QUESTION PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8:2

FROM: COUNCILLOR DR. I.J. JOHNSON

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES

## **COST OF LIVING CRISIS**

The cost of living crisis being felt across society is well documented. The introduction of universal free school lunches for all infant age primary school (up to Year 2) children in the Vale of Glamorgan is therefore particularly welcomed because of the help it provides. I am pleased that the Vale Council has gone further than Welsh Govt requirements in implementing this Plaid Cymru policy that became part of the 2021 Co-operation Agreement. What estimate has been made of the cost of extending this policy across all primary schools (including Year 3 to 6) and comprehensive schools in the county?

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TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND BUILDING SERVICES

# **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

When local residents report anti-social behaviour (e.g. fly-tipping or graffiti) to the Vale of Glamorgan, but the land doesn't belong to the Council and/or we have no responsibility for the land, what response are they issued to explain this situation?

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FROM: COUNCILLOR DR. I.J. JOHNSON

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES AND REGULATORY SERVICES

# ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT OF THE LAND AT BARRY DOCKS

In the Assessment of Environmental Statement of the land at Barry Docks, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, the Inspector concluded that "the Environmental Statement submitted by Biomass UK No.2 Limited dated July 2022 be confirmed as containing the level of information identified in Regulation 17 and Schedule 4 of the EIA Regulations and being complete for the purposes of those Regulations".

The Inspector has reached this conclusion in advance of the completion of the public consultation on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022.

Does the Council have a view on the timing of the Inspector's conclusion (before the public consultation process has concluded), and what advice can the Council give to the public about the impact of the conclusion reached by the Inspector, in case people imagine there is no point responding to the consultation if the Inspector has already made up his mind?

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TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES AND REGULATORY SERVICES

## ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT (ES) FOR THE LAND AT BARRY DOCKS

At paragraph 12 of the Inspector's assessment of the Environmental Statement (ES) for the land at Barry Docks, published on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the Inspector discusses the assessment methodology and writes that "There has been no specific consultation in the preparation of this ES. This omission is not critical as there has been consultation as part of the 2015 application, the Environmental Permit process (by NRW) and for the VES" (Voluntary Environmental Statements).

If previous consultations are considered, without question, to underpin the current Environmental Statement, then there is also reason to subject these previous consultations to rigorous examination as the current ES rests upon them having been handled correctly. However, doing so will add considerably to the material the public and other consultees might need to consider. This makes the task of responding within 90 days impossible in practical terms, given the size of the documents already published as part of this consultation.

Noting the additional requirements that come from the Inspector's comments, what new timeframe does the Council consider appropriate for the public to respond fully?

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FROM: COUNCILLOR C.P.FRANKS

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND BUILDING SERVICES

## PROTECTION AGAINST FLOODING

Residents are looking for reassurances that all practical preparations have been or are being undertaken in vulnerable areas of Dinas Powys and indeed across the Vale to protect the community against flooding. I would welcome details of road gully emptying and checks undertaken on the gully connections. I know the authority is not responsible for streams but if you have any details from the NRW about their work that would be welcome?

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FROM: COUNCILLOR C.P.FRANKS

TO: THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR SUSTAINABLE PLACES

# **COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVE NET ZERO**

Will you indicate what progress you intend to make in the next 6 months in order to fulfil the council's commitment to achieve net zero?

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FROM: COUNCILLOR C.P.FRANKS

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, SPORT AND WELLBEING

# **INCREASING COST OF ENERGY AT COMMUNITY CENTRES**

In what way is the Vale Council assisting community centres cope with the increasing cost of energy?

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FROM: COUNCILLOR M.J. HOOPER

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES

# **CARDIFF CITY REGION METRO**

Could the Leader provide an update on the latest budgeted position of the Cardiff City Region Metro? I would like her to specifically reference the increased inflationary pressures that may be impacting the projects overall capital costs.

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FROM: COUNCILLOR M.J. HOOPER

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES

## <u>UNFINISHED WORKS IN BARUC WARD</u>

Residents on the new Waterfront development in Baruc Ward are having their lives blighted by unfinished works. These include public open spaces that are almost three years behind their contracted completion date and roads and pavements that remain unadopted due to safety concerns, that have not been remedied.

I have met with officers from Planning and Highways in this regard and understand they, along with representatives from Barry Waterfront Community Residents Association (BWCRA), have used every non-legal means at their disposal to get the Consortium (& their agents) to fulfil their responsibilities.

We have been here before. The last time the Council found the developers unwilling to fulfil their contractual obligations the authority initiated legal proceedings to stop sales of houses until certain elements were delivered. These developers clearly only respond to significant financial restrictions.

On behalf of residents on the Waterfront, will the Council initiate immediate legal action against the Consortium and their agents, stopping sales at their East Quay development until all the outstanding works on their other sites are completed in full?

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FROM: COUNCILLOR M.J. HOOPER

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## LAND USED TO DISMANTLE COAL TRUCKS

The enclosed land between Barry Island Station, Maslin Park and Plymouth Road is currently being used as a breakers yard to dismantle coal trucks. These coal trucks have been stabled on rail tracks between Barry Docks and Barry Island stations for a number of years.

This activity has been ongoing for several months and is causing significant concern to those residents living nearby.

Given the environmental impact of this activity, I would welcome the Council's opinion as to whether this is an appropriate and appropriately licensed location?

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FROM: COUNCILLOR M.J. HOOPER

TO: THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR SUSTAINABLE PLACES

# **MAKING BARUC WARD SAFER**

What is the Council doing to make Baruc Ward a safer place for people to walk, cycle, scoot and jog?

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FROM: COUNCILLOR N.P. HODGES

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES

# **CADW APPLICATION**

Do you support the application that has been made to Cadw for the full listing of Number 1 Dock and the Mole in Barry?"