

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8:2

FROM COUNCILLOR MRS. R. NUGENT-FINN

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, ARTS AND CULTURE

**NERS SCHEME UPDATE**

Can you please provide an update on the NERS scheme including current waiting list, provisions of contact for our service users, current referral process for the scheme and any anticipated date of return?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND  
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**PATH AT THE EASTERN SIDE OF BARRY ISLAND**

The Path at the eastern side of Barry Island has been out of access for some time now and is subsequently blocked with railings. Is there any planned maintenance?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND REGENERATION

**CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S "KICKSTART" SCHEME**

Could you provide details of the Vale of Glamorgan's fully adopted plans of Central Governments 'Kickstart' scheme both internal and external including the engagement of Local Businesses, details of where these opportunities are going to be offered within our current service lines and figures of current and planned placements?

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**ELECTRONIC SCOOTERS**

Does the Vale of Glamorgan Council have any plans to communicate with retailers over the sales of electronic scooters with regards to the legality of them on road and pavements?

Also, as an Authority are we looking to introduce a licenced E scooter hire project similar to our neighbouring authorities for example Inter Vehicle Group with the aim and objective being to offer sustainable, safe and legal transport and technology?

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FROM COUNCILLOR M.J.G. MORGAN

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND  
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### **JUNCTION 34 M4/A48 HIGHWAY CONSULTATION**

#### **Background**

The first consultation on these proposals started in 2017.

A second consultation is now in progress, ending on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020.

On 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 this Council resolved to join with Welsh Government and other Councils across the UK in declaring a global 'climate emergency'.

On 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 The South East Wales Transport Commission published its findings into creating an alternative to the proposed M4 relief road after the plans were finally scrapped in July 2019.

At the heart of their proposals is a railway "backbone" to complement plans for the South Wales Metro . There are walking, cycling and rapid bus recommendations. The Commission report states that "Alternatives to driving are also crucial to improve air quality, reducing the need for petrol and diesel cars and promote a healthier lifestyle."

The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, Sophie Howe has said: "The debate around the future of the chronically congested M4 has been too much about the needs of the car and not enough about the needs of the people of South East Wales and our environment.

#### **Question**

**In view of this background and the changes in approach to Climate Change and Traffic Management since 2017 should the Vale Council and the Welsh Government now reconsider the Junction 34 proposals and concentrate not on the "needs of the car" but on the "needs of the people" of the Vale of Glamorgan and our environment?**

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FROM COUNCILLOR MRS. J.E. CHARLES

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND BUILDING SERVICES

**SOCIAL HOUSES IN THE VALE**

How many Social Houses are currently planned to be built in the Vale before the end of this term 2022?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEGAL, REGULATORY AND PLANNING SERVICES

**ROGUE LANDLORDS**

Will the Cabinet Member outline any initiatives being brought forward by the Vale of Glamorgan Council to combat rogue landlords, particularly given the financial pressures on many families as a result of Covid-19?

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TO THE LEADER

**TEMPORARY STAFF**

Whilst I understand that temporary staff from agencies can provide a useful way to plug short term skills gaps in the workforce, we need to ensure that the taxpayer is not overly burdened with unnecessary costs such as Agency fees for those staff employed on temporary agency contracts for the financial year 2019/20?



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FROM COUNCILLOR G.D.D. CARROLL

TO THE LEADER

**STAFF SICKNESS ABSENCES**

Will the Leader please provide figures of staff sickness absences for each quarter so far in 2020-21, and corresponding figures for each respective quarter in 2019-20?

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FROM COUNCILLOR DR. I.J. JOHNSON

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, ARTS AND CULTURE

**ARTS CONSULTATION**

Could the relevant Cabinet Member provide Council with an update on the Arts Consultation, which concluded on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020?

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TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND  
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**IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANSPORT IN DINAS POWYS**

Further to the response provided by the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport to Council in September 2020, why was the 'Improvements to Transport in Dinas Powys' report not considered by Cabinet in November 2020? What opportunities has the Cabinet Member identified for progressing an Active Travel route between Barry and Dinas Powys?

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**CAR PARKING CHARGES IN WYNDHAM STREET, BARRY**

What matters will be taken into consideration when the Council decides whether or not to implement car parking charges in Barry's Wyndham Street car park in April 2021?

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**PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS**

The Vale of Glamorgan Council consulted on six locations to be included within the new Public Space Protection Orders for alcohol restriction powers. Why were local Councillors not asked to recommend potential locations before this consultation was approved, and how will suggestions for other alcohol restriction PSPOs be treated now that the consultation has ended?

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FROM COUNCILLOR MISS. A.M. COLLINS

TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEGAL, REGULATORY AND PLANNING SERVICES

**WOODHAM ROAD INCINERATOR**

Could the Cabinet Member please confirm that all documents relating to the incinerator on Woodham Road which are disclosable under the Environment Information Regulations 2004 have been added to the planning register? If they are not up-to-date, could they be brought up-to-date without delay?