



COUNCIL - 9TH OCTOBER 2012

SUBJECT: ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RECEIVED UNDER RULES OF PROCEDURE 10(2)

1. **Recycling of Waste** - to the Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services from Councillor Mrs. A. Blackman.

In the press article below it states that Caerphilly CBC is sending its recycling to China. Is this true?

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/2012/08/26/waste-collected-in-wales-is-being-sent-to-china-for-recycling-91466-31696739/>

If so, details are requested on the following:-

1. The year CCB Council started exporting its recycling waste?
2. Where and how are the Contracts publicised?
3. How long are the contracts for? One shipment or more?
4. What are the tonnages, costs, etc?

RESPONSE FROM THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY AND LEISURE SERVICES

No - Caerphilly County Borough Council sends its recyclables to Material Recovery Facilities in Cardiff and Bridgend who sort, bale and market/sell the end materials as appropriate.

2. **Use of Webcam in the Council Chamber** - to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services from Councillor Mrs. A. Blackman

Can the appropriate Cabinet Member and Officers advise if Council and its Committee Meetings can be made available to the public via Webcasts?
What would be the cost to initiate this service to the public?
How soon can it be implemented?

RESPONSE FROM THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES

Initial discussions with potential suppliers indicate that a viable webcasting solution can be implemented at the cost of £12,500 - £13,000 per annum plus associated network costs of £1,200.

To expand the webcasting facility to other meeting rooms in Penallta House is estimated to cost an additional £8,000 - £9,000 per annum. These estimates are based on 60 hours of broadcast time per annum.

The timescale for the potential implementation of the webcasting solution would be dependent upon the current review of the audio-visual system in the Council Chamber as the webcasting would have to integrate with the new infrastructure.