**BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCILLORS ANNUAL REPORT**

This is the report by the Councillor named below regarding their key activities over the year ending 30th April 2025. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

**Councillor: Julie Holt**

**Party: Independent**

**Ward: Abertillery & Six Bells**

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| **Section 1 – Roles and Responsibilities** |
| On behalf of my constituents, I actively take part in Full Council meetings and attending briefings on various subjects e.g. budget monitoring, corporate parenting, partnership meetings etc. I have attended People Scrutiny, Planning Committee, many briefings etc to stay up to date with information relevant to my duties as an elected member.  I am very active in the community and also on social media platforms where my constituents can contact me. I make myself available for people to contact me in as many ways as possible.  My ward work is the most important thing within my role and I do my best to help my constituents wherever I can.  I attend Police surgeries, community meetings, events and carry out voluntary work in a charity shop, litter picking etc.  I am a Dementia Friend and have taken training to do this. |
| **Section 2: Constituency Activity** |
| Site meetings with officers, Police and other external agencies to help resolve local issues e.g. anti-social behaviour, straying animals, traffic nuisance, off road bike issues.    Dealing with issues with and on behalf of constituents e.g. property issues, highways issues, accessibility issues and help signpost to other agencies they may not be aware of.  Fundraising for local charities.  Litter Champion for my ward and I help out in other wards occasionally.  I am a trustee and secretary of a local charity and I am the President of our Local Abertillery Town Brass Band. |

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| **Section 3: Cabinet and Scrutiny Activities** |
| People Scrutiny Committee meetings.  Planning Committee.  Corporate and Performance Scrutiny Committee meetings. |
| **Section 4: Training and Development** |
| * Numerous training briefings related to Planning Issues * Safeguarding * Understanding budgets * Roles and Responsibilities * The Constitution * Technical Services |
| **Section 5: Initiatives, Special Activities and Issues** |
| I am Secretary and a trustee of Abertillery Institute and alongside the 7 other trustees, we are working hard to raise funds to reopen this very important building as a community hub for local people. We take part in events to fundraise and I volunteer in the charity shop and I run their social media platforms.  I am proud to be the President of Abertillery Town Brass Band - a role which I take very seriously. I attend meetings and concerts etc and help promote the band in the Community and in the wider area via social media.  I run several social media accounts and pages - Facebook and Instagram, on behalf of Abertillery Institute. I have a separate page on Facebook for my Council work, which is very active and is a great communication tool. This page has many followers and people get in touch with me via these channels on a daily basis.  I run a Facebook page called What’s on in Abertillery and the Ebbw Fach Valley, which promotes local groups, sport teams, venues and events in and around our area.  I am a litter champion for BG. |
| **Signature of Councillor: J Holt (Julie Holt)**  **Date: 07/06/25** |