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Dear Cllr. Lawson,

Re: Convener's letter to Cabinet Member David Hopkins - Climate Change and Nature Scrutiny Panel 8 March 2023

Thank you for your questions following Climate Change and Nature Scrutiny Panel Meeting on 8 March 2023.

I respond as follows:

Question

- **Link to be provided for schools/governors to get support for school biodiversity activities and initiatives.**

Response

The recently created 'toolbox talk' on Ways to help Nature <https://www.swansea.gov.uk/article/19449/Ways-to-help-nature> has been designed for all council staff and has been circulated to all schools. It includes a link directing to the Nature Conservation Team for support on school biodiversity activities and initiatives.

Question

- **Annual Progress Report on Air Quality to be circulated to Panel once submitted to Welsh Government.**

Response

Officer Tom Price will be circulating the Annual Progress Report on Air Quality once this has been appraised by Welsh Government. The documents have been submitted.

Question

- **Professor Lewis' presentation to be provided to the Panel for information.**

Response

Please find the slides attached.

Question

- **Welsh Government consultation on fireworks to be circulated to the Panel.**

Response

I apologise for the confusion, as it wasn't actually a consultation with Welsh Government on Fireworks but a link to petitions received to the Senedd and UK Parliament calling for the public sale of 'quiet fireworks' only, tighter age restrictions and a complete ban on firework sales to the public. I have attached the link below:

<https://research.senedd.wales/research-articles/fireworks-regulation-in-wales-a-burning-issue/>

Within this article, reference is also made to Air Quality and 'spikes in airborne PM2.5 pollutants'.

There was also reference made within Welsh Government's 'The Clean Air Plan for Wales' to investigate the contribution domestic bonfires and fireworks make to levels of PM_{2.5} emissions. I have attached the link below:

<https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-08/clean-air-plan-for-wales-healthy-air-healthy-wales.pdf>

I hope this answers your questions.

Yours sincerely



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