

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8:2

FROM COUNCILLOR K.P. MAHONEY

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEARNING AND CULTURE

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ORAL AND WRITTEN SKILLS IMMERSION PROGRAMME**

What arrangements are in place by the Vale of Glamorgan education services for opportunities for an English language oral and writing skills immersion programme that will assist school-age pupils to transfer into the English medium education system from the Welsh medium system? What progress, if any, has been made and what is the timetable for such an implementation programme?

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TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR REGULATORY AND  
LEGAL SERVICES

**SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS FOR LITTER DROPPING AND DOG FOULING**

Please could I have details of the number of successful prosecutions for litter dropping and dog fouling offences in the Vale of Glamorgan since the awarding of the current contract

Specifically

The number of fixed penalty notices issued for littering

The number of fixed penalty notices for dog fouling

The number of cases progressed to court

The % of fixed penalty notices that have been paid in full compared to those issued

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEARNING AND CULTURE

**NUMBER OF CALL USING WELSH LANGUAGE FACILITY**

Could you please provide the % figures for calls made using the Welsh language facility at the Contact one Vale Call Centre out of the total calls made over the last 12 months

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEARNING AND CULTURE

**RETURNABLE LITERATURE SENT IN WELSH**

Could you please provide the % of all returnable council literature and forms including online returns that have been returned using the Welsh language option out of the total issued or sent during the last 12 months.

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FROM COUNCILLOR MRS. M.R. WILKINSON

TO THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE  
PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES

**MODERN SLAVERY**

On 25<sup>th</sup> April, in a question relating to modern slavery, I asked if any businesses in the Vale of Glamorgan such as nail parlours, beauty parlours and car wash facilities had yet been investigated. You indicated that you did not have an answer to hand but would ascertain whether there had been any investigations specific to the Vale of Glamorgan and provide the information in writing to all Members. As no answer has been provided to date could you provide an update now?

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TO THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE  
PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES

**IMPRISONMENT OVER NON PAYMENT OF COUNCIL TAX**

Welsh Government have recently launched a consultation on removing the sanction of imprisonment for non-payment of council tax. How many people from the Vale of Glamorgan have (a) been taken to court for non-payment of council tax, and (b) imprisoned for non-payment of council tax in each of the past five years? Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND  
TRANSPORT

**ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

What economic impact assessment took place upon Barry Town Centre prior to launching the Council's Draft Parking Strategy consultation? Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND BUILDING SERVICES

**BEDROOM TAX**

1st April this year marked five years since the introduction of the bedroom tax. How many Vale of Glamorgan households were paying the bedroom tax (a) in April 2013 and (b) April 2018? Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND  
TRANSPORT

**FIXED PENALTY NOTICES**

How many Fixed Penalty Notices were issued by 3GS between April 2017 until March 2018, and for what reasons? Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport

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FROM COUNCILLOR MRS. S. PERKES

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING

**UPDATE ON OPERATIONAL STATUS OF BIOMASS PLANT**

Could the Cabinet Member provide an update on the operational status of the Biomass Plant, with specific reference to the requirement for Environmental Impact Assessment and whether it is fully operational?

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FROM COUNCILLOR MRS. S. PERKES

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEARNING AND CULTURE

**DATE OF SURVEY**

Could the Cabinet Member tell me what date the survey was undertaken with young people in the Vale of Glamorgan to determine what Youth Service programme the Learning & Culture Directorate will provide from September 2018 out of Barry YMCA.

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FROM COUNCILLOR M.R. WILSON

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND LEISURE

**UPGRADE OF PENARTH LEISURE CENTRE**

The Cabinet Member was asked in February to confirm the completion date for the upgrade of the Penarth Leisure Centre changing rooms. Recent reports now suggest that response to be inaccurate. Could he please give Council an update on the current completion date for the work?

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**PUBLIC TOILETS IN PENARTH**

Many residents in my ward and in the community of the rest of Penarth have heard that the Vale Council is looking to dispose of our only public toilets in the centre of Penarth, bearing in mind that Penarth has an increasing ageing population and is hoping to secure dementia friendly town status. Will the relevant Cabinet Member reconsider, as many people including myself consider it to be a strategic asset in the town ?

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TO THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE  
AND RESOURCES

**RESHAPING SERVICES AGENDA**

In relation to the Reshaping Agenda what does the leader consider to be “strategic” in terms of the transfer of physical assets?

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FROM COUNCILLOR L. BURNETT

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND  
TRANSPORT

**PSPO DOG CONTROL PROPOSALS**

It was disappointing that February's Cabinet Report in relation to the introduction of PSPOs for Dog Control was not referred to Scrutiny for consideration thus allowing open and transparent discussion, and that the confusing and poorly planned consultation has caused so much concern and anxiety among responsible dog owners. Even now, details of the pop-up consultations are not available on the website. Will the Cabinet Member extend the consultation to the full 12 weeks so events are not held over the summer holiday period?

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FROM COUNCILLOR L. BURNETT

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND  
TRANSPORT

**CAR PARKING STRATEGY**

A strategy is defined as ‘a plan of action to achieve a long-term or overall aim’ The first line of the ‘Broad Principles’ within the Council’s parking strategy states that this strategy is “to realise the maximum levels of income” not to support our communities, destinations or town centres but to treat them as ‘Cash Cows’. There is little point in consulting on a report that does not quantify the damaging impact on our communities or possible actions to counter that damage. Will the Cabinet Member withdraw this report and bring it forward for consultation only when there is sufficient information to allow informed discussion?

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FROM COUNCILLOR L. BURNETT

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING

**PORTHKERRY COUNTRY PARK - TO CLLR BIRD**

Could the Cabinet Member explain the reasons for withdrawing proposals to privatise acres of Porthkerry Country Park for the development of a campsite?

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FROM COUNCILLOR M.G.J. MORGAN

TO THE EXECUTIVE LEADER CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE AND  
RESOURCES

**FAILINGS IN CONSULTATION PROCESS**

The Petition that I have handed in this evening on behalf of Vale Communities for Future Generations submits that the M4 to A48 link WeITAG stage 1 &2 have been conducted without sufficient notice and requests the Vale Council to undertake WeITAG I again for a fair engagement/ consultation .

Do the Vale Council accept that there have been failings in the Consultation Process thus far ?

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FROM COUNCILLOR N. MOORE

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND LEISURE

**LEISURE CENTRE AND UHB**

In December 2016 Cabinet discussed proposals for a new health and well-being facility at Penarth Leisure Centre. Since that date there has been no further information provided although one of the GP surgeries involved has now announced other plans. Could the Cabinet Member provide an update.

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FROM COUNCILLOR V. BAILEY

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND  
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**PUBLIC OPEN SPACES**

Will the Cabinet Member provide an update on the consultation currently being undertaken by the Vale Council into Public Space Protection Orders affecting dogs on leads in certain public areas, and detail what representations - if any - have been made by animal welfare charities?

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FROM COUNCILLOR P.G. KING

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND  
TRANSPORT

**SINGLE USER PARKS FACILITIES**

Can the Cabinet Member please explain how we can consider any open space or park for the exclusive use by one organisation or club, expect them to either take over its maintenance or pay for it in full, without giving them implicit permission to fence it off and stop the general public from accessing the same space?