

**Providing Council with Written Responses to Questions at Council –
22 September 2015**

1.	<p>Councillor C A Holley</p> <p>Question: Asked for a timescale as to when the community assets would be transferred.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing & Healthy City</p> <p>Bowling Greens</p> <p>Discussions with the Associations and clubs are ongoing and all leases will be in place by March 2016.</p> <p>Underhill Park</p> <p>A draft Heads of Terms has been forwarded to the Mumbles Community Association and we are awaiting a response from them before the full agreement to lease can be drafted as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Bowls Centre</p> <p>Our Legal and Estates Service are still negotiating with the Bowls Club's legal advisors. The first draft lease was sent in August and no formal response has been received as yet although we have had verbal confirmation that they are seeking some alterations to wording. This is not unusual. We are hopeful of getting agreement as soon as possible. This will enable us to remain in budget for 2015/16 and make the agreed savings thereafter.</p> <p>Graigfelen Hall and Forge Fach</p> <p>We can now confirm that Graigfelen Hall has been handed over to Clydach Community Council and Forge Fach to the charity Walsingham, following agreement to and receipt of the relevant documents last week.</p> <p>I trust this provides the information you requested at this stage. We anticipate several more community transfers coming on stream in the next few years as our Community Action programme gathers momentum and I will be pleased to advise colleagues of progress accordingly.</p>
2.	<p>Councillor C A Holley</p> <p>Question: Why there was a drop in the use of the Park and Ride Sites.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet member for Transformation & Performance</p> <p>Unfortunately, since 2009/10 there has been a decline in park and ride usage and we have not been able to ascertain with any certainty the reason for this. City centre parking charges can have an effect on the patronage of Park and ride sites and in recent years BID have been providing funding to NCP to offer discounted parking (the 123 offer) which the Council has had to match in order to maintain occupancy.</p>

	<p>Lower parking charges in the City centre provide a significant disincentive to motorists using park and ride sites.</p> <p>It is hoped that the Swansea University expansion will lead to increased usage of the park and ride sites and that patronage will continue to grow with the regeneration of the City centre.</p> <p>We are also carrying out a review of the Council's parking policy together with a review of all sites (including park and ride) with a view to developing a more strategic and commercial approach to this area.</p>
3.	<p>Councillor M H Jones</p> <p>Question: For further information relating to the categories of reserves referred to in paragraph 2.1 of the report.</p> <p>Response of the Section 151 Officer</p> <p>See attached sheet</p>