

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8:2

FROM COUNCILLOR DR. I.J. JOHNSON

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, INNOVATION,
PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

What is the current status of the Local Development Plan?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING MAINTENANCE
AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

OAP BUNGALOWS

What is the Council's policy on emergency exits from OAP bungalows?

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TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES

FIRST STEPS INITIATIVE

Will you provide an update on the impact of the First Steps Initiative upon

- (a) care provision and
- (b) the Council's budget in the Vale of Glamorgan.

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FROM COUNCILLOR S.T. WILIAM

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, INNOVATION,
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BARRY'S WATERFRONT

What plans are there for Barry's Waterfront under the revised LDP?

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FROM COUNCILLOR C.P. FRANKS

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, INNOVATION,
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STIMULATING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

At the last Council meeting you indicated that the Council was proactively trying to encourage local and Welsh businesses to work with it and would continue to do so. Given that the stimulation of the local economy is a key priority of the Council's procurement strategy, will you indicate what progress has been achieved since May 2012?

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FROM COUNCILLOR C.P. FRANKS

TO THE LEADER

McCLELLAND REPORT

You will be aware that the McClelland Report indicates that there is a lack of expertise in procurement within public bodies, a lack of control within councils, and on occasion large Framework contracts which favour large companies. Council is aware that the housing improvement scheme has been divided into four contracts. Can you indicate how the Authority has implemented the recommendations of the McClelland Report and state in detail the benefits to the local economy?

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TO THE LEADER

WELFARE CHANGES BY UK GOVERNMENT

Members will be aware that it is estimated that the changes being imposed by the UK Government could well result in over £2 million of addition costs on the Council. Will you indicate what impact this will have on Council tax levels?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, INNOVATION,
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LDP - RESPONSE OF THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

Members will be aware of the letter from the Welsh Government of 16 November regarding the LDP report to Cabinet of 19 November. There are clear criticisms contained within the letter including:

- Disappointment that the Council is failing to progress the current plan.
- Concerns about the manner in which the Government's views have been expressed within the report.
- The emphasis that Council has placed on the risk of relying on the 'focussed changes' option.

The Government is clearly warning that it believes that the Cabinet is taking the wrong course of action and is risking a series of successful appeals in the event of sites not receiving planning permission.

Will you comment on this worrying letter?

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FROM COUNCILLOR N.P. HODGES

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDRENS SERVICES.

REVIEW OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Welsh Government Minister; Leighton Andrews has announced a review of Educational services which will report by the end of March next year. The options include:

- (a).. local authorities losing responsibility for school improvement;
- (b) introducing a regional delivery system for improvements;
- (c).. merging council education departments under the joint management of a number of local authorities;
- (d) direct funding of schools by ministers, instead of through LEAs;
- (e) creating schools owned by local co-operatives.

Do you agree with any of these options?

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TO THE LEADER.

ADDRESSING PLANNING COMMITTEE

When will the Council introduce the right of citizens to address the Planning Committee on items of importance to them and their communities?

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FROM COUNCILLOR C.J. WILLIAMS

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, INNOVATION,
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MERRIE HARRIER/ BARONS COURT TRAFFIC ISSUES

Vale residents who use these junctions are well aware of the jams which occur every day and are unavoidable for many journeys. I believe that the core answer to this problem lies with the construction of a Cardiff ring road. As we appear to be as far away as ever from realising a Barry to Cardiff Bay relief road can the Member advise us if we are involved with Cardiff Council at SEWTA or any other level with regard to our mutual traffic problems at this border area and can she shed any light on Cardiff's plans for a ring road?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND VISIBLE
SERVICES

CROSS COMMON ROAD BRIDGE/ FLOODING

The weekend of 24th November saw 7 properties in St Cadocs Ave in Dinas Powys narrowly escape another flooding by a few inches as water lapped around their house walls. Whilst we await for LDP/funding/land issues to take their course can we please liaise with the EA to establish if, [using their existing model], we can do anything to minimise further the incidence of flooding such as replacing the timber props with less bulky supports of metal or other equally strong materials, or any other cost effective strategy which would reduce the height of water even by a few inches as this was all that that stopped a nuisance from becoming, for them, another disaster?

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FROM COUNCILLOR R.J. BERTIN

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

FUTURE DELIVERY OF EDUCATION

Will the Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning please give a statement as to his views regarding the recent announcement by the Minister of Education and Skills, concerning the future delivery of education services in Wales?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES

REINSTATEMENT OF THE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Can we please have an update as to the reinstatement of the Mobile Library service as you pledged in your election material?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND VISIBLE
SERVICES

FLOODING

The recent adverse weather has caused a number of traffic problems across the Vale. Highways that have been affected include Leckwith Road, Sully Moors Road and other sites. Further domestic properties were at risk. Will you give a report tonight regarding problems experienced and the action taken by the Council? Will you thank our staff on our behalf for all their hard work in difficult circumstances?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, INNOVATION,
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LDP - DRAFT PREFERRED STRATEGY

In the Draft preferred strategy document adopted in December 2007 there is reference to employment needs. Since that date there have been significant changes to the local, national and international economy. The Defence Academy, which we were told would see £14 billion invested in Wales and the projected passenger growth at Cardiff Wales Airport has not been achieved.

Will you explain how in this respect the Draft preferred strategy document can be used as a basis for consultation?

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FROM COUNCILLOR MRS. C. CURTIS

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

ASBESTOS IN VALE OF GLAMORGAN SCHOOLS

Following concerns at the level of asbestos found in Cwmcarn High School in Caerphilly Borough in October, and the subsequent closure of that school, the Welsh Education Minister, Leighton Andrews, requested that all local authorities in Wales provide information on their schools asbestos content. Would the Cabinet member please confirm that an inspection was carried out of all school buildings in the Vale of Glamorgan and that they are deemed safe to be used by pupils, teachers and the wider community?

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FROM COUNCILLOR R.L. TRAHERNE

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, INNOVATION,
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DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN

I note from the Draft Corporate Plan that the Administration is seeking to introduce a Town Centres' Framework or Strategy? When will this take place?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, INNOVATION,
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FUNDING FOR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

In her response to Professor Brian Morgan's Business Rates Review, the Welsh Government Minister for Business, Enterprise, Science and Technology has said that she will and I quote '*support Welsh town centres to work together by providing start-up funding for Business Improvement Districts*'. Will the Cabinet Member be consulting with stakeholders with a view to taking advantage of this offer for Barry?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND VISIBLE
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OFF-STREET CAR PARKING STRATEGY

I noted on Page 36 of the Vale of Glamorgan Visible Services Plan 2012 – 2013 under Sub Reference VS4.5 that you are intending to introduce an off-street car parking strategy, and that you will be successful if and when you have introduced a strategy that facilitates the collection of additional income from off street parking. When are we likely to see a Cabinet Report on this proposal?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

TESTING FOR ASBESTOS IN SCHOOLS

The Cabinet Member will be well aware of the recent problem in Cwmcarn High School in Caerphilly where 900 pupils had to be moved out of the School when contractors found asbestos dust in the air. There are some who feel that airborne testing of asbestos levels should be introduced in schools and I understand that the NASUWT has asked for such air tests to be routine. Can the Cabinet Member tell Council whether any guidance is going to be provided to schools on this most serious of issues?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, INNOVATION,
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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Will the Cabinet Member be specifically excluding agricultural and rural business development from the Community Infrastructure Levy?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, INNOVATION,
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VIBRANT AND VIABLE PLACES - NEW REGENERATION FRAMEWORK

On the 22nd of October 2012 the Welsh Government produced a consultation paper entitled Vibrant and Viable Places – New Regeneration Framework. This consultation document is the result of a policy review of approaches to regeneration instigated by the Minister for Housing, Regeneration & Heritage in February 2012. I understand that this work will form the basis of Welsh Government Regeneration Policy for the foreseeable future. As such, it would seem to me that this is an exceedingly important consultation and that clear and robust input from the Council may well be crucial to the continued regeneration of Barry. Does the Cabinet Member intend that the Council should take part in this consultation? And if so when will there be a Cabinet Report?

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FROM COUNCILLOR MRS. M.R. WILKINSON

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND VISIBLE
SERVICES

FLOODING

Would the Cabinet Member please update Council on the flooding events which took place in the Vale of Glamorgan to both roads and properties following the heavy rain which the country suffered last week. Would he also update Council on the flood alleviation works currently planned for the Coldbrook Catchment.

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND VISIBLE
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ALL WALES COASTAL PATH

What measures will the Cabinet Member take to work with the Welsh Government to ensure funding for improvements will be made to the first version of the All Wales Coastal Path, with particular reference to the desire line from Barry Island to Sully?

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REGENERATION BOARD

How regularly do you intend to report back on the work of the regeneration board?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, INNOVATION,
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COUNCIL OWNED BUILDINGS

Can you assure us that an audit will be undertaken of all council owned buildings on the coast between Barry Island and the Knap and if so, when will this take place?

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FROM COUNCILLOR MS. K. EDMUNDS

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, INNOVATION,
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TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Whilst health service development across the Vale is to be welcomed, it is important that the impact on the local community is taken into account. What plans are you making to ensure that the transportation issues that are likely to arise with the expansion of services at Llandough hospital are addressed?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES

SUPPORT FOR ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES USERS

How will the council's core values, as explained in the Draft Corporate Plan, support adult social service users to live an independent lifestyle of their choice.

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, INNOVATION,
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REGENERATION OF BARRY TOWN CENTRE

What recent discussions have you held regarding the regeneration of Barry town centre.

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TO THE LEADER

COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

What discussions have you had with the Welsh Government regarding the impact of the council tax support scheme upon the Vale of Glamorgan.

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FROM COUNCILLOR J.W. THOMAS

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

EDUCATION

Would the Cabinet Member please enlighten Council on his response to the statement by the minister that education may be taken out of the control of Local Authorities.