

**Providing Council with Written Responses to Questions asked at Council on
7 September 2023**

<p align="center">1</p>	<p>John Childs</p> <p>In relation to Minute 36 – Public Questions</p> <p>Asked a question in relation to Minute 42 “Amendments to the Council Constitution - Review of Petitions Scheme.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Performance</p> <p>The Council is keen to improve its Petitions Scheme by making the process better for everyone. The Council has considered Petition Scheme operated elsewhere and notes that the Senedd and UK Parliament use Petition Committees to consider Petitions. A Petitions Committee of approximately 7 cross-party Councillors will ensure a consistent approach and experience. The current system of Petition being presented to 75 Councillors can be daunting for those not used to formal speaking. The Petitions Committee will be a more focussed body tasked with considering the Petition and making relevant and appropriate decisions. The proposed changes to the Council’s Petitions Scheme aim to make the process less daunting and to allow greater dialogue between the Lead Petitioner, Councillors and Officers.”</p> <p>Swansea Council has previously had a Petitions Committee and it worked well. We are keen to return to that to ensure adequate opportunity for dialogue and debate. Petitions Committees work well with the Senedd and UK Parliament.</p>
<p align="center">2</p>	<p>Councillor F D O’Brien</p> <p>In relation to Minute 43 – Councillors Questions (Q3)</p> <p>Asked if the Cleansing Team could drop waste off at Clyne Civic Amenity Site thereby saving wasted journeys to Llansamlet Bailing Plant.</p> <p>Response of the Cabinet Member for Community (Services)</p> <p>Clyne and all other civic amenity sites are classed as Household Waste Recycling Centers (HWRCs) and are solely for the use of residents disposing of their own domestic household waste. Any other waste is controlled by robust legislation which requires it to be reported differently, and therefore must go over the weighbridge at the Baling Plant which we are charged for. What we do have however are skips and disposal opportunities in various depots and satellite sites such as Home Farm (which are collected periodically and still go over the weighbridge) that negate the need for travelling back to Llansamlet during the working day so the assumed time lost is not entirely accurate. Some vehicles will finish there for tip off at the end of the day although it is all dependent on what they are carrying and the waste stream it needs to go into. Cleansing Management will however review current arrangements to ensure they are operating as efficiently as possible within the legal requirements of waste transfer.</p>