

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8:2

FROM COUNCILLOR S.T. WILIAM

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VISIBLE AND LEISURE SERVICES

WATER QUALITY

Following my request for consideration last year when I drew attention to the failure of Vale beaches to reach Blue Flag Status, it was disappointing to hear that it has happened again.

- i) Is there a connection between this failure and the capacity of Cog Moors sewage treatment works?
- ii) Does the STW adequately handle the volumes of sewage sent to it?
- iii) How many times between May and September last year has the by-pass been used and what is the level of bacteria and viruses from sewage that have been found in the sea around our beaches?
- iv) If it is overflowing frequently and affecting bathing beaches, then does this mean that the Sewage Treatment Works is failing the Urban Waste Water Treatment directive?
- v) Why has no progress been made since attention was drawn to these issues last year?
- vi) What measures will the Council take and what pressure will the Council put on other relevant bodies such as Dŵr Cymru, that will assure local businesses and bathers that the Council is trying to ensure that the necessary improvements to the water quality of our coast are going to be made?

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ST. BARUC'S CHURCH

Could the Cabinet Member provide us with an update on progress regarding signage at the ruins of St. Baruc's Church on Barry Island?

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FROM COUNCILLOR R.J. BERTIN

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES

1ST GRADE HOME CARE

When are we likely to receive feedback on the recent allegations made about home care services in the BBC Week In Week Out programme and will all members be privy to this information?

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FROM COUNCILLOR J.W. THOMAS

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION

UPGRADE TO FIVE MILE LANE

I would be grateful if the Cabinet Member could update me on the plans to upgrade the Five Mile Lane?

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FROM COUNCILLOR J.W. THOMAS

TO THE LEADER

AGRICULTURAL LAND

How much agricultural land does the Council own, how is this land managed and how much rent does the land produce?

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FROM COUNCILLOR R.L. TRATHERNE

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES

DOMICILIARY CARE

I understand that approximately 95% of domiciliary care in the Vale of Glamorgan is delivered by the private sector. Are you satisfied that the standard of service provided is of a high quality and that elderly and vulnerable people are being cared for in a dignified, compassionate and respectful manner?

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FROM COUNCILLOR R.L. TRAHERNE

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SCHOOLS

'WHEN I AM READY' SCHEME

The Cabinet Member will be aware that 'When I am Ready' is a scheme developed by the Welsh Government in partnership with local government and key third sector partners to enable care leavers to continue to live with their former foster carers once they turn 18. I understand that all local authorities are expected to develop and begin implementing these arrangements during 2015-16, ready for when the new duties come into force on 1 April 2016 as part of the Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act. How is the Directorate going to cope with this new duty?

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NATIONAL INSPECTION OF SERVICES

In a recent document circulated to Members, the CSSIW 'National Inspection' of services that support looked after children and care leavers stated that there still aren't enough experienced social workers and managers in children's social services. Is this true here in the Vale of Glamorgan?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION

FUNDING FOR REGENERATION

What plans do you have to secure funding for the regeneration of Barry?

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CAR PARKING CHARGES

The Cabinet Member may recall that at Full Council in December 2014 he promised a Cabinet Report on the introduction of car parking charges in a number of car parks in the Vale of Glamorgan 'early next year'. There has been no report and furthermore there is no mention of a report on this matter in the Cabinet Forward Work Programme - May to July 2015. Has the Cabinet Member decided to abandon this deeply unpopular and damaging proposal?

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BUSINESSES IN HOLTON ROAD

What are you doing to help businesses in Holton Road?

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SAVINGS FOR ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES

In 2015 – 2016 Adult Social Services is expected to make almost 1 million pounds in savings. In view of the ever increasing need and the introduction of the Social Services and Well – Being (Wales) Act, which is most definitely not ‘cost neutral’, do you think that this is sustainable?

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FROM COUNCILLOR C.J. WILLIAMS

TO THE LEADER

ASSET TRANSFER

I attended an excellent Event at Barry Memorial Hall on 10th June where keynote speaker, Jane Hutt AM explained how Welsh Government is actively encouraging Communities/Groups/Community and Town Councils, to come forward with their plans to take over Council-owned assets for their communities. I was overjoyed to hear this news. I believe that the most valuable asset in Dinas Powys is the derelict site of the St Cyres School , grounds, fields and wooded areas totalling some 33 acres. Can you please help us to take over this asset for the benefit of the poor, exploited, hard-working residents of Dinas Powys?

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SEWAGE DISCHARGES INTO THE SEVERN ESTUARY

I read with dismay that we did not apply for the coveted 'Blue Badge' designation for Whitmore Bay for this year. I myself have joined with a fellow Councillor colleague, known to us all, in his efforts with 'Friends of Barry Beaches' to clean up our beaches for the benefit of us all. Can you please tell me who took this decision not to apply and why; and also how many discharges of raw sewage have been dumped into the Severn Estuary by Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water off the coast at the Barry area in the last 12 months?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VISIBLE AND LEISURE SERVICES

BOXING CLUBS

What support does the Council provide to boxing clubs in the Vale of Glamorgan?

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LIVING WAGE EMPLOYER

Can you provide an updated estimate of the cost of the Vale of Glamorgan Council becoming a Living Wage employer, with all staff paid at least the Living Wage of £7.85 ?

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VULNERABLE PERSONS RELOCATION SCHEME

What discussions has the Council had regarding participation in the Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme?

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FROM COUNCILLOR C.P. FRANKS

TO THE LEADER

FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Will the Leader make a statement on the future of Local Government ?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION

RESOURCES WITHIN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Will you indicate if you consider that staff resources within the Planning Department are adequate to deal in an efficient manner with enquiries from the public and Councillors with processing planning applications and associated matters ?.

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COST OF PREPARING THE LDP

Will you indicate the cost of preparing the last Administration's LDP and the current draft LDP ?

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TO THE LEADER

DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENTS

With regard to Discretionary Housing Payments,

- (a) How many and what value of payments were made in the 2014-15 financial year,
- (b) how many applications were rejected and
- (c) what was the total value of the budget available

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TRINITY STREET TRAFFIC PROPOSALS

How many comments have so far been received on the Trinity Street traffic proposals and how many of these were

(a) (largely) in favour or

(b) (largely) against

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BARRY REGENERATION ANNUAL FORUM 2014

Which concrete actions have been taken as a result of the Barry Regeneration Annual Forum 2014

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TO THE LEADER

COUNCIL MERGERS

What does the Leader think about the latest proposals to merge Welsh local authorities down to just eight and merge us with Cardiff?