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Your Strong Voice for Cardiff Central



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Hello,

I hope you, your family and your friends are well. Thank you for reading my eighth annual report as your Labour Member of Parliament.

This report provides a snapshot of the work I have carried out on your behalf, here in Cardiff Central and in Parliament over the last year.

If you need help with an issue, or have questions you need answers to, please get in touch.

Best wishes



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## Keep In Touch



Each month I send out a newsletter detailing my work in Cardiff Central and Parliament as your Labour Member of Parliament.

You can sign up to receive it directly here:

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# Advice Surgeries

Since my last report, I've held more than **100 advice surgeries** across Cardiff Central.

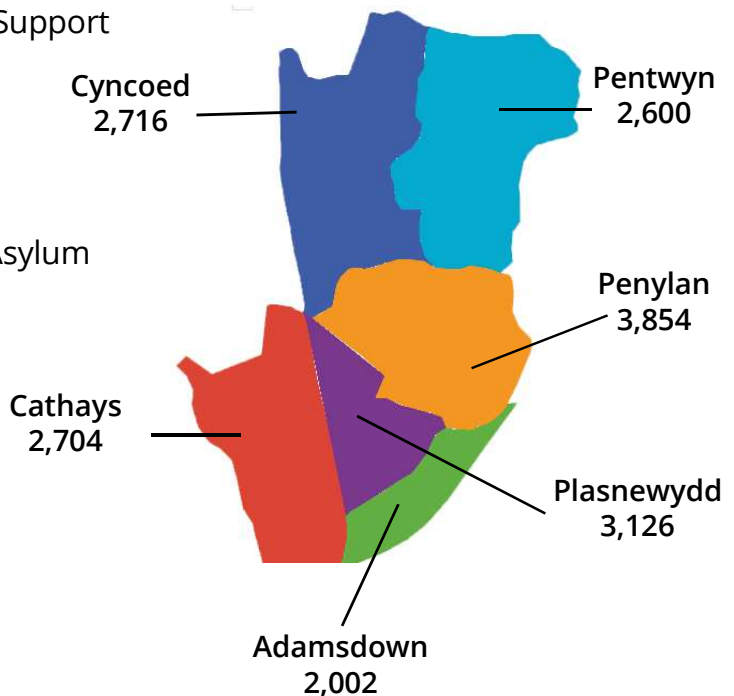
I try to be as accessible to you as possible.

My team and I can support you face to face, over the phone, or by email.

Since the last General Election I've dealt with **more than 17,000** enquiries brought to me by constituents.

Just this past year I've helped **more than 4,500** constituents with a range of issues, including:

- Pensions
- Benefits
- Tax & Business Support
- Housing
- Education
- Passport Delays
- Driving licenses
- Energy Prices
- Immigration & Asylum



## Conservatives' Cost of Living Crisis

I know that rising costs and bills have caused very real concern and hardship for many households across Cardiff Central.

Decisions taken by Conservative Prime Ministers – we've had three of them since my last annual report – have created the conditions for this unprecedented crisis.

The disastrous premiership of Liz Truss and her 'mini-budget' crashed the economy and we are all suffering the legacy of the resulting interest rate rises through higher rents, higher mortgage payments and sky high inflation.



Here in Cardiff Central, I have supported constituents with cost-of-living issues and brought a range of organisations



**UNDER THE TORIES, FOOD PRICES HAVE RISEN AT THE HIGHEST RATE IN OVER 45 YEARS**

together, including Nest Wales and Cardiff Foodbank, to provide face to face advice and support for local residents.

I have been determined to make it as easy as possible for constituents to access the support they need. That's why I launched my online **cost-of-living advice hub**.

It contains all the latest support available together with contact details for organisations providing advice.

You can access the advice hub here:



# Listening to Local Businesses

**Visiting local businesses and organisations and speaking to people is always a priority for me.**

Our local economy and local jobs all depend on strong and sustainable businesses and services.



Meeting with Lisa Roberts, Founder of Mabli Knits. Test driving an electric bike at the Electric Bike Shop.

This year I have visited a range of different businesses, small and large, to hear from owners, employees and trade unions representing them, about how different issues impact on what they do and how they do it.



Visiting the new facilities at Lakeside Care Home. Discussing Fintech with Gareth Lewis from Delio.

I raise these issues with Government Ministers and my Shadow Cabinet colleagues so they know what Cardiff Central is experiencing and what they'd like to see the next UK Labour Government do.

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I have repeatedly called on Government Ministers to introduce a proper windfall tax on oil and gas giants to lower energy bills.

Labour will abolish non-dom tax status and reverse the Tories huge pension bung to the top 1% of earners.

In Parliament, I take the issues you bring to me to the UK Government, sharing your concerns and views and trying to get the answers you need on a wide range of issues.



In Wales, our Welsh Labour Government has led the way on measures to tackle the climate crisis.

The next UK Labour Government's mission for zero carbon electricity by 2030 will cut bills, create new jobs, decarbonise industry and boost our energy security.



I've liaised with local police at all levels to raise constituents' concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour.

Labour's safer streets plan will mean more visible policing, faster courts, higher standards and ultimately, more offenders brought to justice.



I've continued to fight for better rights and protections for people in work and opposed the Tories' unnecessary and undemocratic attacks on the right to strike.

Throughout the year I have challenged the government to commit to replacement funds for University research projects following Brexit, and to secure the important jobs involved.



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## Working Hard All Year Around



Meeting the ITV Wales News Team



Inspecting progress ahead of the reopening Llanishen Reservoir.



Celebrating St David's College's cultural diversity day



Joining Cardiff Labour Students to keep Cathays tidy.



Taking questions from A-Level Students at Cardiff High School.



Welcoming Cardiff University Students to Cardiff Central.



Winners of the House of Commons v Lords Tug of War.



Celebrating a positive Estyn Report at Adamsdown Primary School.



Visiting the new Dogs Trust Charity Centre.



Having an early view of the Dock Feeder Canal which is set to be reopened.



Visiting new sustainable council homes on Crofts Street.



Listening to St Philip-Evans R.C Primary School Choir at the Maelfa Wellbeing hub launch.