

**Providing Council with Written Responses to Questions at Council –
30 September 2014**

1. Councillor P M Meara asked the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing & Healthy City

Question

Page 75, Paragraph 36 “Percentage of Procurement Spend on Local Suppliers”. Does the amount quoted include spending on the Delegated School Budget?”

Response of the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing & Healthy City

The percentage of procurement spend on local suppliers (Indicator 36) does not include expenditure for chequebook schools (Only a small number of non-chequebook schools remain).

The Local Spend Report on which the indicator is based is generated from the Procurement Spend Analysis. The data is sourced from Invoices Received in the Accounts Payable section.

Schools do not use the ISIS system having delegated responsibility for their budgets and their own SIMS systems for recording school budgets, income and expenditure and wider schools operational and management activity.

As school spend is not controlled by the Council it is not reasonable for it to be included in the analysis of council spend in this measure. However, we would clearly hope that schools adopted a similar measure.

2. Councillor C A Holley asked the Cabinet Member for Anti Poverty

Question

Will the Anti Poverty Cabinet Member, circulate the Delivery Plan and related Timescales for the Target Areas.

Response of the Cabinet Member for Anti Poverty

There is an established monitoring and reporting process for the Communities First Programme. Financial claims are submitted to the Welsh Government quarterly in arrears with outcomes for the same period reported via the online Aspireview system. The timescales for these are as follows:-

Quarter 1 (April-June) – to be reported in July

Quarter 2 (July-September) – to be reported in October

Quarter 3 (October-December) – to be reported in January

Quarter 4 (January-March) – to be reported in April/May

Within Swansea governance of the programme is carried out through an established system of Community Forums, Cluster Steering Groups and the Swansea Communities First Programme Board.

For access to the Cluster Delivery plans on the Council’s website please follow this link: <http://www.swansea.gov.uk/communitiesfirstplans>