

# Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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**Report for period: 2018-2019** .....

**Name: Cllr Brian Allinson**.....

**Position held: Vice Chair of Council** .....

## A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

To support the chair of Council throughout the year in the discharge of her official duties.

To attend all full council meetings.

To support the Chair at Citizenship Ceremonies and stand in for her when she is unavailable for any reason.

To represent the Council at special and Community events as required, or where the Chair is unavailable due to other engagements.

## Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

During the second half of the year under review, the chair became unavailable due to a period of ill health and it became necessary to take over all of her planned attendances.

As a result I attended 4 Citizenship Ceremonies representing South Gloucestershire Council. I was most impressed by the knowledge and dedicated commitment of those persons who were admitted into British citizenship.

I also represented the Chair at a number of Community awards and functions.

In particular; The 50th Anniversary of the 1st Flight of Concorde. Also present was HRH The Princess Royal.

A meeting with the Fair Trade Ambassador and Coffee producer from Nicaragua.

Two Bristol and South Gloucestershire Girl Guides events and award ceremonies.

Presenting a trophy to the winner of the Concorde Book award, from six shortlisted books, nominated by young people across south Gloucestershire. This event engages with a number of young people to encourage more reading.

Meeting with Volunteers, veterans and members of local museums who were taking part in the Second World War stories and exhibition project. This project toured South Gloucestershire Libraries.

Attended a multi faith service of Thanksgiving for the 175th anniversary of French Primary school, at St John the Baptist CE Church in Frenchay.

Attended the South Gloucestershire Primary schools Carol and Nativity Service at the Catholic Cathedral in Clifton Bristol.

Celebrating 10 years in operation of Choices 4 U a council run scheme providing day opportunities for people with learning difficulties from the age of 16.

**What “added value” to the local community have you been able to achieve through your special responsibilities?**

I consider myself to have been most privileged to be allowed to stand in for the Chair during her period of ill health. It demonstrates the importance of having a second member in a position to stand in to represent the Chair and the Council on such occasions.

**How have your special responsibilities enabled the Council to be more effective?**

The position of Vice Chair of the Council is a very important one, and enables The Council to continue with its civic activities during times of difficulty.

**In what ways has the exercise of your special responsibilities supported the core objectives of the Council?**

The Councils numerous Civic duties were all discharged as planned.