Providing Council with Written Responses to Questions at Council
22 June 2017

1.	**Councillor C L Philpott** Asked for an update on when the balcony keys for the Clyne Court flats would be returned to the occupants. **Response of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Energy & Building Services** Three blocks of flats at Clyne Court are currently undergoing refurbishment work and as with all such works, a risk assessment was undertaken to ensure health and safety procedures were followed. As a result of this, the keys of the balconies have been held by the contractors, whilst work was on-going. Two blocks have now been completed and arrangements have been made to distribute the keys to residents. The keys for balconies of the block still undergoing refurbishment works are to be retained by the contractor until all work is complete. We appreciate this may be an inconvenience and has caused concern to some residents, but the health and safety of everyone on the site whilst works are on-going is paramount.
2.	**Councillor G D Walker** Asked to be provided with the result of the last Fire Service 'live' exercise carried out at the Council's high-rise blocks. **Response of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Energy & Building Services** Recent correspondence from the MAWWFRA would suggest that you have received a written response to your question directly from the Fire Service.
3.	**Councillor P N May.** The automation of the system is useful. It is vital that a public awareness campaign is launched prior to roll out. When will it be fully rolled out. Could the Civil Enforcement Vehicle be utilised. **Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment Services** The MiPermit automated system has been operational for the last 12 months. Consideration is being given to extending the scope of the MiPermit system to encompass all parking permits such as Care Attendance and Holiday Visitor permits, however, this is work in progress and no launch date has been fixed at this time. However, it is acknowledged that advanced publicity will be key to the success of the improvements to the system.
4.	**Councillor P M Black** The DVLA allows the public to enter a vehicle registration system online in order to establish whether a vehicle is taxed. Could a similar system be rolled out for Residents Parking Permits. **Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment Services** The 'MI permits' scheme was introduced to provide an efficient on-line application process for residents parking permits, providing benefits for both the council and applicants, and it has proven to be a success. However, it is

clear that there are still some minor technical issues which are being addressed. The potential to allow the general public to remotely interrogate the council's permit data base, similar to the function offered by the DVLA, is currently being considered.

Chipside manage our Database for both Enforcement operations and MI Permits and since the introduction of MI Permits, a request was logged to explore if the system could provide information in the same format as that used by the DVLA.

Chipside have advised that there may be a potential risk to achieving this aspiration, in the form of the anticipated EU General Data Protection Regulation (EUGDPR).

Advice from Chipside is that it would be prudent to await the EUGDPR legislation to be confirmed, to avoid any abortive work at this stage.

An extract from the official EU website reads 'The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) replaces the Date Protection Directive 95/46/EC and was designed to harmonize data privacy laws across Europe, to protect and empower EU citizens data privacy and to reshape the way organisations across the region approach data privacy'. The enforcement date is 25th May 2018, 'at which time those organisations in non-compliance will face heavy fines'.

Chipside are working with a number of legal departments at other Local Authorities, and once a view is established, legal and data protection officers within the City & County of Swansea will be consulted to assess the scale of risk to the council, and where it is appropriate to proceed.