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**To/  
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Cabinet Member for Place**

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Dear Councillor Burtonshaw,

**Re: Cabinet Member Question Session**

Thank you for your response (dated 29 April) to the committee's letter on your work as Cabinet Member for Place. Your letter was discussed by the committee at our meeting on 9 June. Your response gave rise to further questions and it was agreed that I should write a further letter to you.

The following issues were discussed:

**Waste Management**

Having gone live with the three black bag limit the committee wanted to know more information about:

- Your evaluation of compliance / success?
- How many 'advice warnings' have had to be issued to residents?
- Whether there have been any specific problem areas?
- Whether there has been an increase in fly tipping cases?
- How many extra calls have there been to pick up black bags which have been found dumped?
- Impact on recycling performance?

**Public Transport**

The committee noted with some surprise and concern that since our session with you in February there has been a decision not to progress with the Quality Bus Contract approach. This has been one of the council's policy

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commitments and the recent Public Transport Scrutiny Inquiry Panel also supported this as a way forward. Can you confirm the rationale behind dropping this approach? What was the nature of the advice sought, the advice received and the advice acted on?

Please note that the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel will be reconvened shortly in order to follow up on the inquiry recommendations and impact and will no doubt pick this up with you then.

### **Blue Badge Scheme**

It appears that your letter omitted to address the issue we raised about changes to the Blue Badge Scheme and impact. Members have been made aware of issues following the introduction of new regulations and changes to the eligibility criteria across Wales. You stated that you were aware of problems and had already fed back to the Welsh Government but were awaiting their response. Can you confirm whether you have had received further guidance from the Welsh Government in response to the issues raised?

We would be a grateful for your response to this letter. It would be helpful to receive your reply to this letter by 25 July so that it can be included in the agenda of a future committee meeting at the earliest opportunity.

We also look forward to our next meeting with you to follow up on portfolio developments and achievements.

Yours sincerely,



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