Providing Council with Written Responses to Questions asked at Council 3 December 2020

1 Councillor E W Fitzgerald

In relation to Minute 34 - Climate Emergency Declaration Policy Review and Proposed Action Plan

In relation to Paragraph 2.1.21 (Active Travel Plan) of the report. She asked if there were figures relating to cycling, broken down between leisure users and commuters.

Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment Enhancement & Infrastructure Management

The local authority monitors cycle use at 14 fixed strategic locations across the City and County of Swansea, through the use of permanent cycle counters that continually record the volume and speed of passing cycles. The use of temporary cycle count devices and temporary camera surveys provide additional data for areas not covered by fixed counters, on an adhoc basis.

The data collected from both the fixed and temporary cycle counters is quantitative, and so the purpose of journeys cannot be derived from this collection method.

2 Councillor A M Day

In relation to Minute 41 - Councillors Questions - Question 5

Paragraph 2 of the written response refers to a forthcoming review. When will the review be undertaken and can the outcome of the review be shared with Councillors.

Response of the Cabinet Member for Homes, Energy & Service Transformation

I can confirm the Occupational Therapist (OT) waiting times are under continual review and any necessary changes to the level of resources to meet this demand will be made accordingly.

The additional external part-time OT and provision of overtime to our OTs employed directly by the service has helped reduce the waiting times for OT assessments from 3-4 months down to 6 weeks currently.

The service are also looking to procure an external OT provider to carry out OT assessments over the next 2 years to supplement the OTs directly employed, during times of high demand and to cover staff resource issues, to ensure any future backlog and waiting times for an OT assessment can be minimised. This contract is currently being advertised on Sell2Wales with the service looking to appoint a provider in February 2021.