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BUILDING A FUTURE FOR A FAIRER. STRONGER. GREENER WALES

THE WELSH GOVERNMENT HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR NEW LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME FOCUSSING ON WHAT MATTERS MOST IN PEOPLE'S DAILY LIVES. **IT INCLUDES:**

- Improved Public Transport: A Bus Bill creating a unified network that prioritises passengers.
- Safer Buildings: A Building Safety Bill reforming regulations and addressing fire safety issues.
- Reduced Homelessness: A Homelessness Bill focusing on prevention and keeping people housed.
- Safe & Standardised Tourism: A Visitor Accommodation Bill setting standards for rentals.
- Environmental Protection: An Environmental Bill establishing a governing body and legal targets for sustainability.
- Sustainable Tourism Funding: A Visitor Levy Bill empowering local authorities to charge a small fee on overnight stays to support sustainable tourism.

Future plans also include a Bill to simplify and modernise the planning law in Wales and also to consult on a draft Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles Bill.

TATA STEEL

Following the result of the recent General Election and change in Government at Westminster, both Welsh and UK Governments have agreed to collaborate on a shared vision for Wales' future to install a new era of partnership.

Welsh steel is central to that vision, and they will work together swiftly to secure a future for the sector in Wales and the UK.

This will be welcome news for those affected by Tata's early closure of one of the blast furnaces on the site, and planned closure of another which has caused significant uncertainty for workers, their families and local communities.



Reminder for TATA employees, contractors and communities that you do not need to be local to qualify for FREE help, support and advice about money, family, mental health resources.

See Neath Port Talbot Council's Tata Steel Information Hub - https://ow.ly/vGwb50StFKi

WALES VOTED 2ND IN THE WORLD FOR RECYCLING

On World Environment Day (June 5th), we celebrated the massive achievements Wales has made towards combating the climate crisis.

The dedication of residents in Ogmore and across Wales, and local authorities – like Bridgend County Borough and Rhondda Cynon Taf Councils, who are smashing Welsh Government recycling targets – has boosted Wales to become the world's second-best recycling nation!

This is an important step in the fight against climate change. It also boosts the Welsh economy by creating new jobs, with a significant portion of recyclables processed right here in Wales.



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YSGOL BRYN CASTELL SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

It was great to visit to the fantastic Ysgol Bryn Castell with the Welsh Government Minister for Mental Health and Early Years Jayne Bryant MS to see the incredible ongoing work to support the students with complex needs.

My thanks to the pupils, staff and support staff for a wonderful visit where we discussed how to better support their education, mental health, and futures.

We also heard how the new Additional Learning Needs Act is a great step towards giving students a voice and the support they deserve but there's still work to do for a unified approach.



PEN-BLWYDD HAPUS NHS!



Thank you to all those who work in and support our NHS to make it what it is today!

Ever since it was established by Nye Bevan 76 years ago the NHS has been there for us when we've needed it most, seeing us through our darkest times.

Over 200,000 people across Wales have accessed new NHS services via the Welsh Government's 'Six Goals for Urgent and Emergency Care Programme' which provides an alternative to emergency department care or admission to hospital.

The successful programme includes the launch of a national NHS 111 Wales urgent care helpline, the creation of 16 urgent primary care centres and 25 same day emergency care services.

Per month, the Urgent primary care centres are helping around 11,000 people, same day emergency care services are being used by 7,500 people and the NHS 111 Wales press 2 for mental health helpline is receiving over 6,000 calls.

Now starting its third year, the programme will focus on reducing ambulance handover delays and wait times in emergency departments.

ROAD CASUALTIES LOWEST ON RECORD SINCE 20MPH INTRODUCTION



Data published last month shows that between October-December 2023, road casualties on 20mph and 30mph roads reduced.

The figures showed that the number of casualties were the lowest on record (outside of the Covid-19 pandemic period).

We still have a way to go in ensuring we have the right speeds on the right roads and that drivers are confident and comfortable with any new speed limits, but given this policy was brought in to save lives and reduce causalities this data is very promising.

Welsh Government have now issued a new page to assist people getting in touch with their local councils with their views on the 20mph default speed limit in their community.



WWW.GOV.WALES/GIVE-FEEDBACK-ROADS-20MPH-SPEED-LIMIT

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LOCAL PHARMACIES REDUCING STRAIN ON NHS

I am delighted to see the successful expansion of services available at local pharmacies, freeing up over 400,000 GP appointments and making it easier for people with minor ailments to access medical help.

Jonathan in Caerau Pharmacy and Anna in the nearby Nantyffyllon Pharmacy along with their dedicated staff are great examples of how the system is working well and easing the burden on GP practices.

They are passionate about providing patients with the best care possible and are playing an integral role in the primary care system

With continued support and investment, community pharmacies are set to play an even more crucial role in the healthcare system, benefiting patients and the NHS alike.



IMPROVING STROKE TREATMENTS FOR EVERYONE

I was pleased to meet with representatives of Stroke Association Wales to support their call for a new strategy to support the mental health and wellbeing needs of people affected by stroke, given the significant impact that a stroke can have on survivors and those around them.

Read more about their work here: www.stroke.org.uk



MORE FUNDING FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS



The Welsh Government are providing Welsh schools with an extra £20 million for new facilities and equipment to support learners with additional learning needs.

This will make a huge difference to the education of those needing extra support and for our schools across Ogmore

Over the last three years the Welsh Labour Government has invested an extra £60 million in ALN infrastructure as part of their Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme and protected an extra investment of £56.3 million to implement reforms and boost resources in schools, further education and local authorities.

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CONSTITUENCY CASEWORK

Housing, Transport and Health continue to dominate my daily caseload.

I have often previously highlighted issues raised by my constituents directly with Ministers during Plenary sessions or via Written Parliamentary Questions.

You can find a record of this work via this link: https://rb.gy/phsb8s



Contact Me!

Get in touch if you need help or support. Or if you wish to highlight issues or share ideas.

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