



**CYNGOR CAERDYDD  
CARDIFF COUNCIL  
Adroddiad Blynyddol i  
Aelodau Etholedig 2018  
Annual Report for Elected  
Members 2018**

**Cynghorydd / Councillor: Nigel Howells    Plaid/ Party: Welsh Liberal Democrats**

**Ward: Adamsdown                      Etholwyd yn Gyntaf/ First Elected: 6 May 1999**

This report identifies my key activities over the municipal year 2017/18 ending 24 May 2018. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

**Section 1: Role & Responsibilities**

I am proud to represent the residents of Adamsdown on Cardiff Council, and I have worked hard to represent their views and concerns to the council on issues including planning, highways, litter, and residents' priorities since being elected.

In addition to my role as Ward councillor, I serve as Chair of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee. During the last year, my committee has scrutinised issues including libraries & hubs, the proposed new central bus station, adult learning and sport in Cardiff. We have also taken to task the new operators of Cardiff's leisure centres on a range of issues which were raised by residents throughout our city. I recently led a task and finish inquiry into the funding of our parks which recommended, amongst other things, more funding for Park Rangers.

I also serve on the Audit Committee and the Pensions Committee.

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Learning & Development Record can be viewed here: [Learning](#)

**Section 2: Constituency Activity**

During the last year, I have handled hundreds of casework issues brought to me by the residents I represent. The issues raised were varied but the top three issues have been as follows:

**Waste collections, street cleansing and fly-tipping**

I regularly report the cleanliness of our streets and dumped rubbish to the council. I have also raised the issue of rubbish dumped in front yards of flats, properties that present rubbish on the wrong day and rubbish dumped in our lanes.

**Problem parking**

Being so close to the City Centre, Adamsdown suffers from a considerable amount of commuter parking. I have lobbied the council for increased residents parking bays in the

area, in particular in those streets, such as Zinc Street, that currently don't have any.

### **Planning**

There have been a number of planning applications where I have represented residents to the Planning Committee. In particular, I spoke on behalf of residents opposed to developments at the former Canadian pub on Pearl Street, and the old bowling green at Howard Gardens. In respect of the latter, this proposal generated a significant number of objections from residents concerned at the erosion of precious green space in the west of Adamsdown.

### **Initiatives and Special Activities**

I serve as the Chair of Governors at Adamsdown Primary School and Vice Chair of Governors at Stacey Primary School.

These schools have performed impressively over the last year, with Adamsdown Primary School in particular showing significant improvement, despite the challenges of expansion into a two-form entry school.

In Council, I have called for action to reduce pollution around the area's primary schools which sit next to some of the most heavily congested roads in Cardiff.

I have been an active supporter of the Adamsdown Day Centre, recognising the role it undertakes in supporting the elderly in my area. When the Council proposed its most recent budget, I voted for money to support Day Centres such as Adamsdown.

Following the closure of Roath Library, I have supported the bid by Rubicon Dance to take over the building in order to expand their provision in the area. I will also be scrutinising the plans for the old Chapel at the CRI to ensure that library services are maximised at this location should plans for a café and library be approved

I have also supported No Fit State Circus and Adamsdown Day Centre in bids they have made for grant funding.

### **Other Activities/Issues (Max 100 words)**

I take part regularly in litter picks organised by Keep Adamsdown Tidy. I also regularly attended local PACT meetings, and have worked with the local police on a number of issues.

There is a significant amount of funding available for community space within Adamsdown and I am currently working with staff in the Parks Department to see what improvements can be made to parks and green space in the area, ensuring the views of residents are heard.

I have also ensured that residents in Anderson Place and Galston Street have participated in the consultation to improve their local environment.

**Councillor Nigel Howells**