

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

COMMITTEE	FULL COUNCIL	DATE	25 August 2020
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In February, homes and businesses across the County Borough were devastated by storms and sustained inclement weather. Extensive flooding in our communities saw residents displaced from their homes with many unable to return as refurbishment has not been completed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Residents have expressed the view that these problems have been exacerbated by the lack of gully clearing and drainage management by the Council. The infrequency of these works combined with a considerable delay in actioning reports from residents and Councillors has, alongside heavy rain, created the perfect storm - at the detriment of the people we represent.

The current maintenance programme requires that the County Borough's 10,500 gullies are cleaned just once every two years. As Merthyr Tydfil Council does not own or lease a gully cleaning machine, residents are wholly dependent on the local authority purchasing spare capacity from Caerphilly County Borough Council.

We believe that residents across Merthyr Tydfil deserve better. Therefore, Council asks that by the scheduled November meeting of Full Council, a full business case is presented to Full Council that outlines the feasibility of cleansing all 10,500 gullies in the County Borough as and when necessary and, at a minimum, an annual basis. This business case should also include the cost to the local authority of purchasing or leasing gully sucking vehicle(s). Full Council will then be in a position to make a decision on implementing improvements to the gully cleaning maintenance programme.


 25/08/2020

Councillor Gareth Lewis

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Councillor Harvey Jones

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