

COUNCIL MEETING – 21 JULY 2015 - MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

	QUESTION FROM	QUESTION	TO BE ANSWERED BY
1.	Councillor Graham Smith	Since TCBC noted the Pollinators in Torfaen policy in January 2014, what actions have the Pollinators Working Group taken to measure the effectiveness of the policy, and how effective has the policy been judged to be?	Councillor John Cunningham MBE KSG Executive Member, Neighbourhoods
2.	Councillor Jessica Powell	Are we expecting further strain on council services as a result of the proposed changes to social security – and do we have the necessary resources to meet that challenge?	Councillor Anthony Hunt Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Resources and Corporate Governance
3.	Councillor Colette Thomas	Could the Executive Member for Resources and Corporate Governance outline the impacts of the proposed social security changes in the 8th July Budget on young people in Torfaen?	Councillor Anthony Hunt Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Resources and Corporate Governance
4.	Councillor Norma Parrish	How much money has the average Torfaen household lost due to welfare reform, since 2010?	Councillor Anthony Hunt Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Resources and Corporate Governance
5.	Councillor Nigel Davies	How many Torfaen residents will be affected by the July budget's proposed changes to tax credits?	Councillor Anthony Hunt Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Resources and Corporate Governance
6.	Councillor Jeff Rees	What strategic role does the Leader envisage this Council taking in the regeneration of the British site?	Councillor Bob Wellington CBE Leader of the Council
7.	Councillor Graham Smith	In the formulation and monitoring of the Pollinators in Torfaen policy, what methods were used to evaluate the likely displacement effects on leisure activities from affected areas of public green space?	Councillor John Cunningham MBE KSG Executive Member, Neighbourhoods
8.	Councillor Jessica Powell	How many Torfaen households will benefit from the increased £1 million inheritance tax threshold - and what is TCBC doing to make the concerns of Torfaen residents heard at Westminster?	Councillor Anthony Hunt Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Resources and Corporate Governance
9.	Councillor Colette Thomas	How much money is likely to be lost from Torfaen's economy due to the proposed changes to social security in the 8th July budget?	Councillor Anthony Hunt Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Resources and Corporate Governance

10.	Councillor Nigel Davies	How many residents currently in receipt of tax credits will be better off after the proposed reduction in tax credits, and rise of the national minimum wage?	Councillor Anthony Hunt Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Resources and Corporate Governance
11.	Councillor Jeff Rees	The Welsh Revenue Authority (WRA) will be established as a non-Ministerial department that will be operationally separate from Welsh Ministers, but it will not be fully independent of them, for example Welsh Ministers will be empowered to give general directions to the WRA, will the Leader take that opportunity and put the case to Minister of Finance and Government Business for the WRA to be located in Cwmbran?	Councillor Bob Wellington CBE Leader of the Council
12.	Councillor Graham Smith	How does TCBC manage the conflict between the Pollinators in Torfaen policy and the Welsh Government's Play Policy which emphasises the need for the provision of play environments that compensate for the loss of spaces and opportunities to play that children and young people experience in today's world?	Councillor John Cunningham MBE KSG Executive Member, Neighbourhoods
13.	Councillor Graham Smith	What has been the cost or saving to TCBC of the Pollinators in Torfaen policy in relation to areas of land that have not been specifically seeded with wildflowers?	Councillor John Cunningham MBE KSG Executive Member, Neighbourhoods
14.	Councillor Graham Smith	Does TCBC have a cost figure for the transportation of equipment to and mowing of a typical piece of open level public green space, and if so what is it?	Councillor John Cunningham MBE KSG Executive Member, Neighbourhoods
15.	Councillor Graham Smith	To what extent are the positive effects of the Pollinators in Torfaen policy considered to be offset by negative effects such as the perception of neglect and the increased difficulty of litter and dog faeces from areas of land affected?	Councillor John Cunningham MBE KSG Executive Member, Neighbourhoods