

Council – 23 February 2017

COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

PART A – SUPPLEMENTARIES

1	<p>Councillors PM Black, C A Holley, L G Thomas</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Brynhyfryd Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close Brynhyfryd library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the situation including our assets and resources, to ensure a sustainable and effective service for Swansea and its residents.</p>
2	<p>Councillors C L Philpott, A M Day, T H Rees</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Sketty Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close Sketty library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the situation including our assets and resources, to ensure a sustainable and effective service for Swansea and its residents.</p>
3	<p>Councillors P M Black, C A Holley, L G Thomas</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Pennard Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the</p>

	<p>Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close Pennard library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the situation including our assets and resources, to ensure a sustainable and effective service for Swansea and its residents.</p>
4	<p>Councillor C A Holley, P M Black, L G Thomas</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Fforestfach Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close Fforestfach library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the situation including our assets and resources, to ensure a sustainable and effective service for Swansea and its residents.</p>
5	<p>Councillors J W Jones, M H Jones, P M Black</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Killay Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close Killay library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the situation including our assets and resources, to ensure a sustainable and effective service for Swansea and its residents.</p>
6	<p>Councillors P M Meara, M H Jones, J W Jones</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Pontarddulais Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development & Regeneration</p>

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7	<p>Councillors L G Thomas, M H Jones, R J Stanton</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Morryston Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close Morryston library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the situation including our assets and resources, to ensure a sustainable and effective service for Swansea and its residents.</p>
8	<p>Councillors P M Black, C A Holley, L G Thomas</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Penlan Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close Penlan library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the situation including our assets and resources, to ensure a sustainable and effective service for Swansea and its residents.</p>
9	<p>Councillors M H Jones, J W Jones, T H Rees</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Bonynmaen Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p>

	<p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close Bonymaen library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the situation including our assets and resources, to ensure a sustainable and effective service for Swansea and its residents.</p>
10	<p>Councillors L G Thomas, M H Jones, J W Jones</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Clydach Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close Clydach library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the situation including our assets and resources, to ensure a sustainable and effective service for Swansea and its residents.</p>
11	<p>Councillors C A Holley, P M Black, T H Rees</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Gorseinon Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close Gorseinon library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the situation including our assets and resources, to ensure a sustainable and effective service for Swansea and its residents.</p>

12	<p>Councillors M H Jones, J W Jones, C L Philpott</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Gowerton Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close Gowerton library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the situation including our assets and resources, to ensure a sustainable and effective service for Swansea and its residents.</p>
13	<p>Councillors P M Black, C A Holley, L G Thomas</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Llansamlet Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close Llansamlet library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the situation including our assets and resources, to ensure a sustainable and effective service for Swansea and its residents.</p>
14	<p>Councillors C A Holley, M H Jones, J W Jones</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Oystermouth Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close Oystermouth library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the</p>

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15	<p>Councillors P M Black, A M Day, P M Meara</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that St Thomas Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close St Thomas library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the situation including our assets and resources, to ensure a sustainable and effective service for Swansea and its residents.</p>
16	<p>Councillors A M Day, C A Holley, M H Jones</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member confirm that Townhill Library is safe from closure and is 'safe for the foreseeable future'.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>The City & County of Swansea's Library Service is delivered across the seventeen sites with a central administrative and management function, based at the Civic Centre, which oversees the delivery of the key objectives of the Service, Corporate Priorities and application of the Welsh Public Library Standards. The Service has been regularly reviewed in light of budget pressures and staff turnover, to ensure we are deploying our resources most effectively and can sustain the Service long term. There are no plans to close Townhill library for the foreseeable future and we will continue to review the situation including our assets and resources, to ensure a sustainable and effective service for Swansea and its residents.</p>
17	<p>Councillors P M Meara, M H Jones & A M Day</p> <p>Has the Council actually delivered more poetry to Swansea in the last 5 years.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Development & Regeneration</p> <p>Delivering poetry via the Council, specifically, is not something that has been measured in isolation of other cultural development activity. There has been a focused programme of literature development in the lead up to the centenary celebrations of the birth of Dylan Thomas and the successful delivery of the Dylan Thomas Exhibition, based in the Dylan Thomas Centre. The centenary year and subsequent years has seen the delivery and development of extensive</p>

	<p>literature based work, creative writing and expression, in schools, communities and the Centre. We will shortly be opening an exhibition of an example of this, with the intergenerational BoomerZ project at the Civic Centre on 13th February and all are welcome to view this. We regularly monitor and improve on participation, audience and visitor figures, which are captured annually, which can be made available although we don't have access to comparator figures for the period prior to 2014, when the programme and delivery mechanism was fully developed.</p>
18	<p>Councillors C A Holley, M H Jones & J N Newbury Will the Cabinet Member publish a full detailed list of how Members community budgets have been spent (or allocated for work not yet completed) from May 2012 to the end of March 2017.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Next Generation Services The ward members Community Budgets (previously referred to as Environmental Allowances) allows members to fund or contribute funding towards a range of projects and initiatives within their ward with a total allocate per Ward Cllr of £25,776 across the 5 year term.</p> <p>The types of schemes being carried out including highway improvements, traffic calming, grants to community groups and schools, street furniture and bins, wild flower planting, support for community events and contribution to visible services such and cleansing and parks. A full list of all schemes and spends is being prepared and will be available on the councils website for all councillors and members of the public to view.</p> <p>Details of spend in each ward can also be made available to Councillors on request.</p>
	<p>PART B – None</p>