

**Providing Council with Written Responses to Questions asked at Council  
9 November 2023**

<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>Councillor Will Thomas</b></p> <p><b>In relation to Minute 66 – Councillor Questions (Q1)</b></p> <p>What was the cost to the Council for the pilot scheme of using Electric Refuse Collection Vehicle.</p> <p><b>Response of the Leader</b></p> <p>The Council contributed £236K to the purchase of the electric refuse vehicle in March 2022, supported by a Welsh Government (WG) grant towards it of £200K. A supporting charge point was also purchased for £16K, again funded by a WG infrastructure grant. As a comparison, a comparable diesel ruse vehicle costs in the region of £206K.</p> <p>Fuel costs in terms of electricity are estimated as being at £6K, saving approximately £4K against diesel equivalents, having covered 8,000 miles.</p> <p>Following the completion of the trial the vehicle will be retained and used operationally until end of life. It will then be offered for sale.</p>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Councillor E W Fitzgerald</b></p> <p><b>In relation to Minute 66– Councillors Questions (Q4)</b></p> <p>Why isn't the Council asking Welsh Government to address inconsistencies between its legislation and its Planning Policies and Guidance. These contradictions need to be addressed.</p> <p><b>Response of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services &amp; Performance</b></p> <p>It is not considered that there are inconsistencies between Welsh Government legislation, its planning policies and guidance.</p>