

Council – 20 December 2018

Councillors' Questions

Part A – Supplementaries

1	<p>Cllrs Lyndon Jones & Brigitte Rowlands.</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member confirm the number of betting shops throughout the City & County of Swansea. How are the spread out across the County.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Delivery</p> <p>There are currently 32 licensed betting shops in the City and County of Swansea. There is 1 betting shop in the Bonymaen Ward, 12 in Castle, 1 in Clydach, 3 in Cockett, 1 in Cwmbwrla, 2 in Gorseinon, 1 in Killay South, 1 in Landore, 2 in Llansamlet, 1 in Lower Loughor, 3 in Morryston, 1 in Pontarddulais, 1 in St Thomas, 1 in Sketty and 1 in Townhill. The addresses of the betting shops in each ward are as follows:</p> <p>Bonymaen – 1 Ladbrokes, Adj. to Bonymaen Inn, Mansel Road, Bonymaen</p> <p>Castle Ward – 12 The Winning Post, 45 The Kingsway, Swansea Betfred, 19 Oxford Street, Swansea Coral, 237 High Street, Swansea Coral, 17 Union Street, Swansea. Coral, 206 Oxford Street, Swansea Ladbrokes, 20 Union Street, Swansea Ladbrokes, 43 Wind Street, Swansea Ladbrokes, 64 Plymouth Street, Swansea Paddy Power, 15, Union Street, Swansea William Hill, 77 St Helen's Road, Swansea William Hill, 26 Oxford Street, Swansea William Hill, 42 High Street, Swansea</p> <p>Clydach – 1 Ladbrokes, 42 High Street, Clydach</p> <p>Cockett - 3 Coral, 561A Pentregethin Road, Gendros, Swansea Betfred, 560 Pentregethin Road, Gendros, Swansea Ladbrokes, 908 Carmarthen Road, Fforestfach, Swansea</p> <p>Cwmbwrla – 1 Ladbrokes, Adj. to The Three Sisters, Mansel Terrace, Swansea</p>

	<p>Gorseinon – 2 William Hill, 104 High Street, Gorseinon, Swansea Coral, 67-68 High Street, Gorseinon, Swansea</p> <p>Killay South – 1 Coral, 440 Gower Road, Killay Swansea</p> <p>Landore – 1 Betfred, 303-307 Llangyfelach Road, Treboeth, Swansea</p> <p>Llansamlet – 2 Ladbrokes, Samlet Road, Swansea Enterprise Park, Swansea Ladbrokes, 160 Trallwn Road Llansamlet, Swansea</p> <p>Lower Loughor – 1 David Lucas Turf Accountants, Oakleigh Road, Loughor, Swansea</p> <p>Morrison – 3 Betfred, 7-8 Woodfield Street, Morrison, Swansea Coral, 102 Clase Road, Morrison, Swansea William Hill, 132 Woodfield Street, Morrison, Swansea</p> <p>Pontarddulais – 1 Coral, 9 St Teilo Street, Pontarddulais, Swansea</p> <p>St Thomas - 1 Ladbrokes, 4 Delhi Street, St Thomas, Swansea</p> <p>Sketty – 1 Coral, Gower Road, Sketty, Swansea</p> <p>Townhill – 1 Ladbrokes, 272 Townhill Road, Mayhill, Swansea</p>
2	<p>Cllrs Chris Holley, Jeff Jones & Mary Jones</p> <p>The Leader has already apologised for the disappointing Christmas Parade this year so will he or the Cabinet Member tell Council how the contract was awarded, the complete breakdown of costs, and are there any outstanding liabilities. It has been promised that our “in house team” will be responsible for the event next year but as the Council is already struggling with budgets how will this be funded.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism</p> <p>The contract was awarded via a Waiver to a single supplier, as with previous years. The contractor works as the production director for Europa Park, Germany (the largest theme park in Germany) – producing regular parades, including ‘Disneyopa’, and understood the kind of event we were aiming to achieve for the city centre. He produced a plan to support our ambitions.</p>

	<p>A number of community workshops took place in the lead up, including the creation of a 'Choir of Opportunity' (homeless and other excluded people) and elf school, as well as choreography with existing organisations such as Rising Stars (special needs theatre group); Tenovus Choir (cancer survivors) etc. these costs are included below.</p> <p>£11,055 crew/ staff/ first aid/stewards £28,300 creative fees/ production/ artist costs /accommodation – this paid to the contractor to commission content. £2,500 Special Effects £2,258.15 materials, lights, ratchets etc. £11,500 sub contractors, PA, stage lighting, stages etc. £1,124 generator £2,508 barriers, hire, £4,398 traffic management/ signage etc. £5,000 marketing Total:£68,643</p> <p>Most of these costs are unavoidable in order to deliver a safe large public event. It is important to note that following discussions with the council the contract has ended, the contractor has waived his right to a fee, and the council has only therefore met the cost for production/ artist participants.</p> <p>There are no outstanding liabilities. The organisation, route and management of future Parades will be brought back in house as before, delivered from the existing events team and budget.</p>
3	<p>Cllrs Lyndon Jones, Myles Langstone & Brigitte Rowlands.</p> <p>The Christmas Parade in the city centre was well below expectations this year, something that has been acknowledged by the Leader of the Council and sadly picked up by the national press. We would like to encourage the Council to work with local businesses to get more involved with the floats and displays to enhance the parade, their contributions to the production of the floats and displays will reduce the cost of the parade to the Council. It should also be noted that the Christmas decorations are excellent and create a very festive atmosphere in the run up to Christmas, which is something we will be promoting via social media to counteract the negative media coverage Swansea has had, we would encourage others to do the same.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism</p> <p>The Council's Special Events Team did encourage the type of participation suggested. However we are trying to establish why that did not materialise into the type of event everyone expected.</p> <p>This year was exceptionally challenging from an event perspective as construction constraints in the city centre meant crowd safety concerns were significantly more challenging than previous years and therefore limited the options for safe routing of the parade.</p>

	<p>We are reviewing the delivery approach and controls to ensure the parade next year is delivered to the scale and quality we expect. Our aim will be to deliver a 'Christmas spectacular' next Christmas as part of the Swansea's 50th Anniversary celebrations.</p> <p>The event will be delivered by the in-house events team that has a proud record of delivering highly successful national events like the Wales National Airshow and Biggest Weekend.</p>
4	<p>Cllrs Wendy Fitzgerald, Gareth Sullivan & Kevin Griffiths</p> <p>Council was informed some time ago of the valuable role that Local Area Coordinators could play in communities across Swansea. Could the Cabinet Member advise Council how many LAC's there are in total, how many are funded by Council and how many by other organisations? Could the Cabinet Member also inform Council what reason the Fire Authority has given for terminating the contract of the LAC covering the Penllergaer, Loughor area a year earlier than agreed.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Care Health & Ageing Well</p> <p>We will shortly have 11 LACs given forthcoming recruitment to the Blaenymaes and Llansamlet areas.</p> <p>A LAC is funded by each of Swansea University, Gwalia (Pobl) and Cwmtawe Primary care cluster. Additionally funds are received from Coastal and Family Housing Associations towards the general provision of LAC across Swansea</p> <p>The Council was advised that the Fire Service terminated the contract with us for the LAC in Gowerton, Loughor & Penllergaer due to staff shortages within the Fire Service compounded by long term sickness within the team from which she was seconded.</p> <p>We very much regret this early decision as it has removed a provision to those communities just as it was getting established and starting to produce excellent results.</p>
5	<p>Cllrs Chris Holley, Peter Black & Gareth Sullivan</p> <p>What is the current position and future plans for staff (Health, Swansea University and the Council) employed in the Civic Centre and what are the current parking provisions for them.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Business Transformation & Performance</p> <p>The University have been granted a lease of approximately 2000 sq metres in the Civic Centre up until the 31st Jan 2021, they have been allowed use of 10 parking spaces. The lease generates a significant financial revenue return for the Council. ABMU occupy accommodation as part of the integrated working arrangements with Social Services colleagues. Parking permits are granted to support this service which are charged for and therefore generate additional</p>

	<p>income. All parking permits are managed in accordance with established policy and to meet the business needs of the Council. Future plans for the Civic Centre continue to be under consideration.</p>
	<p>Part B – No Supplementaries</p>
6	<p>Cllrs Chris Holley, Peter Black & Jeff Jones</p> <p>What is the current position of the lease on the Patti Pavilion.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Business Transformation & Performance</p> <p>The Patti Pavilion is subject to a lease for 125 years from 25th March 2009 to a company called Andgreen (Red Kite) Limited.</p>
7	<p>Cllrs Chris Holley, Mary Jones & Graham Thomas</p> <p>The Council are employing a Development Officer for Castle Square, what is the cost of the post and how is going to be funded.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism</p> <p>Cabinet in October 2017 considered options for the siting of a development opportunity on part of Castle Square and options for delivery mechanisms and key principles for the development and the enhancement the public realm. The Cabinet decision was that the Council would develop a commercial element and enhance the environment of Castle Square by employing an external Development Manager and professional team including an architect, quantity surveyor and letting agents.</p> <p>In order to take Castle Square forward a Development Manager and a professional team is currently being procured, with a view to an appointment early in 2019. An initial budget is required for a Stage 1- Initial Feasibility study to undertake design, tenant discussions, establish viability and a business case which would then be reported to Cabinet for decision on whether to proceed to Stage 2 and allocate capital for the planning and delivery stage. For Stage 1 - Initial Feasibility, £50k is being funded from regeneration capital match funding and which was agreed in a further report to Cabinet on June 21 2018.</p>