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Dear Councillor Jones

Cabinet Member Question Session – 14 October

I am writing in response to your letter dated 7 November 2019 in relation to the Cabinet Member Question Session held on 14 October 2019.

NEETS (Not in Education, Employment or Training)

For clarification Careers Wales publish the data annually as part of their destinations survey. The published data was:

2017 - 52 NEET out of 2367 = 2.2%

2018 - 57 NEET out of 2318 = 2.5%

As a cohort percentage the increase is therefore 0.3%, whilst the increase in the number of NEET is $(57 - 52) / 52 \times 100 = 9.6\%$.

In response to the three questions you have put in your letter please find below the responses.

- Confirm where specifically the monitoring of air quality around school sites was taking place

We currently have monitoring equipment in locations to assess ambient air quality, primarily Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) for the following schools:

- Bishop Gore Comprehensive
- Brynhyfyd Primary
- Gorseinon Infants
- Morriston Primary
- Oystermouth Primary (New location)
- Penllergaer Primary

- Waunarlwydd Primary
- YGG Lon Las

There are currently no exceedances of the NO₂ annual mean objective concentration of 40ugm⁻³ returned.

- Share with us information you have requested on the regular patrols carried by Parking Enforcement Officers around schools

This information has been asked for but not supplied. Will forward when received.

- Confirm the comparative Council and Welsh Government financial contribution to Band B funding for the 21st Century Schools Programme

Capital

The Welsh Government grant intervention rate is 65% of the cost, except for special schools and PRUs which is 75% of the cost.

Mutual Investment Model (MIM) Funded Schemes

These have an intervention rate of 81%.

Voluntary Aided

The intervention rate for Voluntary Aided schools is 85%.

So in the case of Voluntary Aided (VA) schools 85%, of the annual service repayments to the Project Company under a MIM scheme will be funded by Welsh Government, or 85% of the capital costs.

Swansea Council Band B Programme

The Band B programme envelope is £149.5m (if the potential aided sector scheme is excluded this amounts to £141.3m). Of this total, £126.250m is being sought from traditional capital funding, requiring a net local funding requirement of £39.686m (less allowance for realisable capital and other receipts) from prudential borrowing. The remaining £23.3m (or £15m if the potential aided sector scheme is excluded) is expected to be delivered through the MIM, which would require no local capital funding contribution but incur an annual charge once the accommodation and facilities are completed. An equivalent local share of the capital cost would be £2.9m although the 25% local contribution would apply to the annual revenue charge.

Yours sincerely



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