

Agenda Item No.

Question No. 1

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8:2

FROM COUNCILLOR C.P. FRANKS

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND EDUCATION

FUNDING CHALLENGES IN SCHOOLS

Will you detail the effects of funding challenges on staffing levels for both teaching and non-teaching staff in Vale of Glamorgan Schools?

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LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

Will you indicate how we ensure that Looked After Children receive adequate education support?

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FROM COUNCILLOR MRS. V.M. HARTREY

TO THE LEADER

RECORDED VOTES AT PLANNING COMMITTEE

In the interests of transparency, will you consider a change to the Constitution to ensure that the vote of each Member of the Planning Committee is recorded?

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FROM COUNCILLOR R.L. TRATHERNE

TO THE LEADER

POLLUTION FROM ABERTHAW POWER STATION

An Advocate General at the European Court of Justice, Michal Bobek, has said that the UK's position on pollution levels at Aberthaw Power Station is 'untenable'. It would seem that the site has been pumping out more than double the legal amount of toxic nitrogen oxides for many years. Does this concern you?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING, SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH (WALES) MEASURE 2012

A recent report by Gofal, the well - respected mental health charity, concluded that it was extremely concerning that outcomes did not appear to have improved despite the introduction of the Mental Health (Wales) Measure in 2012. What do you think could be done to improve matters here in the Vale of Glamorgan?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING, SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

ANNUAL SICKNESS ABSENCE REPORT

In a report to Cabinet on the 4th of July 2016, Annual Sickness Absence Report – April 2015 to March 2016 the figures for Social Services saw an increase in days lost per ‘Full Time Employee’ from 12.65 to 13.57 days. The report also indicated that stress was the cause of the sickness absence in 33.4% of the cases. What are you doing to address this very serious issue?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND EDUCATION

RESHAPING SERVICES PROGRAMME

As part of the Reshaping Services Programme, I understand that you are seeking to save £623,000.00 over the next two financial years from Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Services. Furthermore I understand that the ALN Service is predicting a reduction in recoupment income of £400,000.00 resulting in a total savings requirement of £1.123 million to balance the ALN budget. Are you sure that you can find such a large sum of money without seriously damaging the future prospects of our most vulnerable children and young people?

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FROM COUNCILLOR R.J. BERTIN

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND EDUCATION

OVERSUBSCRIBED SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Given that two out of six comprehensive schools were over-subscribed this year, these being St Cyres in Penarth and Cowbridge Comp but none in the Barry area – What do you think this says about the Barry schools?

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FROM COUNCILLOR DR I.J. JOHNSON

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND EDUCATION

PUBLIC ART

What is the Council's strategy for Public Art?

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FROM COUNCILLOR DR I.J. JOHNSON

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

REFUGEES

As part of this Council's commitment to assisting refugees from Syria under the Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme, agreed last year, will the Council also investigate how we can support unaccompanied child refugees, for example through fostering, and begin discussions with Welsh Government, UK Government and neighbouring Local Authorities as to how this can be achieved?

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IMPACT OF BREXIT

What assessment is the Council carrying out on the impact of Brexit on the Vale of Glamorgan, including available Council funding, economic and social impacts?

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FROM COUNCILLOR J.W. THOMAS

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR BUILDING SERVICES, HIGHWAYS AND
TRANSPORTATION

SCHOOL TRANSPORT TO LLANTWIT MAJOR COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

You will be aware of the concern of parents from Eglwys Brewis regarding school transport to Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.

The Council deem this road to be suitable to walk to school, in my opinion and that of many others, including the police, it is not safe for pedestrians.

The increase in the cost has brought this to a head but it doesn't change the fact that this road is not safe to walk.

The road has no pavement and very few opportunities to get off the carriageway, due to the Council's money saving decision of not cutting the verges until July the banks have been overgrown until the week before the schools break up for the Summer.

In the winter children would have to leave the house at 7.15 am in order to get to school on time so will have to walk the worst part of this unlit road in darkness. The majority of this road has a 40 mph speed limit.

Could you tell me what you intend to do to make the journey to and from school safe for the residents of Eglwys Brewis?