



DAVID REES

AM FOR ABERAVON

M4 to remain in darkness over winter.

In answer to a question from your local Assembly Member, David Rees, the Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport, Lee Waters, gave a clear indication that the road lighting on the elevated section of the M4 above Port Talbot will not be replaced in the coming months.

David said: "It is quite surprising how dark it is on that stretch of motorway, particularly as you come to it from lit sections either side. I would urge all drivers to take extra care over the winter months to ensure that we do not see any increase in accidents on this stretch of road."



I was delighted to start the Kevin Webber mini miler at this year's Richard Burton 10K which attracted record entries. There was a fantastic atmosphere and a huge turnout of runners and local people on the day. So many local causes benefit from this wonderful event.

For more news and campaigns information visit my website here:



Local AM backs ambitious plans to ban single use plastics

Aberavon AM David Rees, has welcomed far reaching plans to ban the most commonly littered single use plastics in Wales. The plans were set out by Hannah Blythyn the Minister responsible, during a Senedd debate this month.

The Minister stated that the Welsh Government is to consult on restricting the sale of a wide-range of throw-away plastics. This would include straws, stirrers, cotton buds and cutlery

The ban could be in place as early as next year and will once again see Wales leading the way on single use plastics.

Wales has a proud record when it comes to recycling, the Welsh Government led the way in the UK on the single use plastic carrier bag charge and Wales is ranked third in the world for amount of waste recycled.

David said: "I am immensely proud that Welsh Labour have led the way on recycling and am delighted that we are looking to do the same by looking at banning single use plastics."

"It is clear that we need to act now to address the issue of single use plastics, and the damage that they are doing to ecosystems globally. I am also proud of the excellent plastics project undertaken by pupils at Awel y Môr on tackling plastic waste."

Welsh Government will have to consult with the public before a ban on single use plastics would come into force and further details of this will be available soon.



Neath Port Talbot Education Forum

I was delighted to welcome Kirsty Williams AM, Minister for Education, to Ysgol Bro Dur in Aberavon this month to discuss curriculum reform and Additional Learning Needs changes with Headteachers and Chairs of Governors of schools across the county borough.

It was a well attended and successful evening where all present had the opportunity to question the Minister on the Welsh Government's education policy.



In the run up to this year's Small Business Saturday on 7th December I will be helping to promote small & medium sized businesses across Aberavon with a variety of daily postings on social media. If you want to nominate a business please get in touch by emailing - david.rees@assembly.wales

David in the Senedd

This month I have raised a number of issues which are of concern to residents across Aberavon in the Senedd. These include:

- Steel
- Tourism and diversifying the tourism offer in Wales
- Learning disability training for the NHS workforce
- Orkambi and access to Cystic fibrosis drugs
- Mental Health services for young people
- Bowel screening
- Choose well agenda; Access to GP service, community pharmacies etc..
- Brexit
- Economic priorities for Aberavon
- M4 lighting



You can visit my Youtube channel for more information where video's of my contributions are hosted.

Welsh Government Announcements

£130 million funding boost for Wales. Ministers will inject a further £130 million of funding in key capital projects, underlining confidence in Wales.

This is the second round of capital funding as part of the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan (WIIP) this year.

The Welsh tax that is helping to bring communities together

Finance Minister Rebecca Evans has opened the latest round of funding for the Welsh Government's Landfill Disposals Tax (LDT) Communities Scheme. The scheme, which is managed by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA), has already supported more than 44 local community and environmental projects with a total of £1.7 million committed in grant funding since it was launched last year.

Health Minister launches ambitious new plan to halt obesity rise in Wales.

The Health Minister, Vaughan Gething has outlined plans to make Wales' one of the first countries to see obesity rates decline. Healthy Weight: Healthy Wales is the Welsh Governments long term strategy to prevent and reduce obesity. The aim of the plan is to deliver healthy settings and environments to allow people of all ages to make healthy choices.

Upcoming surgeries in the constituency

12/12/19 - Baglan Moors Advice Surgery, Resource Centre, Baglan Moors
(10am - 11am)

12/12/19 - Port Talbot Advice Surgery, Tesco Cafe, Port Talbot
(4pm - 5.30pm)

13/12/19 - Gwynfi Advice Surgery, Miner's Hall, Blaengwynfi. (10am - 11am)

13/12/19 - Croeserw Advice Surgery, Croeserw Community Enterprise Centre. (11.30am - 12.30am)

My office is currently accepting donations for Port Talbot food bank. Can donations please be with us by Monday 9th December.

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