

The Plaid Cymru Members  
Health & Well Being Committee,  
Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC

Dear Councillors,

From conversations with the Monitoring Officer, I understand that the Leader of your Group has raised concerns in respect of comments I made when contributing to the debate relating to the call-in of the Cabinet decision concerning Community Hubs in Ferndale & Mountain Ash at the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (held on the 30<sup>th</sup> April).

Mr. Jones has outlined the essence of your concerns, and I would like to place on record that they were in no way intended in the way I am led to believe you have perceived them. My comments related purely to my own personal view that the contributions and comments made at the Health and Well-Being Scrutiny Committee on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018, when we discussed the report from the Director of Public Health in respect of the Development of Community Hubs in Rhondda Cynon Taf, were inherently political in nature and did not assist the discussions of the committee on the wider content of the report.

I am firmly of the view that members of Scrutiny from all political persuasions should seek to carefully scrutinize and challenge the policy proposals we are engaging with, but my point was that when this pole is used in a partisan way, it does not support the wider objectives of policy development or the ideas that all members of Scrutiny across the Council are seeking to develop and enhance.

I trust that this email clarifies my comments, and I am happy to apologise if they have been misinterpreted in an unintended way.

Yours Sincerely,

Richard Yeo  
Chair  
Health & Well Being Scrutiny Committee