily addressed.
3. A constituent contacted me in relation to illegal quad bikes racing up and down his neighbourhood, I liaised with the Safer neighbourhood team and other key stakeholders which resulted in increased police patrols and a significant reduction in illegal activity.

I regularly travel around my ward on foot, and I am very proactive in identifying and addressing issues, the ward councillors of which I am one of two produce a quarterly newsletter which has all my contact details, and these details are also available on Wyre Forest District Council websites.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Nathan Desmond

Ward: Foley Park & Hoobrook

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Appeals Panel	1	1
Audit	5	5
Council	5	5
Members Forum	3	2
Overview & Scrutiny	7	6
Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee	1	1
Strategic Review Panel	3	3
Treasury Management Review Panel	2	1

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This represents an overall attendance of 89%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Treasury Management **	31/10/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3

Section 3: Community Involvement

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

Over the last 12 months, I have championed many Highway improvements across the ward. I have had new pavements installed on Hoo Rd and Northumberland Avenue.

I have secured the necessary funding to have a new, dedicated zebra crossing installed on Sutton Rd, close to Brinton Park.

I have addressed the issue of speeding on Silverwoods Way by getting Highways to install 30 mph markings on the road and I've secured the funding for a speed activated sign that warns motorists if they speed.

I have just secured Highways funding that will enable the worst pavements in Blount Terrace to be completely resurfaced.

I'm on 5 different residents' Facebook groups, on which I regularly post stories that highlight the issues I'm progressing and residents regularly contact me through these groups. I also have my councillor page on Facebook that again I communicate directly to residents with.

I have also put out 5 newsletters this year, highlighting all the issues I am looking into together with my achievements and I can be contacted via email and on my land line number by residents.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual report and review 2022/2023

Name of Member: Councillor Helen Dyke

Ward: Aggborough & Spennells

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Appeals Panel	2	2
Cabinet	6	6
Council	5	5
Members Forum	3	3
Planning	8	5
Strategic Review Panel	3	3

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Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	16/08/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3

Section 3: Community Involvement

Board Member of the BID (Business Improvement District)
Kidderminster Town Councillor
Young People's Forum

Becoming Leader of the Council in 2021 has been very time consuming but enjoyable but it means that, unfortunately, I have had to step back from some of the other organisations and groups that I have been involved with in the past, for the time being, but have tried to keep in touch with them as much as possible .

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

This year my ward colleagues and I have donated amounts of money from our Community Leadership Funding to -
Provision of a new piece of inclusive play equipment for Spennells Playing Field park area.
Assorted areas of grounds maintenance work across the ward which are not covered by normal Council schedules to help keep the area looking good.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I have lived in the Aggborough and Spennells Ward for over 42 years and have represented it as one of the District Councillors for over 26 years. I think living in the ward gives you the local knowledge needed when working on local issues with residents but, of course, being a District Councillor means having to balance working for your ward and its residents and the larger Wyre Forest.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual report and review 2022/2023

Name of Member: Councillor Peter Dyke

Ward: Aggborough & Spennells

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	5	5
Council	5	5
Licensing & Environmental	1	1
Members Forum	3	3
Overview & Scrutiny	7	7
Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee	1	1
Planning	3	3

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This represents an overall attendance of 100%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	4

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	16/08/2022

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3

Section 3: Community Involvement

I have had the privilege of being Chairman of Wyre Forest District Council this year and through that role have been lucky enough to meet with many members of local community groups and organisations. In this role I have also been fundraising for Kidderminster and District Youth Trust and The Talking Newspaper.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I continue to deliver regular Newsletters around Aggborough and Spennells on a regular basis. This is the best way of keeping residents in our ward informed about what is going on locally. Each Newsletter carries full contact details for all 3 ward Councillors and this information enables them to contact us via telephone, email, post or face to face.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

This year I have served as a member of the Audit Committee and also Overview and Scrutiny Committee which looks at Council policies and items put forward by councillors for Scrutiny.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Calne Edginton-White

Ward: Bewdley & Rock

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	1	1
Council	5	5
Ethics & Standards	1	1
Members Forum	3	3
Overview & Scrutiny	7	7
Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee	1	1
Planning	8	7
Cabinet Review Panel – Car Parking	3	3

The calendar of meetings is agreed at the beginning of each municipal year. Occasionally the need arises for additional meetings to be arranged at short notice which not all Members are able to attend due to previous commitments. The table shows only the meetings in the agreed municipal calendar: additional meetings are ignored.

This represents an overall attendance of 97%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	16/08/2022
Treasury Management **	31/10/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	1

Section 3: Community Involvement

In May 2022, I was appointed Vice Chairman of the Wyre Forest District Council and have assisted the Chairman Cllr Peter Dyke attending Civic events across Worcestershire both with the Chairman and deputising for him. I represented the Chairman on a number of occasions including Platinum Jubilee events in the District, the King Charles Proclamation in Bewdley and at the Bewdley Sunday Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath laying and Service. I also represented the Council at the funeral of Pauline Hayward a long serving District Councillor and former Council Chairman. With the Chairman I attended a memorial service for our late Queen Elizabeth II at Worcester Cathedral and two events with the Worcestershire Lord Lieutenant. In the Summer we attended the Severn Valley Railway stage of the Commonwealth Games baton relay and a few weeks ago the visit of Princess Anne to the Specsavers production centre in Stourport Road, Kidderminster. Other highlights included attending performances by the Wyre Forest Young Voices, a production by the students from Kidderminster College and the Severn Arts Big Sing event for Worcestershire schools. It has been a great honour and privilege to represent WFDC at many local and county events.

I have continued representing Wyre Forest District Council on the WCC Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee throughout 2022-2023 and the committee have gathered evidence and monitored a wide range of Worcestershire Health Services. HOSC continue to monitor issues including ambulance waiting times at Worcester Royal Hospital and the distribution of services across the County including Redditch and Kidderminster Hospitals and GP services. A major development to Worcestershire Health Services over the last twelve months has been the appointment of the Integrated Care Board, which will oversee the integration of health services across Worcestershire and Herefordshire. There is a full record of the HOSC meetings on the County Council web site and all meetings are streamed live.

The CAMHS Scrutiny Task Group examining CAMHS services and the wellbeing and mental health of young people across Worcestershire met several times in 2022-2023. The task group's recommendations on improvements to the CAMHS's service was presented to the WCC Cabinet in March 2023. Collaboration with both District and County colleagues while working with this task group was very rewarding and it is hoped that many of the recommendations will be adopted by the County Council and the service providers.

In my lead role on the BTC Flood defences plan and as a representative for the Beale's Corner flood group I have continued to work with the Environment Agency community engagement team. This has included facilitating meetings regarding the roll out of the permanent flood defences scheme. The EA have reported that the public engagement events for the proposed scheme for the Beale's Corner flood defences have been the best attended of any local public engagement they have held and this has led to several visual improvements to the final scheme.



My membership of local groups and organisations includes the Bewdley Civic Society, Friends of Riverside North Park as a Trustee, a member of the Far Forest Society, joint Secretary of the Far Forest Horticultural Show which hold a two day Countryside and Horticultural Show each August. I am also a member of Bewdley Concert Band which has continued to provide free concerts in 2022-23 including a Concert for Ukraine at Pound Green, a Platinum Jubilee Concert in Jubilee Gardens, a British Legion Concert for the poppy appeal and a Family Christmas Concert in Bewdley.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

In my co-ordinator role for the Bewdley Flood Volunteers group, I have maintained close liaison between residents and the Environment Agency Community Engagement Team. This has included both consultation on the permanent flood defences scheme and continued deployment of the Temporary Flood Barrier at Beale's Corner. During two flood events this winter I have shared residents' issues with duty officers to ensure that there has been a timely response by both the Environment Agency and the WFDC Emergency team to assist residents in their property flood preparation. During 2022-2023, a modified temporary barrier was designed and deployed successfully. Preparation for deployment of the redesigned temporary barrier requires earlier communication with residents. The warning network has been strengthened by sharing the flood and weather updates by text with volunteers who then pass on warnings to their immediate neighbours who are also in the potential flood area. Winter flooding did not reach the predicted levels and the modified temporary barrier provided safe and more than adequate protection to the properties this year. Preliminary work for the permanent flood defences scheme which received planning permission in February 2023 has also commenced and communication regarding potential disruption while preparatory works are undertaken is maintained by direct contact with residents.

I have engaged with residents over concerns during the construction phase of the Sainsbury Development in Bewdley and liaised with planning officers on their behalf. I also met with Planning and Highway officers with regard to providing safer access between Dog Lane Car Park and the new Sainburys across Dog Lane. The plan is to move the give way road markings back beyond the Dog Lane Car Park steps and provide road markings to indicate pedestrian crossing between the Dog Lane steps and the new Sainsbury footpath.

I have had discussions regarding the traffic priorities at Catchem's End to explore whether traffic for Bewdley should be allowed to turn right at the Habberley Road junction to reduce additional congestion on the Safari Park and by-pass islands.

I have had meetings and liaised with the Bewdley and Wribbenhall County Councillors to try and address residents' concerns about speeding traffic, pavement parking, pedestrian safety and pollution in the narrow roads in the Bewdley Conservation area. I have raised residents' concerns about speeding vehicles on specific roads in Bewdley and pedestrian safety on narrow pavements often blocked by parking vehicles. I have chaired the BTC Road Safety Group over the last twelve months and the Council has introduced additional Vehicle Activated Signs and is supporting the introduction of 20 mph signage across the conservation area by WCC.

The WFDC Bewdley Museum Management Board resumed during 2022-2023 while Bewdley Town Council explore the WFDC offer to take on the asset transfer of the Museum, Guildhall and Jubilee Gardens under the Council's Localism Strategy. The management board are encouraged by the continued success of the Bewdley Museum and popularity of the museum and gardens with residents and visitors. The work and commitment of the museum staff and volunteers is very encouraging for the future development and preservation of the museum and Jubilee Gardens.



I have also had discussions with the Conservation Officer regarding a suitable lift that would make the Guildhall more accessible and bring it back into full use.

Assisting constituents has also included reporting and monitoring ongoing issues including fly tipping, car park lighting, dustbin collection, protection of heritage buildings, parking for town centre residents, parking enforcement, town centre cleanliness, bin emptying, licensing, quayside maintenance, maintaining verges and tree preservation orders.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

In the Autumn, I was appointed a member of the Car Parking Charges Panel task and finish group, which met three times. The particular issues for Bewdley residents I raised were the impact of the previous extension of evening parking charges to 21.00, which penalised local groups and organisations meeting in town centre venues, particularly in the summer months when the seasonal charges are higher. Insufficient free parking spaces for residents living in the Conservation area including Load Street, High Street, Lax Lane, Severn Side North and South and the cost of season tickets with no guarantee of parking spaces. Also insufficient parking capacity overall, especially during the Summer months and at weekends causing serious congestion throughout the Town and increasing pollution levels. While the seasonal increase during evening parking has been removed from April with a flat rate for evening parking this has been extended to cover overnight parking creating other issues for residents. Opportunities to increase parking capacity especially on the Wribbenhall side of the river is being looked into with the possibility of partnership arrangements with private landowners. It was also agreed at the panel meeting that officers would explore the possibility of a free hour for residents who wish to attend events and park in Bewdley for more than two hours particularly in the Summer months when seasonal rates are higher. Further work on the particular issues facing residents parking in Bewdley where there is little or no free parking is required.

In the last two months of the municipal year, approaches were made to the District Council to transfer all leases/agreements and rights to the Bewdley Leisure Centre and sports pitches to the newly formed Bewdley School Foundation Private Limited Company setup in April 2022. The companies aim is to combine the school and Leisure Centre site to provide additional sports facilities, improve the current facilities, provide a large car park for parents and visitors around the Leisure Centre and fence off the playing fields with a wide access path from Stourport Road to the Riverbank. A later phase of development proposed would be a 400-seat theatre and performing art rooms on the school site for school and community use. A feasibility study is to take place Summer 2023 and the whole project would require planning permission and substantial funding. In transferring the Leisure Centre building and sports pitches etc the District Council would be relinquishing all rights on the understanding that there is a binding commitment on the Bewdley School Foundation Private Limited Company to maintain and enhance community use of the existing and future facilities provided on the combined school site. This project is at an early stage and I hope that Wyre Forest District Council will maintain its support for the continuation of Community Leisure Facilities on the Bewdley Leisure Centre site until the new School Foundation is in a position to commence their developments and manage the facilities for the community in addition to the school effectively.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Nicky Gale

Ward: Foley Park & Hoobrook

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	5
Members Forum	3	0

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This represents an overall attendance of 63%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
None attended	

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	0



Section 3: Community Involvement

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

Section 5: Supplementary Information

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Name of Member: Councillor Ian Hardiman

Ward: Wyre Forest Rural

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Appeals Panel	1	1
Council	5	5
Ethics & Standards	1	1
Licensing & Environmental	4	3
Members Forum	3	3
Overview & Scrutiny	1	1
Planning	2	2
Strategic Review Panel	1	1

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This represents an overall attendance of 94%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	4

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	16/08/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3

Section 3: Community Involvement

In my role as District Councillor for the Wyre Forest Rural Ward, I attend regularly meetings of each of the six Parish Councils within this ward. Together with my two Ward colleagues, I arrange information/fact gathering meetings for topical issues. I attend Friends Groups' and Charitable Groups' events.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I respond swiftly to residents' queries and concerns via telephone, letter, email, or personal contact. I deliver regular newsletters to the whole of my ward and include easy contact details. During this year, I have been Deputy Leader of the Opposition group within the District Council. I am always available to help all residents, not only within my ward but within Wyre Forest District. I provide news and updates for constituents on social media.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I am an active person who enjoys walking and meeting people. I enjoy watching Rugby and Football and support Samurai Judo Club with Competition assistance. I play guitar recreationally.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Paul Harrison

Ward: Wribbenhall & Arley

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	5
Licensing & Environmental	1	1
Members Forum	3	3
Planning	8	8

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This represents an overall attendance of 100%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	16/08/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3



Section 3: Community Involvement

I attend meetings of Bewdley Town Council, part of which is in my Ward and of which I am a member. I also attend as many meetings of Kidderminster Foreign Parish Council and Upper Arley Parish Council as I can to keep up to date with current concerns in their areas of my Ward. Issues raised by the Parish Councils may be pursued with District Council officers.

The Management Committee of Bewdley Museum, of which I am a member, has resumed meeting this year, following the failure of Wyre Forest District Council's attempt (under its 'Localism' agenda) to pass the Museum, Guildhall, and Queen Elizabeth II Gardens to a group of independent Trustees.

I supported Bewdley Town Council in taking on Riverside North Park (Wribbenhall's park), the public toilets, and the Borough House office because of Wyre Forest District Council's threat of closure under "Localism" and would support the Town Council in taking on the Queen Elizabeth II Gardens (Bewdley's park) from Wyre Forest District Council. I am concerned about the proposal for the Town Council to take on the Guildhall and Museum, without adequate financial support from Wyre Forest District Council, in view of the recent increases in the Bewdley Town Council Tax and the high cost of listed building maintenance, and staffing. Bewdley constitutes little more than 10% of the District's tax base, and it's the District's Museum, not just Bewdley's.

Part of the Ward, in Wribbenhall and Kidderminster Foreign, is subject to flooding by the River Severn in the winter. I am now hopeful that such flooding may soon become a thing of the past, as the Environment Agency's application to build flood defences has been approved by the Planning Committee and they will hopefully be installed in 2024. The Environment Agency had consulted with residents about the design of the barrier prior to the application being made.

Several editions of our 'Wribbenhall and Arley Matters' leaflet have been distributed this year, keeping the Ward residents informed of the activities of myself and my Ward colleague Cllr John Byng.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

As a Ward Councillor, my main activities have been aimed at providing a service to the residents of my Ward by keeping them informed about local issues and responding to their complaints and enquiries, which involves telephoned and e-mailed enquiries and visits to resident's homes.

I opposed the approval of the District Council's Local Plan, which has again been the single biggest issue raised by residents. The lack of adequate infrastructure to support the additional housing has been a recurring theme when the four sites in Wribbenhall and Arley Ward have come before the Planning Committee.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I have supported the charity fundraising efforts undertaken by the Mayors of Bewdley, Stourport-on-Severn, and Kidderminster during this year, as well as those of the Chairman of Wyre Forest District Council.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Marcus Hart

Ward: Wyre Forest Rural

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	5
Ethics & Standards	1	1
Members Forum	3	3
Overview & Scrutiny	7	7
Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee	1	1
Planning	8	8
Strategic Review Panel	3	3

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This represents an overall attendance of 100%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	16/08/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3

Section 3: Community Involvement

I am a Trustee of Kidderminster Special Educational Benefits Trust, Trustee of Kidderminster District Scout Council, Trustee of Kidderminster Harriers Football in the Community Trust, Member of Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council, Member of Worcestershire County Council, Member of Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority and Non-Executive Director of Worcestershire Children's First. I am heavily involved in the community that I represent, regularly 'on the patch' meeting residents, looking at issues, attending events and attending all 6 Parish Councils.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

It has been another busy year in my role as an elected member, and in relative terms 'back to normal' after 2 years disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. I have responded to all queries raised to me by constituents either by telephone call, letter or email and indeed have face to face meetings again now and have also convened residents meetings on various issues.

I respond to literally dozens of letters/emails relating to casework issues within the ward on a weekly basis.

Litter and fly tipping have been constant issues throughout the year. Planning Enforcement issues in all six parishes are very much a huge part of my post bag and liaison between residents', parish councils and the planning enforcement officers is a big part of my role.

The Local Plan and protecting the green belt has also been an issue raised by many local residents, notwithstanding it was approved by Full Council just prior to the start of this municipal year.

Localism issues within the ward, i.e. Blakedown Car Park and parking issues at Brown Westhead Park, are issues we have also been involved in.

I also deliver a regular newsletter to all households within the ward together with my two ward colleagues throughout the year. We deliver at least 3 editions per year. I also put regular posts on Facebook and share to the residents' groups too.

In addition to the regular newsletter, there are often issues which affect a particular street or area and I always communicate regarding those issues as well.



Section 5: Supplementary Information

This is now my eighth report that I am writing as a Councillor for the 'new' Wyre Forest Rural Ward. Since I wrote my last report, I continue to work very closely with my ward colleagues Cllrs. Ian Hardiman and Lisa Jones. Lisa is stepping down and I thank her for her last 4 years of service and support.

From 2002 to 2015 I represented the Sutton Park Ward which was an urban ward. The new ward, made up essentially of the previous wards of Wolverley, Cookley, Chaddesley and Blakedown is geographically, by far the largest ward and whilst being in a three member ward, the number of electors is approximately a third larger than the previous ward, in line with all other three member Council wards.

The ward is a lot more rural and whilst there are urban parts to it, the rural nature of the ward makes this a different and more interesting challenge. In particular, there are no less than six parish councils, Broome, Chaddesley Corbett, Churchill and Blakedown, Rushock, Stone and Wolverley and Cookley of which I and my colleagues continue to attend regularly on a rota basis, providing them with regular reports and updates and I believe that liaising with the parish councils and their councillors is essential to maintain community ties in particular in the rural areas.

We attend community events and residents meetings as often as we are able and when we are invited.

Finally, I have now completed 21 years continuous service to WFDC and the electorate.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Ken Henderson

Ward: Areley Kings & Riverside

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	5
Licensing & Environmental	4	3
Members Forum	3	3

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This represents an overall attendance of 92%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3



Section 3: Community Involvement

I sit on the Licensing and Environment Committee which I enjoy and find very interesting. I am also a trustee of Areley Kings Church House as a Stourport town councillor. I drive voluntary for Community Transport in Wyre Forest, transporting passengers who are elderly, disabled or not on a bus route etc. I support many charities within the district including Emily Jordan Foundation a charity for adults with learning disabilities. My Wyre Forest Community Leadership Funding this year was distributed equally between Community Transport and Stourport Town Council to help make the annual Christmas Lights switch on an even more exciting night for our residents.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I am always around my ward, and available to contact by phone, email or even a knock on my door at home. I'm in the town most days if anyone wants to stop me for a chat or advice. Issues I've managed to solve this last year have included several problems regarding social housing. I am in constant contact with Community Housing, so this is not a problem for me.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I have been fortunate to have represented my hometown of Stourport on Severn as Mayor on 4 occasions meeting dignitaries from other towns and cities around the midlands raising over £17000 for local and national charities. I have lived in Stourport all of my life, which I am extremely proud of, and made many, many friends, and seen a lot of changes along the way.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Lisa Jones

Ward: Wyre Forest Rural

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	5
Members Forum	3	1
Overview & Scrutiny	1	1
Planning	3	2

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This represents an overall attendance of 75%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
None attended	

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3



Section 3: Community Involvement

WFDC Planning Committee
Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council
Trustee of Wolverley Allotments Association
Member of Wolverley and Cookley British Legion
Executive CALC Committee Member for Worcestershire
District CALC Member for Wyre Forest
Cookley and Caunsall Britain in Bloom Team
Cookley and Caunsall Litter Picking Group
Churchill and Blakedown Litter Picking Group
Wolverley, Cookley and Caunsall Dementia Café
Chaddesley Corbett Dementia Café
Stone Loneliness Café
Stop the Quarry Action Group Committee
Broome Village Monthly Coffee Mornings
Rushock Village Monthly Coffee Mornings
Pact Meetings

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I have dealt with the following casework and projects :-

The installation of new road name signs within the villages of Cookley and Caunsall, these had not been modernised or damaged ones replaced for quite a number of years

The organisation and project management of the new War Memorial in Cookley

Organising and project management of the Grass Cutting Contractor for Cookley and Caunsall

Liaising with the planning and planning enforcement team on local planning and enforcement issues

Liaising with the Operations Department at Green street regarding fly tipping, street cleaning and cleansing.

Reporting pot holes and liaising with the highways department at Worcester County Council regarding these issues

Footpath maintenance through the local Lengthsman scheme

Liaising with the local enforcement team at Green Street regarding local issues

I am available for residents to contact me at all times via telephone and email, I visit the villages within my district regularly through coffee mornings, walking around the villages or at church events.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I am an Architect's Assistant and have an Architects Practice within the Wyre Forest District, this experience of running my own business along with the knowledge and experience that I have gained from my profession has helped me a great deal within my role and especially on local and district planning issues and as a committee member on the District Council's Planning Committee. I also have experience of working within local government from my past employment and assisting residents with problems and issues.



I have an excellent relationship with the schools within my district seat and have experience in special educational needs and was an active member on Cookley Primary School's PTA committee.

I have donated some of my local funding to the local primary schools for specialist equipment and books. I have also provided funding for a new initiative at Wolverley High School for their monthly coffee afternoon with elderly residents and school children where they talk about issues and problems.

I was an active member of the Cookley Bonfire Committee assisting and organising the event. I always support the church events within my district seat throughout the year.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Nicky Martin

Ward: Mitton

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Appeals Panel	1	1
Cabinet	6	6
Council	5	5
Members Forum	3	3

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This represents an overall attendance of 100%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	16/08/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3



Section 3: Community Involvement

I live, shop and socialise in Stourport town and this enables me to engage and support my community when out and about. I have a vested interest in our youth and those who are disadvantaged by poor health, or choices some make, that leave them vulnerable, such as addiction. Unfortunately, we no longer have PACT Meetings, however, I am in regular contact with Stourport police who are very proactive in supporting residents and the wider community. I have supported the local Pantomime which is put on by the Monday Night Group to raise funds for local charities. I have also attended meetings with Stourport Carnival Committee.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

This year, I have experienced a change in the support that my constituents have needed. The Cost of Living Crisis, particularly the rise in energy costs has impacted on all. I have supported residents to better understand how they were allocated their portion of the financial help that came from central government, particularly those who reside on caravan parks. I have also support those seeking housing and those who have experienced issues within the homes they reside in. These issues have ranged from overcrowding to damp and mould.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

My role as a cabinet member has been very rewarding. It has given me the opportunity to explore and develop how we can better the health and wellbeing of our constituents, and improve their housing opportunities.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Shazu Miah

Ward: Offmore & Comberton

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	1	1
Council	5	4
Ethics & Standards	1	1
Members Forum	3	3
Overview & Scrutiny	7	5
Cabinet Advisory Panel – Green Agenda	7	7
Treasury Management Review Panel	2	2

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This represents an overall attendance of 88%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Treasury Management **	31/10/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	0

Section 3: Community Involvement

I have attended meetings at the Citizens Advice Bureau as council representative. I have attended meetings with the police, interfaith meetings and as trustee of a school and have attended meetings for charity organisations.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I have contacted the council over concerns resulting from homelessness, council tax arrears, pavements and fly tipping graffiti, road safety.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Fran Oborski MBE

Ward: Offmore & Comberton

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Appeals Panel	1	1
Council	5	5
Licensing & Environmental	4	4
Licensing Sub-Committee	1	1
Members Forum	3	3
Overview & Scrutiny	1	1
Planning	8	8
Cabinet Review Panel – Car Parking	3	3
Strategic Review Panel	3	3
Treasury Management Review Panel	2	2

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This represents an overall attendance of 100%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Treasury Management **	31/10/2022
Treasury Management **	30/01/2023
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	4

Section 3: Community Involvement

I serve on the Governing Body of three local Schools: Offmore Primary School (as Vice-Chair), Comberton Primary, and King Charles 1 School (Vic-Chair). I represent WFDC on the WCC Corporate Parenting Board, on the Children and Young Persons Strategic Partnership Board and on the Holiday Activities Group. I chair the Wyre Forest Young Persons Forum and am a Personal Trustee of Kidderminster and District Youth Trust. Within the Ward I chair OACG (Offmore Comberton Action Group) which organises free community events such as our annual Borrington BASH Community Carnival and regular free BBQ Events. We also arrange free Football and Cricket Coaching during the Summer Holidays and also arrange for a free Bouncy Castle once a week during those holidays. I am a Committee Member of Friends of St George's Park and a Member of the local Royal British Legion Branch.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I personally lease a shop on Burcher Green, Comberton which is our "dedicated" Councillor's Advice Shop where we hold a surgery every Saturday morning from 10-12 and where we also hold joint surgeries with the Police. We deliver our regular FOCUS Newsletter to every house in the Ward at least 11 times a year and also deliver Ward Christmas Cards. We are all available by phone and e mail and have a dedicated "libteam" e mail address. In addition, we communicate with many residents via FaceBook Messenger. I deal with at least 10 resident complaints per week including many issues involving Community Housing.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

As a Councillor I am available at all times and have been known to have dealt with Ward problems from, amongst other places, a motorway service station in Germany and a café in Warsaw! As a Season Ticket Holder at Kidderminster Harriers I often deal with issues before, after and at half-time on match days.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Tracey Onslow

Ward: Blakebrook & Habberley South

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	5
Members Forum	3	3
Overview & Scrutiny	7	7

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This represents an overall attendance of 100%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
None attended	

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3



Section 3: Community Involvement

In Blakebrook & Habberley South, we had two area PACT Meetings covering the ward – the original Sutton Park PACT and a mobile PACT on Habberley Estate (which replaced the original meeting-type version).

The Sutton Park PACT has now finished.

The Habberley Estate mobile PACT consists of the Police with their community vehicle parked outside the shops talking to residents passing by. Last time I attended, I gave out Smartwater packs to local residents and the Police gave out preventative safety devices, such as bells for purses etc as well as general preventative advice.

I have supported Churches Together in Kidderminster this year, as well as the Warm Hub and the Toy Library.

I am also linked with West Mercia Police and Worcestershire County Council.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I have a 100% record of responding to casework issues raised with me by local residents. It would be very time and space consuming to list them all, but as examples:

I have carried out casework in respect of ASB, pedestrian crossings, parking, double yellow lines, speeding, litter, overgrown bushes/trees, road and pavement resurfaced, dropped kerbs, drainage issues and speeding.

I respond either by phone, email or letter, to suit the resident, we also include contact details in our newsletters, of which we have delivered about 30,000 across the ward. My mobile phone number is quoted in newsletters, so I am contactable 7 days a week.

I offer ward surgeries every week, on demand.

This year, my Ward Colleagues and I have gone door-to-door to talk to residents, including giving out personal alarms under the Violence Against Women and Girls agenda, to many houses across BHS.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I am Cabinet Member for Education at WCC.

I am also Director of a local property business.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Mary Rayner

Ward: Broadwaters

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Cabinet	6	6
Council	5	5
Ethics & Standards	1	1
Licensing & Environmental	4	3
Licensing Sub-Committee	1	1
Members Forum	3	3
Cabinet Advisory Panel – Green Agenda	7	7
Strategic Review Panel	3	3

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This represents an overall attendance of 97%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	16/08/2022
Treasury Management **	31/10/2022
Treasury Management **	30/01/2023
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3

Section 3: Community Involvement

I have been actively engaging with the local “Friends of the Parks” groups and attending monthly meetings, where possible. I help with park activities and events that they hold.

I continue to do litter picking in my immediate area when the weather and time permit. I am also a member of the Pickup Artists and engage in their community activities in Kidderminster and Stourport when I am available.

I try to attend, on a regular basis, the Lunch Club at St Georges Church and support them by advertising their club to encourage elderly people to engage with other like-minded people. It is also a place where people can meet and raise their concerns about the community.

I have been fortunate to engage with the newly appointed Local Community Liaison officer for Wyre Forest and help signpost the officer to key people in the community and engage with the other groups like DY10 Big Local.

I have managed to recommence contact with the local Safer Neighbourhood Police team via the regular meetings we had prior to Covid-19. These meetings are a platform for raising local residents’ concerns about their safety and anti-social behaviour in their immediate areas.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

Constituents contact me on a regular basis via telephone and email and I have at least 10/12 contacts per week. Their concerns range from housing issues, benefits, fly tipping, planning issues and many more.

Sign posting residents in some cases to the Citizens Advice Bureau, and the Hub when they need help with benefits and so on.

Reporting and requesting the replacement of street litter bins when they have been damaged or removed without authorisation.

Helping to resolve anti-social behaviour by liaising with the local policing team and the Kidderminster and District Youth Trust.

Engaging with external organisations when facilities and utilities are not functioning. Sorting out sewage in the parks with Severn Trent. Recently sorting out and trying to have a post box reinstated on the Stourbridge Road, so I am trying to engage with Royal Mail.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

Residents have sometimes, over the last year, contacted me regarding issues with local Healthcare provision. As a member of Worcestershire Healthwatch (and retired Healthcare professional) I can easily refer residents’ health concerns to this organisation, so that their concerns can be resolved or referred on to the appropriate Health Trusts.

I am a Director of Holy Trinity School and have a strong interest in education and its provision for everyone in the community, as I was a Senior Lecturer in a University.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Chris Rogers

Ward: Mitton

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	3	2
Council	5	5
Licensing & Environmental	4	4
Members Forum	3	2
Overview & Scrutiny	7	6
Planning	8	8
Cabinet Advisory Panel – Green Agenda	7	6

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This represents an overall attendance of 89%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	16/08/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3

Section 3: Community Involvement

Stourport Forward Director – An organisation which exists to promote Stourport-on Severn in terms of its Heritage, Culture, Businesses and Tourism.

Queen Elizabeth I Foundation- Board Member. A charitable trust which exists to raise funding for local schools and to sponsor students with degree courses.

Leapgate Activity Centre. A local farm-based charity for people with learning difficulties.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I am always available to assist constituents and advertise my contact details (phone and email) on all distributed literature as well as make them available through Wyre Forest Conservative Association and of course via Wyre Forest District Council. I am available at all times to constituents and am happy to meet with residents whenever required.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

As I am retired, I am able to give as much time to council matters as required, which at times can be a great deal. My previous professional life gives me a wealth of knowledge and experience on which to draw and helps immensely with council matters.

Having a strong Conservative team including our MP Mark Garnier is a great asset in being able to pursue the issues which residents have right up to the national government level.

Residents frequently don't know which council is responsible for what, something that can be very confusing, even for councillors at times! It is therefore very helpful for residents that I am also a Stourport County Councillor and Stourport Town Councillor.

Lastly, I'm very proud to say that I have been a Cabinet Member in the previous administration and am a very active member of the current opposition.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Sarah Rook

Ward: Broadwaters

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	5
Members Forum	3	1
Overview & Scrutiny	7	7
Cabinet Review Panel – Car Parking	3	1

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This represents an overall attendance of 78%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
None attended	

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3



Section 3: Community Involvement

I keep in touch with all the park groups in my area via email and assist them any way that's needed.

I have been fortunate to be part of DY10 Big Local. This is, and always has been, a fantastic community group. I have loved helping my community and supporting them. I will still be doing this in a different role.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

Signposting residents with specific concerns to the appropriate body such as Community Housing, District Council, Police or Citizen's Advice. Their concerns have included helping them with housing, benefits, fly tipping and planning issues.

Liaising with the Police, enforcement officers, and residents who have concerns with people parking cars inappropriately. Liaised with the police over ASB and other housing issues regarding ASB.

I have reported fly tipping, I have reported it to the District Council or Community Housing Group and have always had a successful clean up response.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor David Ross

Ward: Franche & Habberley North

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	1	1
Council	5	4
Members Forum	3	3
Overview & Scrutiny	7	4
Planning	8	6
Cabinet Review Panel – Car Parking	3	3
Strategic Review Panel	3	2

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This represents an overall attendance of 77%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Induction / Refresher Chairmanship	20/07/2022
Treasury Management **	31/10/2022
Planning**	21/08/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3

Section 3: Community Involvement

I attend regular meetings with the Museum of Carpet as a member of the board of trustees. I support Kidderminster & District Youth Trust (KDYT) with their work with the young people of Kidderminster and their outreach work in White Wickets Park. I also support Nightstop who offer secure and safe accommodation and help to young people who would otherwise be homeless. Franche Community Church operate a foodbank which support financially through my Community Leadership Fund. I have helped fund projects undertaken by St Catharine's Primary School.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I have been assisting residents with issues such as obtaining replacement refuse bins to working with the Police on anti-social behaviour. I have been able to facilitate a clean up of areas in Coningsby Drive, Beechfield Drive and Sandcliffe Avenue. I attend meetings and walkabouts with Community Housing and the Safer Neighbourhood Team, I have worked with officers of the Council and Worcestershire Regulatory Services to help residents with neighbour problems. I have assisted the Council in its defence of a planning appeal.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I am contacted by residents sometimes with problems that, as a Councillor, I am not able to help directly but offer a listening ear. Oftentimes I am able to pass them onto an organisation that may be able to assist. I see my role as a Councillor to be someone residents can contact who will listen sympathetically and be prepared to help.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Dixon Sheppard

Ward: Lickhill

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Council	5	4
Members Forum	3	1
Overview & Scrutiny	7	6

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This represents an overall attendance of 73%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
None attended	

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	0



Section 3: Community Involvement

I remain on the Management Committee of the Elizabeth Mills Centre; I am a Committee Member on the Stourport Civic Society and a regular attender with my wife, Janice at St Michael's Dementia Café.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

In addition to my attendance at Council meetings and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, I have dealt with all problems and questions raised by ward residents. Those ranged from the delay in replacing damaged lamp posts, unsightly objects and noise in neighbour's rear garden and refuse / recycling bins not put back where they belong.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

My Council Charitable Allowance (Community Leadership Fund) was split equally between the Kidderminster Citizens Advice Bureau and the Elizabeth Mills Centre.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor John Thomas

Ward: Areley Kings & Riverside

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Cabinet	6	6
Council	5	5
Members Forum	3	3
Cabinet Advisory Panel – Green Agenda	7	7

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This represents an overall attendance of 100%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	16/08/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3



Section 3: Community Involvement

I am also a Stourport Town Councillor and a Governor of a local school. I sit on the board of trustees of Areley Kings Village Hall and I am also a trustee of a Worcestershire wide youth charity.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I am available to contact by phone or email and regularly walk around my ward and talk to residents, listening to their concerns and trying to act on them or point them in a direction where they may get help. I also try and produce a leaflet on a regular basis to keep constituents informed on what is happening in the area and in council.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I have served as the cabinet member for Operational Services.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Alan Totty

Ward: Offmore & Comberton

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	5	4
Council	5	4
Members Forum	3	2
Overview & Scrutiny	1	1

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This represents an overall attendance of 79%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	1

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Treasury Management **	31/10/2022

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee

Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	5



Section 3: Community Involvement

I have engaged with ward residents, sorting our various issues. I have attended police surgeries and liaised with them helping to reduce antisocial behaviour in the ward. I have worked with community housing, helping to improve conditions for tenants.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I have communicated with ward residents by leaflet and doorstep visits. I have also held weekly surgeries at a shop rented by ward councillors.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Leigh Whitehouse

Ward: Blakebrook & Habberley South

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	3	2
Council	5	5
Licensing & Environmental	4	4
Licensing Sub-Committee	1	1
Members Forum	3	3
Planning	8	7

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This represents an overall attendance of 92%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	16/08/2022
Treasury Management **	31/10/2022
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	28/02/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	3

Section 3: Community Involvement

During the last 12 months I have continued to work really closely with a number of community groups, supporting them in any way I can and carrying out things such as litter picks, working hard to increase the number of defibs within the district and supporting people with mental health issues and vulnerabilities - I'm proud I have now been able to install 3 defibrillators throughout Blakebrook & Habberley South funded via CLF or grants I secured. I have also worked with local business and residents to reduce ASB and improve the street scene around their premises. I have been speaking with a large number of residents on their doorsteps listening to their concerns and taking action to deal with the issues raised, which has given me some real focus areas to concentrate on locally. It's important that my priorities are taken from local residents, this is the approach I have always adopted. I continue to carry out weekly proactive walkabouts within my patch, sometimes joined by Housing Officers and other partners, reporting issues such as unlit street lights, tree issues and general street cleansing issues. I have volunteered to remove graffiti from a large number of streets within my ward and had street bins installed or repositioned to maximise use. I have communicated key Neighbourhood Watch messages to residents within our ward, via doorstep visits, telephone calls, emails and social media posts. I've worked with our internal colleagues to improve the reporting experience residents receive via My Wyre Forest. I continue to volunteer for the mental health support group I founded in 2020 and have been assisting local charities with things such as fund raising. I've held a number of surgeries, most of which have been held virtually - at the request of residents.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

I have assisted a significant number of constituents over the last 12 months, year on year my casework grows, dealing with cases from complex and upsetting issues to assisting business owners in helping to deal with issues concerning and affecting them, such as ASB. I largely communicate via my social media pages, particularly my Cllr Leigh Whitehouse page on Facebook, but also communicate via letter / leaflet wherever necessary, to ensure key messages are received by all residents within the ward, whether they have internet access or not. I am contactable 24/7 via email, text and telephone - all contact details are published publicly.

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I have attended several meetings as an Observer.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name of Member: Councillor Peter Young

Ward: Broadwaters

Section 1: Attendance at Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

Name of Committee	No. of meetings held during the year	No. of meetings attended
Audit	5	3
Council	5	5
Ethics & Standards	1	1
Licensing & Environmental	4	2
Members Forum	3	2

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This represents an overall attendance of 72%

Other attendance	Number
Period of Extended Absence, (e.g. Maternity leave/Sick leave):	-
Number of meetings attended as a substitute:	-

Section 2: Mandatory Training Completed

Training Activity	Date attended
Planning **	16/08/2022
Treasury Management **	31/10/2022
Treasury Management **	30/01/2023

* Desirable for returning members as a refresher

** Required to sit on the Committee



Other training	Number of modules completed
Core e-learning	0
Additional e-learning	0
Cyber security training	0

Section 3: Community Involvement

I am involved with a number of local volunteer organisations:

- Friends of Broadwaters Park
- Friends of Baxter Gardens
- Friends of St. Georges Park
- Friends of Springfield Park
- Horsefair and Proud.

Section 4: Assisting Constituents

- Walking around the Ward
- Litter Picks
- Taking up issues raised by constituents
- Regular newsletters issued to residents

Section 5: Supplementary Information

I am a Governor of St. George's C of E Junior School which is situated next to Kidderminster Tennis Club of which I am the President and Committee Member. Because of the importance of sport in the lives of our children ('a healthy mind in an a healthy body'), I try to promote the sport locally and we have developed links with St George's with a view to giving the children access to a sporting activity not provided by the school.