

**Providing Council with Written Responses to Questions at Council –
28 April 2015**

1. Councillor E W Fitzgerald

Question

Would the Cabinet Member provide figures regarding the number of additional school pupils in Swansea when they are available?

Response of the Cabinet Member for Education

Thank you for your question raised at Council on the 28 April 2015.

The number of pupils in Swansea schools fluctuates throughout the year.

For the total school and EOTAS population, these are some figures at different dates from the ONE system, but care is needed as the number will rise during any school year as primary schools take in rising 3 nursery pupils at different times. We therefore always see an increase in-year, particularly from September to the start of the summer term.

From the ONE system, we have:-

30 April 2014 – 35888

30 September 2014 – 34758

31 January 2015 – 35692

30 April 2015 – 35738 (actually less than the same date in 2014, but a large year 11 group ended in 2014).

We can query the system at any date to get the total number of pupils on roll in schools and on EOTAS provision.

2. Councillor C A Holley

Question

Would the Leader explain the figure regarding backlog maintenance?

Response of the Leader

Thank you for your question raised at Council on the 28 April 2015 regarding backlog maintenance.

The current backlog maintenance figure is currently circa £268 Million as at the end of the 2014/15 financial year and, for which reference is made within the 2015/16 Capital Maintenance report approved by Cabinet on the 14th April 2015.

The figure captures all required maintenance works, i.e. Mechanical, Electrical and all Building related elements to all of the Authority's non-housing stock and is based on an annual review of all building assets, which then informs the master schedule of both condition and required backlog maintenance works.

There are a number of factors which affect the annually reported figure, both in reduction and increase of costs. Increases would be as a result of deterioration of assets and annual inflationary adjustments whereas reduction in the backlog would be as a result of investment or disposal of assets since 2012. Reductions are also achieved via the Council annual £4m Capital Maintenance Programme and other capital monies obtained, for example, via grants.