

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8:2

FROM COUNCILLOR R.J. BERTIN

TO THE LEADER

**COUNCIL WAGES**

Can you please remind us just how many of our staff earn over £100K per year at this authority?

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**COUNCIL MERGERS**

Do you think that the Public Services Minister, Leighton Andrews has given proper thought to his proposal to merge Welsh council's?

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FROM COUNCILLOR R.L. TRATHERNE

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS**

In view of the increasing levels of obesity among children and young people, what are we doing to increase the delivery of physical education in our schools?

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**WELSH STANDARDS FOR COUNCILS**

I understand that on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 local councils and other public bodies in Wales received compliance notices outlining new rules on what services need to be provided in Welsh. Issued by the Welsh Language Commissioner, the notices set out a new set of standards for Councils, the Welsh Government and National Parks designed to improve services for Welsh-speakers and offer guidance on what actions organisations need to take to help protect the Welsh language. Have we received our compliance notice and are there any new services that we are required to provide to the people of the Vale of Glamorgan.

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**BUSINESS RATES**

What are you doing to help hard pressed businesses, particularly retailers, cope with the burden of paying business rates?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES

**HEALTHY COMMUNITIES FOOD AND FITNESS FRAMEWORK ACTION PLAN**

On page 16 of the Corporate Plan under 'encouraging healthy lifestyles' HSCW4 states: *Increase levels of physical activity and reduce rising levels of obesity by delivering the Local Authority Partnership Agreement and the Council's responsibilities in the Healthy Communities Food and Fitness Framework Action Plan.* Are we making any progress in delivering this objective?

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FROM COUNCILLOR J.W. THOMAS

TO THE LEADER

**VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL AND CARDIFF CITY COUNCIL MERGER**

Have you spoken to our Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, about the reorganisation of Local Government? Does she support the merger of the Vale of Glamorgan Council with Cardiff City Council?

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FROM COUNCILLOR P.J. CLARKE

TO THE LEADER

**ROBUST SCRUTINY**

Our Constitution States.

7.1.1 The Council is required by law to discharge certain overview and scrutiny functions which are an essential component of local democracy. "Scrutiny committees" should be powerful and contribute to the development of Council policies and also hold the Cabinet to account for its decisions. Another key part of the overview and scrutiny role is to review existing policies, consider proposals for new policies, and suggest new policies.

7.1.2 Overview and Scrutiny should be carried out in a constructive and should aim to contribute to the delivery of efficient and effective services that meet the needs and aspirations of local inhabitants. Scrutiny Committees should not shy away from the need to challenge and question decisions and make constructive criticism.

Mindful of the above, does the Leader and Cabinet consider, that the current system which allows a leader or Cabinet member to operate these functions whilst their spouse are chairing a scrutiny committee, gives robust scrutiny?



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TO THE LEADER

**WELSH GOVERNMENT DRAFT BUDGET**

What assessment has the Leader made of the impact of the Welsh Government draft budget and local government spending allocation upon the Vale Council's base budget for 2016-17?

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

**SYRIAN REFUGEES**

How many Syrian refugees, including children, will the Vale of Glamorgan Council have re-settled either temporarily or permanently by Christmas 2015?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION

**REGENERATION SCHEMES**

What is the value of investment to Barry under regeneration schemes provided (a) as a Strategic Regeneration Area and (b) through the Vibrant and Viable Places Scheme? How many jobs have been created or secured in Barry under both of these schemes?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT BARRY LIBRARY**

How many incidents of anti-social behaviour, including damage to property, have been reported at Barry Library in 2015, and what is the cost to the Vale Council of damage to property at the site?

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**OUTSOURCING SERVICES**

What plans does the Vale Council have for outsourcing council services to private firms as part of the Reshaping Services programme?

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**RIGHT OF WAY**

Sometime in the distant past it was recommended and agreed following a Task and Finish project (E and E) that the road from the Lidl's to Gilbert Lane East should be progressed to become a Bridleway. This would avail the opportunity for residents to cycle from the East of Barry via Gilbert Lane and the Westra to Dinas Powys. Since this former road, which has much use until recently, it was agreed that very little engineering would be required for this project with low cost to the Council.

Most roads in England are declassified to bridleways when they are no longer used by the public in motor vehicles. I am concerned that this project on the Eastern side of Barry has not progressed, as we are supposed to have a Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Please supply an update.