

ANNUAL COUNCILLOR REPORT 2006– 2007

COUNCILLOR: Sheila Cook

WARD: Almondsbury

Activities

(Set out here a brief description of your main activities this year)

- **Ward Councillor**

(What has been your main focus of work within the ward including any community activities or membership of any community bodies where not a council appointee)

I play an active and varied role in my local community both as District Councillor and as Chairman of Almondsbury Parish Council which is co-terminus with my ward. I am also a Governor of Almondsbury Primary School and involved in numerous local groups which have been formed to deal with specific local issues.

Development is a major issue locally and I have been heavily involved with the issue of the redevelopment of Hortham Hospital into a new community. I have also closely monitored other development proposals in the area which would have a major impact upon my residents including Cribbs Causeway, Bristol Zoo, Severnside and others.

I have campaigned on many local issues including traffic speed in Hallen and also the congestion on Blackhorse Hill. Other issues which continue to generate considerable amounts of case work include travellers issues and planning issues.

- **Council Activities**

(Identify what Council committees you sit on – this should also include complaints and licensing panels and forums)

Council
Cabinet
Severn Vale Area Forum
School Organisation Committee
Schools Forum
Admissions Forum
Governors Forum
Headteachers Forum
Children & Young People Select Committee (as Cabinet Member)
Appointments and Employment Committees
Joint Commissioning Board
Early Years and Child Care Partnership
Connexions
Pupil Referral Unit Board
Transitional Planning Group
Future of South Gloucestershire Working Group
4 UA's Economy & Skills Partnership
Strategic Partnership Board for Children & Young people
Youth Forum
Vice Chair Avon Fire & Rescue Authority
Special Purposes Committee

Corporate Parenting Steering Group

- **School Governship**
(Provide details of any school governships and the nature of your responsibility – eg, chairing roles)

Almondsbury Primary
Pupil Referral Unit

- **Outside Bodies (excluding Fire and Police Authorities and Parish Councils)**
(Provide details of those outside bodies to which you have been appointed by the Council)

| Name of Body | No. of meetings you could have attended | Actual No. of Meetings attended |
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| Bristol University Court Bath University Court Sevenside COMAH Sites Liaison Committee The Mall Management Forum Filton Airfield Committee Edmonds and Coles Educational Charity | | |

Achievements

(Set out here a description of your main achievements/successes this year – in your own words)

As Cabinet Member for Children & Young People I have sought worked to support the development of the department and promote a greater understanding and recognition of the needs of its services amongst the Council and wider community. I have actively proposed new initiatives in my department including emphasis on tackling bullying. I have also campaigned for higher investment levels in local schools than were being proposed by the Council. Within my ward I have dealt with many individual local residents concerns about local issues.

