



## COUNCIL – 6TH MARCH 2018

**SUBJECT: QUESTION(S) RECEIVED UNDER RULE OF PROCEDURE 10(2)**

**REPORT BY: INTERIM HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER**

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### 1. ASBESTOS WITHIN PONTLLANFRAITH COUNCIL OFFICES

To the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services from Councillor G. Simmonds.

To ask the Cabinet Members

1. If Caerphilly Council is to establish a compensation scheme to deal with any asbestos related claims for compensation arising from the admission of Pontllanfraith Council offices “being riddled with asbestos” from memory the building was built in 1972 so exposures in excess of forty years working in an asbestos riddled work environment is not unthinkable?
2. Is Caerphilly Council to establish a screening programme for employees who worked in Pontllanfraith Council offices?
3. When did Caerphilly Council become aware of the Pontllanfraith Council Offices were riddled with asbestos, Please list the frequency of checks carried out on the Pontllanfraith offices?
4. For mesothelioma, it may **take** 40 years. Generally, asbestosis **takes** between 15 to 20 years to show **up** on a chest x-ray. The most common symptoms of **asbestos-related lung disease** are shortness of breath and coughing. The symptoms may be mild to severe, depending on the extent of the scarring. ([www.workerhealth.org/asbestosreldisease.html](http://www.workerhealth.org/asbestosreldisease.html)) Is Caerphilly aware of any cases or pending cases of asbestos related claims for compensation against Caerphilly Council?
5. In view of the claim the Pontllanfraith Council offices were closed due to cost running into hundreds of thousands of pounds to make safe, has Caerphilly’s insurers been made aware that potentially harmful work environments were tolerated because of cost pressures.
6. Is it the case vulnerable people were seen as more important than employees of Caerphilly Council and were our employees made aware of the potential risk to their health and future health?

## **2. ASBESTOS WITHIN CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL LEISURE CENTRES**

To the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services from Councillor A. Farina-Childs.

To ask the Cabinet Members

1. Have any surveys been undertaken into the presence of asbestos in Caerphilly's Leisure Centres?
2. If so when were the surveys last undertaken?
3. Please can you list any Leisure Centres found to have asbestos present?
4. Have any condition surveys been undertaken on Caerphilly's Leisure Centres?
5. If so when were the surveys last undertaken?

Please can these findings be made available to Council together with any costs necessary to bring each Leisure Centre up to an acceptable standard?

## **3. PWLL-Y-PANT ROUNDABOUT**

To the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability from Councillor Kevin Etheridge.

1. To ask the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member when the traffic impact assessment, feasibility study and cost benefit analysis was undertaken on the Pwll-y-Pant Roundabout and its impact and provide a summary of the conclusions.
2. To ask the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member to provide a breakdown of the cost in regard to the original tender, who undertook the valuation of the work with details of the consultation procedures prior to the commencement of the work, and the original and current timescales involved.