

Councillor George Brown – Cowes North Ward

Annual Report May 2012

Cabinet Role

- Continued to assist the Leader, deputising on occasions.
- Attended weekly Cabinet Team meetings, budget review boards, waste management review boards and employment committee.
- Engaged in searching dialogue with chief officers on budget and policy
- Monitored economic progress in weekly meetings with the same officers.
- Secured Council funding for entry to employment opportunities for young people aged 18-24.
- Attended Scrutiny meetings to answer on the economy, tourism, planning and regulatory services, property assets and leisure services.
- Contributed to the formation of economic development bids for investment and job creation, especially in tidal energy generation and destination management organisation.
- Worked with Planning Management on improved focus on service.
- Presented the Island Plan Core Strategy to Full Council, obtaining unanimous approval.
- Assisted in the successful transfer of Waterside Pool in Ryde to an active management trust.
- Monitored progress on updating Council Leisure Centres.
- Decision taking on property assets declared surplus to requirements.
- Cleared Press statements on matters of interest in my Cabinet areas.
- Participated in various television and radio interviews.

Ward Role

- Paid continuing attention to the referred needs of residents.
- Made representations at Planning Committee when ward applications were under consideration.
- Active involvement in Highways schemes.

- Strong representations on the condition of the Cowes to Newport Cycle Track.
- Currently taking an initiative to curb dog fouling.

Work to be done

- More economic achievement.

George Brown
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