

Agenda Item No.

Question No. 1

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

COUNCIL HOUSING

The recent completion of three adapted bungalows in Barry, the first Council housing built by the Vale of Glamorgan since 1996, is welcomed. Could the Cabinet Member confirm how many Council house one-bed and two-bed properties he plans to build between 2017 and 2022?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CABINET MEMBER FOR LEARNING AND
CULTURE

GCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS

Preliminary statistics show a reduction in the number of Vale of Glamorgan pupils achieving the Level 2 plus threshold (5 A*-C grades including English and Maths) in this year's GCSE examinations. What assessment has the Cabinet Member made of this Summer's results and how will he ensure improvement in coming years?

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TO THE LEADER

REAL LIVING WAGE

As a supporter of the Real Living Wage, set by the Living Wage Foundation at £8.45 per hour, I welcome moves towards paying all staff a decent wage. The recent Cabinet report says that 1,300 members of staff, mostly part-time, will see an increase in their hourly pay as a result of these changes. Could the Leader confirm the date at which these proposals will take effect, and the number of men and women impacted?

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BIOMASS SUBMISSION TO NATURAL RESOURCES WALES

Like many Barry Councillors, I was surprised that there was no Cabinet report on the Vale of Glamorgan Council's submission to the Natural Resources Wales consultation on biomass in Barry, a matter of high public interest. Could the Leader confirm that a submission was made, and publish it on the Council website so that the public can view the Council's position on this important local issue?

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FROM COUNCILLOR N.P. HODGES

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING

FIRE WATER CONTAINMENT FOR BIOMASS PLANT

Fire water containment and run off regulations came into force in mid 2014. CIRIA C736 covers this and Section 4 is key.

What considerations did the planning department make of these regulations in 2015, prior to making recommendations to the Planning Committee on the outline plans of the Biomass plant at Barry Dock?

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FROM COUNCILLOR M.R. WILSON

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEARNING AND CULTURE

PENARTH ARTS AND CRAFTS LIMITED

Will the Cabinet Member provide an update on the discussion with Penarth Arts and Crafts Limited in relation to the sustainable operation of Penarth Pier Pavilion?

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FROM COUNCILLOR O. GRIFFITHS

TO THE LEADER

PRIDE CYMRU

I, like many others, was delighted to see the Council's formal recognition of Pride Cymru and participation in this year's Pride Cymru parade. I was however disappointed by the glaring inaccuracies contained in the accompanying press release and the overt politicisation of the role of Deputy Mayor. Would the Leader take this opportunity to correct the information and apologise to Members for the contravention of the Council's Constitution?

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FROM COUNCILLOR S.T. WILIAM

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING

SIGNAGE AT ST. BARUC'S CHAPEL

Please could the Cabinet Member provide an update regarding progress with the signage at St. Baruc's Chapel and the reasons for the unacceptable delay?

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FROM COUNCILLOR N. MOORE

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND
TRANSPORT

ROAD RESURFACING

Members continue to be confused by the Council's policy for road resurfacing and repair within the County. If Members are confused then it's likely that residents will be confused too.

Recent discussions at Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee discussed the complexity of the decision-making matrix for resurfacing and worryingly it became apparent that there were obvious errors and confusion in its application.

Will the Cabinet Member agree to publish the matrix on the Council's website so that resurfacing priorities are open and transparent to Members and residents alike?

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FROM COUNCILLOR MS. B.E. BROOKS

TO THE LEADER

WALES' BEST PERFORMING COUNCIL

Would the Leader join me in congratulating Council employees on achieving the accolade of Best Performing Council in Wales for the past three years and thank them for their commitment in the face of huge challenges?

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FROM COUNCILLOR L. BURNETT

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND LEISURE

PROVISION OF PLAY AREAS AND OUTDOOR GYMS

It is pleasing to see the Council actively publicising so many of the new play areas across the Vale and the new outdoor gym in Gladstone Park, Barry. Will the Cabinet Member confirm his support for the increased provision of outdoor play, gyms and sport during this administration?