

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8:2

FROM COUNCILLOR R.L. TRAHERNE

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND EDUCATION

FULFILLING POTENTIAL AT SCHOOL

What are you doing to ensure that our more able and talented young people fulfil their potential at School?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

DOMICILIARY CARE PROVIDERS

I understand that domiciliary care providers have requested a further increase in fees for financial year 2017/18 in order to meet the requirements of the National Living Wage, pension auto-enrolment and travel time directives. I have a number of questions:

Is there any clarity regarding a potential increase in revenue to the Council for Social Services from the Welsh Government?

Have you set fees for domiciliary care providers for financial year 2017/18 and if so can you tell members the percentage increase?

If you have not yet set fees for financial year 2017/18 when do you intend to do so bearing in mind that we are almost three weeks into financial year 2017/18?

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THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VISIBLE, LEISURE AND REGULATORY SERVICES

FLY TIPPING

I understand that there were 36,259 fly tipping incidents in Wales during 2015 -16, an increase of 14% on 2014 - 15. This would appear to reflect the situation in the Peterston Ward where barely a week seems to go by without a fly tipping incident. Are you able to tell Members how much it has cost the Council to clear up fly tipping in the Vale of Glamorgan during the financial year 2015 – 16.

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BALANCED BUDGETS IN SCHOOLS

It would appear that almost every school in the Vale of Glamorgan is struggling to set a balanced budget in view of reductions in funding. One primary school head teacher has stated publically that the school will be struggling to place a teacher in front of every class. How has the Vale of Glamorgan Council managed to get this so very badly wrong?

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ACCOMMODATION WITH CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

As the Cabinet Member for Housing and Social Care and Health, it would seem to me that you should have been ideally placed to mastermind an innovative and new strategy for 'Accommodation with Care for Older People'. Why is it that the Council has made so very little progress in addressing this vitally important issue?

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FROM COUNCILLOR A. RILEY

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VISIBLE, LEISURE AND REGULATORY SERVICES

RELIABILITY OF REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES

I understand that during the week beginning 6 March waste collections across the county were thrown into chaos by the breakdown of seven refuse collection vehicles on a single day. Could the Cabinet Member confirm the ages of each of the refuse vehicles currently in service and provide a statement concerning the reliability and maintenance of the Council's fleet of refuse collection vehicles?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR BUILDING SERVICES, HIGHWAYS AND
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MAINTENANCE OF CYCLE LANES

I have been told many times recently by residents that this council wastes money on building cycle lanes which cyclists do not use. I have also spoken with cyclists who tell me that the reason they do not use the cycle lanes is that the debris on the cycle lanes is potentially damaging to their cycles and the cycle lanes are not swept sufficiently regularly to keep them clear of debris. Given the obvious benefit to well-being of cycling what is this council going to do to encourage cyclists to make proper use of these cycle lanes?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

HAWKSLEY BUNGALOWS

Planning applications to improve prefabricated Hawksley bungalows in Barry were first tabled in 2012, but those works have not yet been completed. What is the reason for this delay?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN WALES

What actions does the Council plan to take in response to the recently published report on 'Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Wales' by the National Assembly for Wales' Equalities, Local Government and Communities Committee?

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WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLE BREAKDOWNS

How many vehicle breakdowns were experienced by the waste collection department during the 2016-17 financial year, and on how many occasions have breakdowns resulted in delays to waste collection?

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FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

How many Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued by 3GS in each month from October 2016 until March 2017, and for what reasons?

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BARRY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB PROMOTION

Congratulations to Barry Town United on their promotion to the Welsh Premier League, whose benefits include live television coverage of matches and a large prospective international audience for club results as one of UEFA's national leagues. What will the Council do to ensure that Barry benefits from this exposure due to footballing success?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VISIBLE, LEISURE AND REGULATORY SERVICES

LITTER AND DOG FOULING

Could you please provide a breakdown of the activities of the contracted litter and dog fouling operatives throughout the Vale since the start of their duties including how many visits they have made to the Sully ward and a breakdown of tickets / fines that have been handed out in total for litter picking / dog fouling etc?

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TO THE LEADER

PENARTH PIER

Given the £900,000 already given by the Vale to the lessees of the Penarth Pier. What meetings have been held between the Vale administration and PACL since the latest crisis and reduction of opening hours of the pier in order to establish what exactly is going on, and what conclusions have been come to in this matter?

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INCINERATOR AT BARRY DOCKS

Whilst it is accepted that the Conservative and Labour groups on the Vale of Glamorgan Planning Committee voted to approve planning permission for the already under construction Biomass plant / incinerator located on Barry Dock in the heart of a residential area, there is currently no licence for it to operate granted by NRW. Given the concerns expressed by many Councillors including myself and now increasing numbers of the public, has, or will, the Vale of Glamorgan Council be engaging independent environmental or biomass plant / incinerator experts of national renown and expertise to investigate the full implications of the effects of this plant on the surrounding areas and implications for residents health in order that formal representations can be put forward by the Vale to NRW before the granting of any such licence in order to protect the public interest?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR BUILDING SERVICES, HIGHWAYS AND
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ROAD WORKS AT WHITES CORNER JUNCTION

Given the financial and iconic importance of Barry Island to the Vale of Glamorgan and the town of Barry why have the road works at the Whites Corner junction been allowed to carry on for at least 8 months now, including substantial periods of time (weeks and weeks), with not a soul working on the alterations, leaving a mass of traffic cones covering the junctions causing massive disruption to traffic and huge confusion to drivers who are confronted with a sea of cones almost obliterating the junction and it's entrances and exits.

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CONFUSION ON BARRY ISLAND

Are you aware of the of the confusion and many near misses caused by the failure to properly mark out the junction of Plymouth Rd and the second new Barry Island road. Not only is there a total absence of markings on the Plymouth road end but the whole junction itself seems to be misaligned from a driving perspective from the new housing estate direction through the junction to the other side emerging from under the railway bridge.

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TO THE LEADER

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE MANAGING DIRECTOR/SENIOR OFFICERS

Do you feel that it is acceptable that any complaint / inquiry instigated by a Vale Councillor against the actions or behaviour of the MD of the Vale of Glamorgan County Council or other senior officers, has to be actually sanctioned and actioned by the MD himself / herself before being assigned for investigation to a senior colleague of the very person that the complaint / inquiry is being made about rather than such an action being carried out by an independent party unconnected with the person / persons involved?