

Parks and Leisure: Supported local opposition to the installation of a 3G pitch in Llwynfedw Gardens; supported works to improve Parks facilities; continued to raise the issue of dog fouling problems in open green spaces; dealt with trees & overhanging foliage issues; supported the activities of Maes y Coed Community Centre.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities

- Continued to campaign for equality for the residents of Cardiff & raising access issues as part of this;
- Continued to campaign for diversity of candidates in our local democracy;
- Campaigned for safer streets and reduction of speed around schools and local amenities;
- Began campaigning for the rights of young people in LA residential care to be equal to those in foster care i.e. being able to remain until beyond 18 years old;
- Became aware of the needs arising from food poverty & visited voluntary groups who were 'feeding' their communities & to learn from them. Also supported Foodbank once again at Christmas 2017 collecting donations from residents & councillors;
- Became aware of the period poverty of young girls in school and supported local charities in raising awareness & encouraging donations;
- Supported trainee journalists from the Cardiff School of Journalists throughout the year & gave interviews to BBC & other broadcasters;
- Opposed the dumping of nuclear mud within Cardiff coastal grounds;
- Supported the Administration's proposal that our council should exempt care leavers from council tax;
- Opposed the implementation of Universal Credit in Cardiff.

Section 4: Learning & Development

Governor Training: Safeguarding; Self-Improving schools; SEN; Looked After Children; Learning Walks.

Other Learning:

- Code of Conduct for Councillors
- Data Protection
- Equality
- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Parts 1&2
- Various Member briefings.

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues

- Highlighted the issues for Heath Ward arising from the traffic pressures on A469 & A470 & the poor air quality;
- Challenging the Administration on its lack of consultation with young people & older people about priorities & spending plans;
- Began researching the issues of loneliness & isolation & how to tackle them;
- Highlighted the dangers of rubber crumb pitches & the research that is being done internationally;
- Continued to raise concerns about the lack of training for councillors on managing the behaviours of others, in the light of the Exit Survey of councillors in May 2017;
- Met with the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales & highlighted issues such as care allowances not being claimed for fear of criticism, and raising the possibility that councillors could be able to job-share.

Councillor Fenella Bowden