

## **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2015**

### **CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION BID**

We have been advised that this has been progressing slowly initially but has taken a faster approach in the last couple of weeks since the Welsh Government confirmed that they are prepared to put in place a funding commitment of up to £580m. Therefore the bid has been progressed and today sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to progress an 'in principle' bid to the UK Government.

Here is a statement from the Vale Leader

“The outline proposal sets out what we feel could be achieved and makes clear the commitment in principle of all ten authorities to take this forward. A successful City Region could potentially bring great benefits to South East Wales. There is, however, a long road ahead and the ball now sits firmly in the UK Government’s court.

If talks do progress then I will continue to ensure that the Vale of Glamorgan occupies its rightful place at the centre of any City Region, and that the interests of the Vale and its residents are at the centre of all discussions.”

### **COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT**

We have been informed about the latest court action concerning the Library proposals. The following is the advice received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council:

“I write to advise that this Council has now received the written decision by The Honourable Mrs. Justice Laing DBE to dismiss the application for Judicial Review brought on behalf of a Group campaigning against the establishment of a Community Library in Rhoose.

Whilst the decision is welcomed, I need to also advise that the Group has been granted leave to Appeal on a particular aspect of the decision.

I will advise you again once I have further information on the Appeal and the timetable for progressing with the Appeal. This Council appreciates that this maybe frustrating for those of you eager to progress matters.

You can view the judgement via this link.”

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UWHjGi3r0pyKKoiXnu5qfG93UtNBNHq359RB9epRyt/c/edit?usp=sharing&pli=1>

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