

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – MARCH 2016

Here's the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Improvement Objectives for 2016/17. Challenging targets have been set against all measures for improvement, reflecting the Council's commitment to continuously improve the services it provides. At the same time, the Council is also mindful of significant financial and service demand pressures over the coming year and key targets and milestones for proposed improvement objectives have been set within this context.

Proposed improvement objectives for the coming year:

1. Reduce poverty and social exclusion
2. Promoting regeneration, economic growth and employment
3. Raising overall standards of achievement
4. Encouraging and promoting active and healthy lifestyles
5. Deliver the Council's transformational programme, 'Reshaping Services' to meet the future needs of citizens of the Vale of Glamorgan, within the context of unprecedented financial challenges.

Cross Common Bridge

The planning application for a new junction was approved and we are now awaiting confirmation that the legal and technical issues have been resolved.

Cross Common Housing

The Planning Committee unfortunately granted planning permission for up to 50 houses at the site off Cross Common Road. There are a mass of conditions that still have to be approved which needs careful consideration. Both Councillors Hartrey and Chris Franks opposed the application.

City Deal

We are told that “The City Deal will bring benefits to all ten local authority areas.

“The aims of the City Deal - to improve productivity, create jobs, stimulate innovation, invest in infrastructure, and provide support for business - mirror many of those of the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The deal that has been signed today will enable the Council to continue to fuel the regeneration of the county that is gathering pace year on year. The challenge now is to ensure that the deal and the investment that it brings have a real impact on the lives of residents of the Vale of Glamorgan. This Council is absolutely committed to realising the full potential of each and every community that makes up the county.”

Time will tell.

Chris Franks, Vale Hartrey and Keith Hatton