



**VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT – MAY 2022 – MAY 2023**

Name of Councillor	Marianne Cowpe	Group	Plaid Cymru
Ward	Dinas Powys	Date Last Elected	May 2022

Council Positions / Committee Memberships Held (May 2022 – May 2023)

Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny
Planning
Investigating
Joint Consultative Forum

I am also a member of, and contribute to the work of, the following Outside Bodies, School Governing Bodies and Partnerships:

Council representative

Other (e.g. WLGA capacity)

- Michaelston Le Pit Community Council
- I represent Dinas Powys Community Council on the Public Services Board

Constituency Activity and Achievements

- Regular meetings with highways department both on site and in the office
- Organised a meeting between Councillors, Keep Wales Tidy and the PCSO

Reported on issues such as housing, streetlights, potholes, unsafe parking, rat infestation, overgrown trees and branches obstructing highway, dog fouling, litter, road markings near school, speeding, unsafe junctions, unsafe pavements.

I am a trustee and volunteer at Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre and assist two other local groups/charities. One by acting as treasurer and home visitor and the other I act as Secretary to Dinas Powys Cytun (Council of Churches)

Questions asked in Council

April 2023

- Cost increase to Black Caddies is too high
- Outside tax for local businesses is too high

May 2023

- Regarding the Council's Face Book strategy
- Regarding the Care Inspectorate Wales report of the Vale of Glamorgan's Social Services department

Learning and Development

This section covers your Personal Development in your role as a Councillor. You should include all training events that you have participated in and any developmental events that you have attended.

I have attended all mandatory training

DATE	BRIEFING / TRAINING UNDERTAKEN	MANDATORY
10.05.22	Market Place Induction Event	Yes
13.05.22	Ethics and Standards	Yes
19.05.22	Rules of Debate	Yes
22.06.22	Finance	Yes
29.06.22	Equality and Diversity	Yes
05.07.22	Corporate Safeguarding	Yes
14.07.22	GDPR (iDev)	Yes
13.05.22	Civico (iDev)	Yes
25.05.22	Planning	Yes
26.05.22	Introduction to Scrutiny	Yes

16.05.22	Introduction to the Council and Local Corporate Governance	No
12.07.22	Section 106 (Video)	No
13.07.22	Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (iDev)	No
27.09.22	Equalities in Decision Making and Scrutiny	No
03.10.22	Womens Rights and Gender Equality	No
10.10.22	Working with the Media	No
14.10.22	Digital Citizen	No
25.10.22	Member Budget Briefing	No
01.11.22	Community Leadership and Casework	No
07.11.22	Renting Homes Wales Act	No
11.11.22	Barry Biomass - Enforcement Appeal Briefing	No
02.03.23	Stop Loan Sharks Wales (SLSW) - Member Awareness briefing	No

Priorities For The Year Ahead

- To continue to learn about the functions/legal framework of Local Government.
- To be an active contributor to the Scrutiny Committee and to Council in order to scrutinise Council Activities to ensure best service for the people of the Vale of Glamorgan.
- To continue to work to the highest possible standard for my constituents and to bring up their concerns appropriately.
- To forge links with officers of the Council in order to work better together.

Signature Of Councillor: M Cowpe **Date:** 30th May 2023