Providing Council with Written Responses to Questions asked at Council 30 March 2023

1. Councillor Sam Bennett

In relation to Minute 149 – Corporate Plan

He stated that "Paragraphs 3.84 & 3.94 refer to "more than 1 in 5 respondents..." and "More than 1 in 4 respondents..." respectively. What did the majority say i.e., the 4 in 5 and 3 in 4 say? What do these Paragraphs mean.

Response of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Service & Performance

Paragraphs 3.84 and 3.94 illustrates part of the response to survey questions on the level of agreement to which the corporate plan should contain steps to: deliver the Welsh Government ambition of Net Zero Wales by 2050, and; to continue collaborating with our regional partners to progress our well-being objectives. The majority of respondents agreed with the proposals with 62% agreeing to the steps on Net Zero and nearly 62% agreeing to the steps to continue collaboration to progress the Council's well-being objectives.

2 Councillor Chris Holley

In relation to Minute 150 – Audit Wales, Audit of Accounts Report

He referred to Page 171, Appendix 3 and asked what the Council was leasing for £284,851,000.

Response of the Leader

This is a new statutory disclosure required in the Statement of Accounts under the Accounting Code of Practice. It should be considered a nominal/technical disclosure only. The figure relates to the capital value of the yearly <u>guaranteed</u> base income received by way of all leases – up until the end of their lease term for a large number of land/property interests. In many instances this will cover therefore several decades of future income streams per property and this drives the sheer scale of the disclosed future income figure.

3 Councillor Wendy Fitzgerald

In relation to Minute 159 - Councillors Questions (Q9)

Asked for a clearer definition of what "roads are regularly cleaned" meant. She queried what the exact timescale was.

Response of the Cabinet Member for Community (Services)

This is a new programme of more extensive works including a lot of work over and above litter picking. Initially it will be three monthly on all the dual carriageways, but this may change as the service assesses the results.