

**Providing Council with Written Responses to Questions at Council –
6 January 2015**

1. Mrs L Davies

Question

The purpose of the report is to adopt the Local Transport Plan (LTP). Page 64, Paragraph 3.1 states that the Local Transport Plan is largely an update of the current plan.

- a) Is the new LTP in its entirety just an update of the current existing document?
- b) If not, why have the new appendices and or the whole document been made available for public scrutiny?

Page 65, Paragraph 4.0 "Consultation" states consultation was carried out in July and October 2014 and lists the names of 70 stakeholders who were sent copies of the draft plan, however, there is no mention in the report about Councillors input into the LTP.

- c) Is the report correct where it records that only 4 out of 70 stakeholders responded?
- d) (Q) Have Members of the authority consulted on the LTP?
- e) Were Members issued with a copy of the draft LTP?
- f) Prior to the meeting tonight [06.01.2015] were Members issued with a copy of the updated LTP?
- g) If not, as a member of the public I would question any member of the authority who would vote blindly for a scheme they had not had sight of".

Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transportation

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the Local Transport Plan. The Transport (Wales) Act 2006 requires that all Local Authorities have a transport plan which is used to set out transport strategy, policy and programme. The Council was previously directed by the Welsh Government to work with three Councils in South West Wales and ultimately the Regional Transport Plan (2010 – 2015) was adopted in late 2009. The term of the Regional Transport Plan will shortly expire and the Welsh Government issued revised advice in 2014 for Local Authorities to commence preparation of Local Transport Plans. The Local Transport Plan is therefore a wholly new policy although it is broadly based upon the policies and strategies of the Regional Transport Plan.

In respect of the Local Transport Plan Consultation, The Local Authorities held a public workshop with key stakeholders in June 2014 and this was followed by a consultation on the draft final Local Transport Plan in October 2014. Of the 70 stakeholders, who were specifically targeted by this consultation, 44 responded with a number of other comments being received from individuals and organisations not on the targeted list.

The Local Transport Plan was submitted for adoption by Council in early January 2015, however due to an unfortunate clerical error, the plan was not appended to the supporting report. This meant that whilst the report was publically available as per the usual conventions, the Local Transport Plan was not. It was therefore not possible to formally adopt the plan at Council as the non-Cabinet Councillors had not had the explicit opportunity to review the Plan prior to Council and it was deferred to the next meeting of Council.