



Council – 27 June 2019

Councillors' Questions

Part A – Supplementaries

1	<p>Cllr Mary Jones, Jeff Jones & Chris Holley</p> <p>As we are all aware that Dawnus has gone into Administration will the Leader/Cabinet Member tell Council when the contract for the Kingsway enhancement works was let.</p> <p>Response of the Leader</p> <p>The contract with Dawnus was signed on 12th April 2018.</p> <p>The interim works currently being undertaken on Kingsway were initially carried out by the Council, and then Swansea Highways Partnership, let under an NEC Short Form on 26th March 2019. This mitigated the delay in terms of appointing a replacement contractor and also ensured the “works” were safe and secure as quickly as was possible.</p> <p>The contract for the completion of the works with Alun Griffiths as the contractor is currently in the final stages of negotiation but all efforts are being used to complete the works as soon as is practical and also to ensure a phased completion freeing up the Kingsway for this year’s Christmas parade.</p>
2	<p>Cllrs Jeff Jones, Mike Day & Cheryl Philpott</p> <p>The Swiss Cottage is an important part of Singleton Park but it has again been vandalised. Will the Cabinet Member tell Council when something is going to be done to protect and enhance it.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Business Transformation & Performance</p> <p>The site was marketed in October 2018 but received limited interest from the market. Dialogue with a preferred partner is progressing, albeit slower than anticipated. This is largely due to specific nature of the Swiss Cottage and significant complexities of the asset which do not lend themselves to a straightforward solution. If a suitable solution cannot be agreed then the council would review its options.</p>
3	<p>Cllrs Mary Jones, Kevin Griffiths & Jeff Jones</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member update Council on what tonnage of wood has been recycled since it has been centralised to the Baling plant and what was the tonnage when it was collected at the other sites.</p>

	<p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure Management</p> <p>Since changes were made to wood in late January 2019 the following tonnages have been recycled at the Baling Plant: February 76.52T, March 109.54T, April 338.72T, May 326.06T.</p> <p>The comparable figures for all sites for 2018 were: February 244.2T, March 275.74T, April 377.02T, May 371.68T. Moving all wood to the Baling Plant has allowed us to better monitor commercial traders incorrectly using the free domestic recycling sites, and be able to quickly adapt to any changing requirements in wood recycling. This is obviously a recent change to our wood recycling process, and we will continue to monitor this on an ongoing basis and adapt if necessary.</p>
4	<p>Cllrs Cheryl Philpott. Mike Day & Chris Holley</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member tell Council who is going to be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the planting along West Way and the new paving.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure Management</p> <p>Once contractual matters are completed, planting will be the responsibility of Waste, Parks and Cleansing.</p> <p>Paving is now the responsibility of Highways Maintenance team.</p> <p>We will be establishing a ring fenced fund to maintain the new public realm areas throughout the City Centre.</p>
5	<p>Cllrs Kevin Griffiths, Wendy Fitzgerald & Gareth Sullivan</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member confirm if there are any plans to have re-usable bags for the collection of tins and bottles and also paper as the green one-use bags are now so flimsy they are splitting.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure Management</p> <p>We currently don't have any plans to change our glass, tins and paper collection method. However, we are constantly reviewing all of our waste and recycling collection methods. With the recent changes to black bag and plastic collections, we feel this is not the appropriate time to consider making any further changes. The green bags we currently use are of a nature, preferred by reprocessors to ease the removal of the contents prior to recycling. Our aim as an Environmentally conscious Authority, is to work towards eliminating single use plastic throughout our Council Estate.</p>
6	<p>Cllrs Wendy Fitzgerald, Susan Jones & Mike Day</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member comment on the fact that some members of the public are disposing of their household refuse in litter bins due to the current restrictions.</p>

	<p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure Management</p> <p>The Council monitors the tonnage of material collected from litter bins or as fly-tipping etc. and there has been no increase since the start of the “Keep Recyclables Out” campaign. There may be a small minority of residents who go to great lengths to avoid responsibly recycling by placing their household waste in litter bins, and the Council takes enforcement action against this minority wherever possible.</p>
	<p>Part B – No Supplementaries</p>
7	<p>Cllr P May</p> <p>At the meeting of council dated 15th December 2016, Cllr Peter May asked a question on the subject the regulation of letting boards.</p> <p>The council currently operates a voluntary code which is failing. The question requested when a Regulation 7 order was going to be made to formally control the proliferation of letting boards. This order is particularly needed in the communities of the Uplands Ward.</p> <p>The response from the Cabinet Member at the time was:</p> <p>"Resources within the Strategic Planning and Development Management Teams are considerably stretched at this time and it is unlikely that resources could be released from current priorities for at least 12 months."</p> <p>Is the Cabinet Member now in a position to give a timescale for when the much needed Regulation 7 order can be implemented please.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Delivery</p> <p>Officers are making preparations to gather an evidence base on the number and distribution of letting boards within the area. Once gathered this evidence will need to be analysed to establish the most appropriate course of action. Given current commitments it is unlikely that a resource will be available to complete this initial work until Q4 2019/20.</p>
8	<p>Cllrs Chris Holley, Jeff Jones & Peter Black</p> <p>Will the Leader/Cabinet Member provide Council with the current valuation of the Civic Centre site.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Business Transformation & Performance</p> <p>The Current Asset Valuation for the Civic Centre, based on existing use value, as at 30th June 2018 is £10,641,000.</p> <p>A future value could only be determined once a scheme has bene developed but the site could have a development value in excess of £100m.</p>