

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

QUESTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL AGREED BY COUNCIL ON
5TH MAY, 2010

QUESTION FROM: MR. A. SMITH

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE, SPORT AND WELL-BEING

CHANGING FACILITIES AT COWBRIDGE LEISURE CENTRE

Please can you advise when the changing facilities at Cowbridge Leisure Centre will be brought up to the standard of the other changing rooms provided at Barry, Penarth and Llantwit Major Leisure Centres.

Cowbridge Leisure Centre, as I'm sure you are aware, plays a significant part in the Health and Wellbeing of the population of the Cowbridge area and, as I understand, is the most visited public building in Cowbridge. However, the quality of the changing rooms, that haven't undergone a major upgrading since the centre was built almost 40 years ago, badly let customers and yourselves down.

I had expected the recently published placemaking plans for Cowbridge to highlight both the importance of the facility and the need for improvements, but the facility is not highlighted in the report. I would be grateful if you could explain its exclusion particularly given the importance of Leisure Centres in other Councils in Wales' placemaking plans. The clearest example of this being the joint levelling up and placemaking plans in Caerphilly resulting in the construction of a new Leisure and Wellbeing Centre.

I have spoken to representatives of Parkwood Leisure who are fully aware of the issues at Cowbridge, but I understand the responsibility for refurbishment works is the Council's. I have therefore also met with Council Officers who acknowledge the issue but cannot provide me (and other users) with a timescale for works to refurbish changing rooms.