

Alderman Nomination: Clare Champion-Smith

October 2018

Elected in 2006, served 12 years as Councillor for Henleaze and later Westbury on Trym & Henleaze.

Clare has had a distinguished career on the council, serving in two administrations' cabinets and serving a term as Lord Mayor.

In her time as councillor, Clare has made an active difference to the lives of her constituents, her accomplishments including her time as Cabinet member for Children's Services where, with great effect, she solved the acute shortage of primary school places in Bristol.

Clare was fully behind the second and successful bid to become European Green Capital and felt doubly delighted when her year as Lord Mayor covered half of Green Capital year.

At the local level, it gave Clare great pleasure to see the changes to Old Quarry Park and see Fallodon Way Playpark full of children and know that we achieved that working with the Henleaze Society.

In her time as councillor, Clare was the cabinet member for Children's Services – having been a mathematics teacher before – and became instrumental in creating 10,000 new primary school places in the city.

Lord Mayor of Bristol

2015 – 2016

- As Lord Mayor Clare's project was to raise the aspirations of primary school girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects.

Cabinet/ Chair/ Vice Chair, Committees:

2009-2010:

- Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
- Corporate Parenting Panel

2010-2011:

- Executive Member of Corporate Parenting Panel
- Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

2011-2012:

- Executive Member of Corporate Parenting Panel
- Cabinet for Children and Young People

2012-2013:

- Chair of Children's Services Scrutiny Commission
- Corporate Parenting Panel

2013-2014:

- Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Commission
- Development Control (S & E) Committee
- Corporate Safety Consultative Committee

2014-2015:

- Business Change & Resources Scrutiny Committee
- People Scrutiny Committee

2016-2017:

- Cabinet Member for People
- Corporate Health and Safety Consultative Committee
- Corporate Parenting Panel

2017-2018:

- Vice Chair People Scrutiny Commission. In this role she chaired the task and finish working group on Adult Social Care.

Over the years she has served on other committees and working groups including Licensing and on outside bodies including SACRE.