

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8:2

FROM COUNCILLOR DR. I.J. JOHNSON

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND BUILDING SERVICES

SAFETY OF COUNCIL LAND REGISTERED SOCIAL LANDLORD OWNED PROPERTIES WITH MULTIPLE OCCUPANTS

Following the recent tragic events at Grenfell Tower in London, can the Cabinet Member give assurances regarding the safety of Council and Registered Social Landlord-owned properties with multiple occupants? I recognise that it will be some time before a full investigation will be completed on the situation at Grenfell Tower, but will the Cabinet Member ensure that a review is carried out as quickly as possible to ensure that the Council and others have cut no corners when it comes to residents' safety – either in our own Council owned homes, those owned by RSLs or within the private sector?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING

COMMUNITIES FIRST SERVICES

How will the Cabinet Member maintain Communities First services in Barry following the Welsh Government announcement on February 14th that funding for this programme will be phased out at the end of this financial year?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING

IMPROVEMENTS TO BARRY'S HOLTON ROAD SHOPPING AREA

What plans does the Cabinet Member have to improve Barry's Holton Road shopping area during the 2017-18 financial year?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND
TRANSPORT

**REPORT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PRIVATE SECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL
ENFORCEMENT IN THE VALE**

When does the Cabinet Member intend to bring forward a report on the effectiveness of private sector environmental enforcement in the Vale of Glamorgan and its impact upon street cleanliness, as promised by the previous Administration but not as yet included in the Cabinet Forward Work Programme?

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FROM COUNCILLOR K.P. MAHONEY

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING

BIOMASS PLANT

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 Natural Resources Wales (NRW). Given the concerns expressed by many Councillors including myself and now increasing numbers of the public and in view of the fact that the preliminary report commissioned by Barry Town Council has exposed glaring faults and omissions in the applicants' licence application, has, or will, the new Conservative Vale of Glamorgan Administration 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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FROM COUNCILLOR K.P. MAHONEY

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGULATORY AND LEGAL SERVICES

TRAVELLERS' SITE ON HAYES ROAD, SULLY

Given that the site of the unauthorised Traveller encampment at the former waste amenity site in Hayes Road, Sully, has been declared by the Welsh Assembly Planning Inspectorate to be unsafe and not suitable for accommodation or housing development and especially by vulnerable communities, is the Vale of Glamorgan failing in its statutory duty and corporate responsibility of duty of care towards those persons currently in residence by allowing them to remain there? What immediate steps are you taking to remove the occupants to a safe site and what personal legal repercussions are all Councillors and officers of the Vale of Glamorgan Council liable for if a safety related incident occurs following the Welsh Assembly Inspectorate ruling given that it is known that the site has been adjudged as being located in an unsafe location?

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FROM COUNCILLOR S.T. WILIAM

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND
TRANSPORT

LITTER ON WHITMORE BAY

The recent negative publicity regarding litter on Whitmore Bay has highlighted how unpleasant and at times dangerous litter can be. It also seriously undermines our attempts to develop tourism and regenerate our economy.

Council staff do a great job in cleaning the beach, but what enforcement measures are currently in place to deal with the problem of littering and allowing dogs on the beach at Whitmore Bay?

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FROM COUNCILLOR MS. A. COLLINS

TO THE LEADER

PROPOSED GASIFICATION PLANT

Many residents in Barry are very concerned about the environmental and health impacts of the proposed gasification plant on Barry Docks. Their concerns have been strengthened by independent reports from Capita highlighting a series of safety issues, including fire risk. I understand a meeting is being planned with Natural Resources Wales to discuss the permit application. When will this meeting take place and what outcome do you want from this meeting?

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FROM COUNCILLOR MS. A. COLLINS

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING

CASTLELAND RENEWAL AREA

What plans do you have to maintain the Castleland Renewal Area, particularly in light of cuts to Communities First?

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FROM COUNCILLOR P.G. KING

TO THE LEADER

EQUALITIES TRAINING

Please can you assure me that all those who you have appointed to Cabinet and Chairperson roles have had Equality training?

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FROM COUNCILLOR MRS. M.R. WILKINSON

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND BUILDING SERVICES

FIRE SAFETY IN COUNCIL PROPERTIES

Following the devastating fire at Grenfell Tower in London recently, will the Cabinet Member confirm that materials used in the cladding of Council-owned homes meet all fire safety standards and give details of the steps he is taking to ensure the safety of all Council tenants?

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FROM COUNCILLOR MRS A. MOORE

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND
TRANSPORT

ROAD RESURFACING

I, like many Vale residents, read the pledges made by many of your colleagues in their recent election leaflets, that you would create a new fund for resurfacing the roads of the Vale of Glamorgan. Will the Cabinet Member provide specific details of the size of this fund, when we can expect it to be established and how many additional roads he would expect to be resurfaced over and **above** the existing three-year plan, or in the regeneration reports to Cabinet?

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FROM COUNCILLOR L. BURNETT

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEARNING AND CULTURE

EDUCATION FUNDING

This Administration's prioritisation of education and the ambition to build on the successes of the previous Administration rising from 5th to 2nd best in Wales, is to be recognised and supported. That sort of result not only requires commitment but also resources. Will the Cabinet Member confirm that he will follow the example of the previous Administration and commit to funding education above its Indicator Based Assessment (IBA) for the term of this Administration?

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FROM COUNCILLOR M.R. WILSON

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND
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WASTE AND RECYCLING

Could the Cabinet Member direct me to any Vale of Glamorgan Council Report in which it is suggested that the introduction of four weekly black bin bag collections was planned as suggested in many of his colleagues' election leaflets.

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FROM COUNCILLOR MS. B.E. BROOKS

TO THE LEADER

DIVERSITY OF REPRESENTATION

Could the Leader clarify the rationale behind his decision to disenfranchise over 80% of the population of the Vale of Glamorgan either by geography or gender when appointing his Cabinet?