

Questions for the Scrutiny Inquiry Session 29th August 2018

Corporate Property Services (Geoff Bacon)

- How do you put a financial 'value' on land for sale or lease; what is taken into account?
- What are your procedures for linking in with Nature Conservation Team and the ecologists? How and when does this happen?
- Are you linking in with external organisations such as Natural Resources Wales and appropriate wildlife NGOs?
- Do you undertake additional site surveys on land before you dispose of it, to get an up to date picture of its value in natural environment terms? Even if the land has already been identified as suitable for housing via the LDP?
- How do you manage enforcement if the new owners or leaseholders of land damage or clear a site with protected species, ie ahead of any planning consent?

Corporate Building Services (Nigel Williams)

- As a standard procedure, does your department issue guidance to building users concerning the presence on-site of any wildlife, ie, what to look for, and how to maintain and enhance any important species found, eg a leaflet?
- How do you deal with new wildlife issues which arise, such as the discovery of bats or other important species?
- Does each individual site e.g. a school determine its own responsibility in relation to the natural environment and biodiversity, or is each building held to the same Council-determined standard?
- Are there policies/contacts/procedures for each building if they discover a protected important species?
- Are regular ecological surveys undertaken to monitor the biodiversity profile of the property?