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Y Pwyllgor Deisebau

Adroddiad Cwblhad

Crynodeb o ystyriaeth y Pwyllgor Deisebau ar P-03-121 Y cylchfan yn
Nhreforys

Hydref 2008

Dyddiad cyflwyno'r ddeiseb

17 Ebrill 2008

Dyfarwyd yn dderbyniadwy

12 Mehefin 2008

Ystyriaeth gychwynnol

25 Mehefin 2008

Ystyriodd y pwyllgor y ddeiseb am y tro cyntaf ar 25 Mehefin 2008, a chytunodd i ysgrifennu at y Dirprwy Brif Weinidog i ofyn iddo hysbysu'r pwyllgor ynghylch unrhyw ganllawiau y mae wedi eu cyflwyno i awdurdodau lleol ar flaenoriaethu cynlluniau gwella ffyrdd.

(Gweler Atodiad 1 ar gyfer y darn perthnasol o'r trawsgrifiad o'r cyfarfod ar 25 Mehefin 2008 ac Atodiad 2 ar gyfer y llythyr a anfonodd y Cadeirydd at y Dirprwy Brif Weinidog).

2 Hydref 2008

Ystyriodd y pwyllgor ymateb y Dirprwy Brif Weinidog, a chytunwyd i gau'r ddeiseb oherwydd na allai fynd â hi ymhellach.

(Gweler Atodiad 1 ar gyfer y darn perthnasol o'r trawsgrifiad o'r cyfarfod ar 2 Hydref 2008, ac Atodiad 2 ar gyfer yr ymateb a gafwyd gan y Dirprwy Brif Weinidog).

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Atodiad 1

Darn Perthansol o Drawsgriadau Cyfarfodydd y Pwyllgor Deisebau

25 Mehefin 2008

Val Lloyd: We now move to our new petitions, and we have six before us today. The first is P-03-121, relating to Morriston roundabout, and I declare an interest as the constituency Member, and I also declare that my husband is a local councillor. I would like that put on the record. I have not been involved with the petitioners on this, and I am not certain what the petitioner means by 'local inaction' as I have had nothing to do with the petition directly.

I open this up for discussion, and invoke the Chair's privilege to make the first comment. I am a little concerned, because I am aware that a meeting was held in April with the local council members responsible for transport. They said publicly—and it is on record—that there was no money in the budget for 2008-09.

Andrew R.T. Davies: The issue here is how far we go in dealing with what is, in essence, a local authority issue. As a committee, we have had numerous petitions on traffic-related issues, and a pattern seems to be emerging here. That is not to say that we should not take an overall view of what is going on. The petition talks about the serious accidents at the roundabout, and so I think that we should get a view from the Deputy First Minister on what his department is doing with the local authority to try to address the problem. Could the committee try to find out the accident rate of that site from the South Wales Police, and get its view?

Val Lloyd: Before that meeting in April, there was a report from the South Wales Police on the series of accidents there, or at least on one major accident there, before certain things were taken into account. Major roadworks were going on, as the site involves the A48, and local councillors ensured that preparatory trunking was undertaken so that if the spot needed lights, they would not have to dig up the road again at a cost to the public. So, action was taken.

I think that that junction is a matter for the local authority, and I know that it is trying to look at next year's budget, but we could write to the Deputy First Minister on the underlying principle of this, although it is a local authority matter.

Andrew R.T. Davies: We are cautious about how far down the road we go on local authorities. Is it possible for us to have sight of the report that the police provided, to give us some background? The petitioners have referred to serious accidents at the site, and that might help us to be better informed. If work has been done on it—

Val Lloyd: Preparatory work has been done, for reasons of public interest, because the road was being upgraded and resurfaced and that was the ideal time to put in underground pipes so that cabling could be passed easily through it.

Kirsty Williams: Writing to the Deputy First Minister might be a useful way forward. The Government has set targets for casualty reductions and it is incumbent on local authorities to assist with those targets in their road-building programmes. It would be interesting to see what guidance local authorities get from the Welsh Assembly Government on how they should prioritise any particular traffic schemes within their budget, and to see how reducing casualties or accident rates fit into that.

Val Lloyd: You are right, because it is probably a question of prioritising. We could ask the Deputy First Minister whether there is any guidance.

Kirsty Williams: I do not think that any local authority wilfully sits back and does not want to tackle difficult areas of its road network. It is often the case of deciding which one to do first as and when money becomes available. It would be interesting to know the Welsh Assembly Government's plans to make moneys available to local authorities and the guidance that they give to local authorities on how they should prioritise their budgets.

Val Lloyd: Is everyone happy to take it forward accordingly? I see that you are.

2 Hydref 2008

Val Lloyd: We now move to the petition regarding the Morryston roundabout. We have received a response from the Minister, which points out that it is within the remit of the local authority and that there is nothing that we can do about it. So, I recommend closing this petition. I think that it has had its desired aim, in any case. I see that Members are in agreement.

Atodiad 2

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Our ref: PET-03-121

29 July 2008

Dear Ieuan,

PETITION : MORRISTON ROUNDABOUT

The Committee considered this petition on 25 June. It calls for the roundabout at the junction of Clasemont Road and Vicarage Road in Morriston, Swansea to be converted to traffic lights in the interests of safety. Whilst the Committee appreciates that decisions about local roads are the responsibility of the local authority, the petition further requests that 'the Welsh Assembly Government works with local authorities in Wales to ensure that traffic programmes can save lives and prevent injury and are not held up by local inaction'.

The Committee resolved to ask you:

- What guidance the Assembly Government provides to local authorities on prioritisation of traffic schemes and consideration of reducing casualties and accident rates; and
- What monies are made available to local authorities to reduce accident rates

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

**Val Lloyd,
Chair, Petitions Committee**

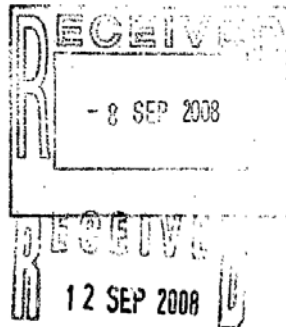
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29 August 2008

Dear Val

APD

Thank you for your letter dated 29 July 2008 about the petition regarding Morryston roundabout, which I have received from your committee.

As part of their responsibility for the local highway network, local authorities have a duty to monitor road safety and to initiate and prioritise any type of road safety or traffic engineering scheme as they see fit.

There is a wide range of design and guidance documents available for a local authority highway or traffic engineer to consult. Some of the most pertinent documents in relation to road safety and traffic engineering can be found on the Department for Transport website: www.dft.gov.uk

The Welsh Assembly Government only has a role in the prioritisation of safety and traffic schemes when they involve the trunk road network.

With regards to the funds made available by Welsh Assembly Government for road safety, the Road Safety Grant was introduced in 2000 in response to concerns over the lack of direct funding for road safety schemes and its effect on casualty numbers. It is provided to local authorities each year by the Welsh Assembly Government to contribute towards solutions to road safety problems in their respective areas. Since the grant was introduced in 2000, over £50m has been allocated via the Special Road Safety Grant and the annual sum has risen from £3.66m in the initial year to £7.52m in 2008/09. The grant is in addition to local authority highway and traffic engineering budgets.

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