



**Council – 1 September 2022**

## **Councillors' Questions**

### **Part A – Supplementaries**

1	<p><b>Councillors Mary Jones, Sam Bennett &amp; Jeff Jones</b></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member tell Council what is the cleaning and maintenance regime for Wind St and the wider City area.</p> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Member for Community</b></p> <p>The core City centre is cleansed on a daily basis particularly between the hours of 6am -11am and then again between 12pm – 6pm seven days a week. All adopted areas are cleansed using a range of measures including manual litter picking/sweeping, bin emptying, large and compact Mechanical Brush/Scrubber Vehicles, leaf blowers, and jet washers as necessary. The wider City areas are cleansed on a weekly basis.</p>
2	<p><b>Councillors Peter May, Allan Jeffrey, Sandra Joy &amp; Stuart Rice</b></p> <p>The Uplands group supports the administration's policy of investing in play areas throughout the city.</p> <p>We do have concerns about the quality of equipment and its lifespan. Ten years ago a brand new playground was installed in Cwmdonkin Park as a part of a successful Heritage Lottery Fund application.</p> <p>In August 2018, when the playground was barely 6 years old, the ward councillors had to contribute £400 from their community budget to install new trampoline springs as they originals had already failed. At the same time the Parks department had to provide replacement trampoline mat at a cost to the department of £1000.</p> <p>Barely 4 years on in June 2022, the trampoline failed again and the department has to pay £2000 for its second replacement. At the time the supply date was October and as a result the trampoline has been out of action for the summer.</p> <p>In August 2022 barely 10 years after installation, the entire swing structure had to be dismantled due to rot of a main joint. This resulted in a partial collapse of the structure. Councillor Peter May was on site at the time and photographs are included for members to observe to demonstrate the failure.</p> <p>A significant proportion of the equipment in a recently constructed playground is now out of use and other items are showing signs of wear prematurely.</p> <p>It is alarming that the council has had no recourse from the manufacturer regarding these failed items in Cwmdonkin Park.</p>

What is the expected lifespan of the equipment that the council is now installing across the city with its policy.

What is the length of the manufacturer's guarantee on equipment. (If this varies on different items can examples be provided please)

Is longevity of equipment a consideration in the procurement process.

### **Response of the Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism**

With regards the failure of the swing frame at Cwmdonkin Park, once made aware of the damage Parks staff immediately attended site and after an assessment of the structure took the decision to remove the equipment.

This playground is very popular with children and it is usual for moving parts on play equipment such as chains, bearing, and springs to need replacing periodically. Only the swings and trampoline in Cwmdonkin are temporarily out of action and the Parks Service is not aware of any equipment that is prematurely showing signs of significant wear. The supplier of the swing has contacted the manufacturer, and we are awaiting a response before moving forward with a replacement. The replacement trampoline is still scheduled for October.

There is an expectation that main structural elements of play equipment would have a lifespan in excess of 15 years, with many items of equipment still being in good working order after 30 years and longer.

Warranties on new equipment varies depending upon manufacturer and type of equipment. Warranties range from 2 years for movable plastic parts to lifetime warranty for galvanised structural parts, with some wooden structures having a 15 year warranty. As part of the procurement process, each tender is scored individually on the warranty provided and we always endeavour to give appropriate weighting towards the supplier offering the best warranty. We only purchase play equipment from reputable playground suppliers that we know can supply robust equipment, to ensure what we purchase is fit for purpose.

### **3 Councillor Chris Evans**

Given the recent record temperatures in Wales and the UK this summer, the realisation that the man made climate crisis is here now, and that the science is clear that we have to act now to stay within internationally agreed 1.5% temperature targets, are there any plans by Cabinet to ensure that the county is achieving net zero by 2035 rather than 2050 which is now clearly far too late to act according to the available scientific evidence.

I understand we have only just passed the corporate plan, but we have been rather overtaken by events".

### **Response of the Cabinet Member for Service Transformation**

The current focus is twofold:

1. Working with colleagues across service areas to determine how the Council can achieve net zero carbon by 2030. The intention is to present an options report and delivery plan to Cabinet, detailing how we believe we can do this. Delivery will inevitably require significant funding.

	<p>2. 11 key players across the county are now signed up to our charter:SEF, NRW, Police, Fire, University of Swansea, UWTSD, Gower College, SCVS, BID, Clyne Valley Community Project, SBUHB. The intention is to work with them on the wider area plan. We are also on a journey of behaviour change via our environmental partners, working with community groups, schools, businesses, SHL's etc. We can lead by example on this agenda, A priority for us will be to continue to lobby Welsh and UK government to offer more incentives and funding to enable behaviour change to achieve or if possibly better the current 2050 target.</p>
4	<p><b>Councillors Lyndon Jones &amp; Will Thomas</b></p> <p>Can Council be told of the work done to ensure Swansea becomes a Freeport.</p> <p><b>Response of the Leader</b></p> <p>The UK Government and the Welsh Government have agreed a joint approach to implementing a Freeport Programme in Wales. Both governments are now working together to develop a prospectus. A webinar was held on Friday 1st July which the Council attended. The primary purpose of this event was stakeholder engagement, ahead of the development and publication of the prospectus, specifically to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to highlight the benefits and potential challenges in establishing a Freeport Programme in Wales. The outputs from the event will help inform the development of the Freeport programme and timeline in Wales. We now await further information on the bidding process which will be made available to interested parties and potential bidders at a later date.</p>
5	<p><b>Councillors Lyndon Jones &amp; Brigitte Rowlands</b></p> <p>Can Council have an update on any progress made on the Blue Eden project.</p> <p><b>Response of the Leader</b></p> <p>As previously advised the concept for Blue Eden was created by the city region, led by Swansea Council under the banner of Dragon Energy Island which would be an integrated, multi-faceted infrastructure project that would feature many elements, including zero carbon, tidal energy generation. This integrated renewables project would include -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A lagoon wall and turbines producing at least a 320MW of renewable energy</li> <li>• A 6.7Gw battery manufacturing plant -</li> <li>• Wind turbines - 72,000 m2 of Floating solar this will be the largest floating solar array in the UK, capable of generating up to 5,250 kWp of energy. An array of this size is estimated to avoid over 2,000,000 kg of CO2 per year. -</li> <li>• A mega data centre operated by 100% renewable energy -</li> <li>• One of the largest battery storage facility within the UK Storing up to 1,200 MWh of energy</li> <li>• Hydrogen production</li> <li>• Oceanic and climate research centre plus a public park and infrastructure -</li> <li>• The Blue Eden consortium headed by DST innovations has agreed to work together with a leading German company and the council to provide 400mW of district heating and cooling from its hyper-scale data centre and the council.</li> <li>• Homes for 5000 people with a large proportion being affordable social housing fed by the renewable heat and electricity -</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The opportunity to build in appropriate flood defences to protect the development and surrounding land from future flooding risks .</li> <li>• One of DST’s subsidiaries, Batri has agreed terms with WG to build the battery manufacturing plant and Batri HQ in Pencoed, which will be the training and production staff feed for the Blue Eden plant. Batri will spend £22m developing the site and its facilities. .</li> <li>• Work continues on the detailed master plan and work is being carried out as part of the successful Community Regeneration funding bid to further inform the business case with submission expected in the autumn.</li> <li>• Further work on the additional integrated renewable transport hub further supporting large scale EV and hydrogen usage including public transport opportunities</li> <li>• Detailed land transaction discussion are progressing with various landowners to secure the required land to enable the delivery of Blue Eden with associated elements</li> <li>• The submission of a formal levelling up Bid to UK government in August 2022 for the enabling infrastructure and transport improvement to support the development of the area</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Councillors Wendy Fitzgerald, Mark Tribe &amp; Kevin Griffiths</b></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member confirm that, before any new cycle paths are agreed, meaningful consultation takes place so that those residents whose lives are going to be impacted by these new routes, have their views fully considered and acted upon.</p> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment &amp; Infrastructure</b></p> <p>Any new or improved Active Travel (walking and cycling) routes are consulted on at a project level, as part of developing concept proposals into detailed designs. A range of stakeholders including Ward Members and residents along proposed routes are engaged with as part of this process and their views are considered. However, this does not always mean that every request can always be accommodated.</p>
7	<p><b>Councillors Sam Bennett, James McGettrick &amp; Lynda James</b></p> <p>At the last Council meeting the Cabinet Member gave a response to the question regarding road closures and consultation. As there are many road closures taking place for various events residents are concerned that there is no mechanism for them to comment before they are published.</p> <p>Is the Cabinet Member willing to give consideration to this problem.</p> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment &amp; Infrastructure</b></p> <p>Major events, whilst offering a very positive economic return and profile for Swansea, will always encounter challenges, particularly when they disrupt the normal daily routines of residents.</p> <p>Road closures are often required as part of the event delivery process, whether they form part of the event footprint or part of the departure plans following the event. In the majority of cases, they are put in place to ensure the safety of everyone involved - residents, spectators and participants alike.</p>

Often, event road closures, whilst they may appear numerous, may be rolling; for short periods of time; early in the morning or late in the evening. Wherever possible, resident and business access is maintained.

Securing major events involves competitive bidding over many months or years, negotiating with key partners in order to develop robust, commercially viable propositions to attract the organisers to Swansea. We are often limited in how much information we can share with the public. Organisers expect commercial confidentiality in their negotiations, which we have to honour. Failure to do so could very well jeopardise this process and result in the event going elsewhere.

The programme has increased this year as a result of some new major events, as well as other events rolling forward from previous years as a result of the pandemic and supporting the events sector in its economic recovery.

Events are a major driver of tourism and play a key role in delivering the city's regeneration agenda. However, a consequence of this is that they will inevitably require road closures and which will, in turn, cause disruption to normal daily routines – just as they do in any city in the world. However, our teams spend a great deal of effort in looking at traffic arrangements to try and minimise any potential disruption as far as is possible and then communicate that information as soon and as widely as possible in order that our residents, businesses and visitors may plan ahead. This includes mail drops, a range of social media platforms, using road watch, event-specific and generic webpages along with media articles. These mechanisms always include a means of contact for residents to be able to raise specific issues. Residents are encouraged to contact us via several different mechanisms so that specific access issues may, where possible be resolved. Following each major event, a number of debriefs are undertaken with various stakeholders, and resident feedback is considered as part of this process. Learning from each event is then used to guide our future plans.

As a Council, we do of course fully understand the challenges facing our local organisations and businesses and having a vibrant, diverse annual major events programme is just one of the many ways in which we can help deliver on the city's regeneration agenda and support the tourism, hospitality and events sectors to recover from the hard hitting effects of the pandemic.

**8 Councillors Lyndon Jones & Paxton Hood-Williams**

The Tourist Industry is vital for the local economy and is slowly recovering from the pandemic, in large part due to the financial support provided by the UK Government.

Can the Leader assure Council that they will join the Conservative Group in campaigning against a Tourism Tax, which would result in the loss of jobs and put an extra burden on an important sector of the Swansea Economy

**Response of the Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism**

Any decision on the introduction of a Visitor levy is a discretionary one for all Local Authorities in Wales. At this stage of the scoping exercise, Welsh Government is now looking at modelling and also how other parts of the world manage a visitor levy at a local level, before bringing this back to Local Authorities for the next stage of the consultation in the Autumn.

	<p>It's too early to say at this stage what impact, positive or negative, that might be. We will continue to ensure that officers attend and represent our interests and when we are in a position to bring an update back to Council we will do so.</p>
9	<p><b>Councillors Francesca O'Brien &amp; Angela O'Connor</b></p> <p>Has any progress been made on the future of Home Farm in Singleton Park.</p> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration &amp; Tourism</b></p> <p>The future of Home Farm still requires investigation particularly concerning conservation works and associated investment. It remains an operational depot and will therefore have to be considered as part of a planned report on the wider depot review.</p>
10	<p><b>Councillors Will Thomas &amp; Lyndon Jones</b></p> <p>The Swiss cottage in Singleton park is a central location in Sketty and could provide a real hub for the community if renovated to include a community room and cafe.</p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member please advise on what plans if any are in place for this location.</p> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Members for Investment, Regeneration &amp; Tourism</b></p> <p>Swiss Cottage has been marketed to attract potential tenants who are willing to invest considerable sums to reinstate the premises and operate a facility that will enhance Singleton Park and the Botanical Gardens. We are pleased to advise that agreement has been reached with an interested party and the matter is currently in solicitors hands.</p>
11	<p><b>Councillors Will Thomas, Francesa O'Brien &amp; Angela O'Connor</b></p> <p>Could we please have an update on Langeland toilet block and double tennis court.</p> <p>Do Cabinet plan to put out a new tender.</p> <p>If so what date are you working towards and what changes are in the new tender.</p> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration &amp; Tourism</b></p> <p>Officers are preparing a more specific brief that will set out the parameters that would be important to inform proposals for this important site from a planning perspective. This will then inform an updated marketing exercise in the Autumn.</p>
12	<p><b>Councillors Sam Bennett, Peter Black &amp; Susan Jones</b></p> <p>There was reference made in the Policy Commitments Statement at last Council meeting about Swansea Council becoming Net-Carbon Zero by 2030 and a reference which included the Air Show. Can the Leader/Cabinet Member inform Council how they will achieve this.</p> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Members for Service Transformation &amp; Investment, Regeneration &amp; Tourism</b></p>

	<p>Being sustainable entails strategic planning across a whole range of factors, including future economic sustainability and ‘local’ businesses being able to serve its populations effectively. There will be significant costs and long-term planning to meet our commitments, but there is no evidence that one off actions such as cancelling an annual event, which is a relatively short term activity with significant benefits is a solution, when it will have negative knock on effects as yet unknown. We fully appreciate the seeming contradiction of all these statements, in terms of the flying displays, but events such as these contribute considerably to our local economy and our ability to prioritise public space and public transport, and allow residents to enjoy days out at a low cost, along with many other well-being benefits, pride in the city, public spaces and beaches.</p> <p>We do take the current crisis very seriously and the Airshow is making significant inroads and changes in the way in which the event is delivered, and we accept we have more to do. In better understanding what this looks like, we have signed up to take part in an air show industry sustainability study. This research will be coordinated by the British Airshow Display Association and the study will be completed by a not-for-profit company, committed to helping events, festivals and venues around the world to become more sustainable and to reduce environmental impacts. We are hopeful that this study will produce a set of actions that will further guide us on our journey.</p> <p>It should be noted that our airshow suppliers are also doing the same. For example, the majority of our air displays are provided by the RAF, which has itself committed to a Net Zero by 2040.</p> <p>To help reach their goals, they are, amongst other things developing the next generation of aircraft, utilising a sustainable fuel source such as electric or hydrogen which will produce zero carbon emissions at the point of use.</p>
	<p><b>Part B – No Supplementaries</b></p>
<p>13</p>	<p><b>Councillors Peter May, Allan Jeffery, Sandra Joy &amp; Stuart Rice</b></p> <p>Since early June Uplands ward councillors have used their community budget to employ a full time ward operative who is doing excellent work in clearing overgrowth from footways and kerbs. He is making a noticeable difference and raising standards in the Uplands Ward.</p> <p>Quite separate from this arrangement, the council are currently advertising for part time ward operatives who will be supposedly deployed at some time in the future.</p> <p>What is the timescale for their deployment.</p> <p>Is it correct that the allocation of time for these is just 2 days per month per councillor in a ward.</p> <p>Does the arrangement involve a team of operatives for that period and if so how large is the team.</p>

	<p>Can the proposed operatives link up with wards that employ their own operatives to tackle larger projects during their allocated time in the ward.</p> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Member for Community</b></p> <p>The Ward Operative Teams are due to be deployed following their recruitment, and whilst 2no. Ward Operative Teams are already in place, it is anticipated that the full team structure will be available in October. This significant investment in resources does allow for a Team to be allocated for 2 days every 4 weeks for every Ward Member, so Uplands Ward will benefit from a dedicated Team for 8 days out of every 20 working days. The Ward Operative Teams will generally be 2 person crews, and there are no reasons why the Team couldn't link up with any existing Ward Operatives when in that ward.</p>
14	<p><b>Councillors Peter May, Allan Jeffery, Sandra Joy, Stuart Rice &amp; Lynda James</b></p> <p>The RSPCA is asking councils across the country to ban the awarding of live animals as prizes on their land and for them to join calls for a nationwide ban. Several Welsh Councils have already introduced such policies to ban pets as prizes.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Pets As Prizes   Campaign   RSPCA</u></a></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><a href="#"><u>Pets As Prizes   Campaign   RSPCA</u></a></p> <p>Gold medal, Gold trophy, Goldfish? A pet is not a prize or something to be won. None of the fun at the fair. Fairs can evoke a sense of nostalgia for many, with fairground jingles, sugared doughnuts and arcade game prizes.</p> <p><a href="http://www.rspca.org.uk"><u>www.rspca.org.uk</u></a></p> </div> <p>Will the Cabinet now join other Councils in banning the practice of the awarding of live animals (such as goldfish in plastic bags at fairs on their land) as prizes.</p> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Service &amp; Performance ?</b></p> <p>The Council's Special Events Team oversees the casual hire of Council land via its lettings process. The giving of animals as prizes has not been permitted for activities that take part on Council land for many years. The contract between the Council and hirer contains specific clauses in relation to this.</p>
15	<p><b>Councillors Peter May, Allan Jeffery, Sandra Joy &amp; Stuart Rice</b></p> <p>After questions from Uplands Group councillors, the council have made it clear that they are unlikely to pursue electric vehicle charging from lamp posts.</p> <p>What provisions are the council considering to assist residents who do not have the luxury of a drive or other off road parking within the bounds of their property.</p> <p>If the council has not yet started to consider this problem, what are the precise timescales for any policy development and decisions please.</p> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Member for Service Transformation</b></p>



	<p>Swansea, along with many other authorities, is developing strategies to assist with the roll out of Ultra-Low Emission vehicles and the potential provision of on street charging is part of this work. This is part of broader strategies towards decarbonising our transport network.</p> <p>The current cable and network capacity in many areas mean that charging from street lighting columns is not an option without significant upgrading of the infrastructure. In addition to this, there are other challenges relating to trailing cables or cable mats across the footway, the location of charging units, the means of charging for the energy and the wider issue of parking provision and the risk of making parking exclusive to EV drivers. The Council has recently commissioned reports which consider all these issues and will use this information to develop an Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle Strategy.</p> <p>The Council is currently prioritising its activities on developing a comprehensive network of publicly accessible EV chargers so that residents and users can charge their vehicles.. Commercial providers are likewise installing high-speed chargers in locations such as supermarket car parks and fuel stations.</p>
16	<p><b>Councillors Mike Day, Cheryl Philpott, Nicola Furlong, Michael Locke &amp; James McGettrick</b></p> <p>What consultation has taken place with the Council regarding the proposed Trehafod Women's residential centre in Cockett.</p> <p><b>Response of the Leader</b></p> <p>This questions should be directed to the Ministry of Justice who are undertaking consultation with the community.</p> <p>Swansea council's role is as a planning authority in this matter.</p> <p>With a live planning application currently submitted, it is advisable that Members put questions directly to the MOJ.</p>
17	<p><b>Councillors Lynda James, Nicola Furlong &amp; Peter Black</b></p> <p>Swansea Council purchased electric bikes for staff to use to carry out their duties.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many bikes were purchased and at what cost.</li> <li>2. What is the usage rate of these bikes.</li> <li>3. Who maintains the bikes.</li> <li>4. What is their present expected lifetime.</li> </ol> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment &amp; Infrastructure ?</b></p> <p>I confirm that the Council has not purchased any electric bikes for staff to use.</p>
18	<p><b>Councillors Mark Tribe, Wendy Fitzgerald &amp; Kevin Griffiths</b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member give an update on any progress on the proposed rail terminus sited at Felindre to facilitate the suggested 'Park &amp; Ride' system where there would be a direct route to Cardiff without the need to call into Swansea's High Street Station.</p>

## **Response of the Environment & Infrastructure**

There are no specific proposals relating to a park and ride rail facility for Felindre. However a number of rail proposals are being considered as part of the wider Metro proposals for the South West Wales region and these will be brought forward for consideration and consultation as the programme develops.

## **19 Councillors Wendy Fitzgerald, Graham Thomas & Peter Black**

Could the Cabinet Member comment on the fact that the revised housing trajectory in the Annual Monitoring Report 2 claims there would be 105 cumulative housing completions on the strategic sites B,C and D by the end of March 2022.

What were the actual figures.

Could he also advise whether he believes the further additional 600 housing completions on the SD sites are on target for March 2023.

## **Response of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Service & Performance**

The Council's latest Local Development Plan (LDP) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) is dated October 2021 and is available to view at [Planning delivery and monitoring - Swansea](#).

In accordance with national requirements, information published in the LDP AMR includes data on the number of houses built in preceding years as well as forecasts for the remaining years of the Plan period, along with a commentary provided on these figures and the approach taken to produce the data. The site forecasts in the AMR are formulated by having regard to analysis of planning stages that sites have reached (including discussions with applicants and senior development management officers processing applications), and also engagement more widely with relevant developers and the Home Builders Federation (HBF). This analysis identifies the best estimate of what is considered by all relevant parties to be achievable on a given site given individual circumstances and progress made through statutory procedures and the stated corporate intentions of relevant developers.

Notwithstanding the discussions held during the second and third quarters of 2021 to inform the most recent AMR, which did identify prospects for completions on Strategic Development Area sites SD B, SD C and SD D, there were unfortunately no completions subsequently delivered on those sites in 2021-22. Key factors influencing this outcome include a greater time period having elapsed to discharge planning conditions, statutory highway undertakings and legal agreements for sites SD B and SD C. Notwithstanding this, encouragingly these sites now benefit from full planning permission to deliver many hundreds of new homes and complementary services and facilities, and preparatory works have commenced on both sites.

In the case of site SD D that does benefit from outline planning permission, the 'Reserved Matters' planning application for the first phase of the site, amounting to many hundreds of homes and associated infrastructure, has taken longer than anticipated to get to the stage where it can be presented to Planning Committee members with an officers recommendation. Nonetheless, through Officers' engagement with the developer on key detailed issues to be resolved, this application is scheduled to be presented to Planning Committee in September.

	<p>Officers continue to work with developers to resolve the complex issues that surround these major development proposals (including those relating to planning conditions, highway adoption, legal agreements, etc.) in order that the companies are able to progress operations on site and deliver housing completions as anticipated. Officers are currently working to prepare new updated trajectories for 2022-23, including engagement with the developers and HBF, is currently taking place ahead of publishing a revised trajectory in the next LDP AMR to be published in October 2022.</p>
20	<p><b>Councillors Mary Jones, Sam Bennett &amp; Cheryl Philpott</b></p> <p>As dogs are now allowed in Swansea Market is the council going to review its policy on other areas of the city eg Botanical Gardens in Singleton Park and areas of Swansea Beach.</p> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Service &amp; Performance</b></p> <p>The Council continues to have concerns raised about dogs running loose and dog fouling, particularly on beaches during peak times, and therefore considers the current approach of having dogs prohibited in designated areas, mostly seasonal, to be the appropriate balance. The dog beach ban remains in force for designated areas May-Sept. We have given a commitment to review the operation of the ban and intend to consult with stakeholders ahead of the 23/24 bathing season.</p>
21	<p><b>Councillors Chris Holley, Matthew Bailey &amp; Kevin Griffiths</b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member confirm who is responsible for the snagging issues in respect of the Arena.</p> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration &amp; Tourism</b></p> <p>The majority of snagging work rests with Buckingham, however, work instructed directly and independently by ATG remain with ATG.</p>
22	<p><b>Councillors Sam Bennett, Wendy Fitzgerald &amp; Mike Day</b></p> <p>As e-scooters are illegal within the South Wales Police force area what is the council's stance if someone is injured on council property.</p> <p><b>Response of the Leader</b></p> <p>The Council will not accept liability for any injury or damage caused and it is up to the injured party to take action against the person riding the e-scooter.</p>
23	<p><b>Councillors Michael Locke, Jeff Jones &amp; Gordon Walker</b></p> <p>In September 2023 20mph will be the default speed limit on built up areas in Wales. Can the Cabinet Member please explain the criteria for some roads retaining the 30mph limit and how the selection of this will operate and how much is the implementation of this cost.</p> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Member for Environment &amp; Infrastructure</b></p>

Welsh Government set the criteria where all 30 MPH unclassified roads are assumed to default automatically to 20 MPH. Place criteria have been provided which only apply to A/B 30 MPH roads by WG. These indicate that WG only support exceptions on A/B 30 MPH roads which are not -

1. Within 100 metres walk of any educational setting (e.g. primary, secondary, FE & HE)
2. Within 100 metres walk of any community centre
3. Within 100 metres walk of any hospital
4. Where number of residential and/or retail premises fronting a road exceeds a defined density (20 properties per km equivalent)

It should be noted that this guidance is currently being reviewed and it is anticipated that the revision will be issued to Local Authorities in the next few weeks. This is likely to relax this more definitive position allowing LA's greater flexibility to make exemptions more relevant to the network they manage.

In terms of position, officers are continuing to analyse the entire network of roads to identify this exemptions list. It is anticipated that this will be consulted upon with Members in the early part of the Autumn. It is anticipated that this will lead to the formal legal consultation through December /January.

WG have provided £550k for the procurement of posts and signs and to cover the cost of advertising and consulting. Work is ongoing to determine the sufficiency of this. Further funding will be required in 22/23 for the work required in changing the signage infrastructure. WG have not committed to cover these costs at present.