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Mr R Joseland  
 South West Regional Director  
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To Mr Joseland,

Prior to the Local Government Elections the Economic and Community Regeneration Scrutiny of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council undertook a review of the support the Council provides to the Tourism sector in the County Borough.

The review made a number of recommendations including one for a letter to be sent to St Modwens in relation to an issue that had been highlighted as part of the review. The recommendation and reason behind it are included below:

Recommendation	Reason
A letter is written to St Modwens to establish what they understand their responsibilities are in relation	It was clear from the submission of evidence from a representative of Neath Canal Navigation Ltd. That

to Neath Canal and stress the importance of the maintenance that is required.	there is a clear lack of maintenance of the canal and this is jeopardizing the future attraction of the site.
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The review had heard that it was Neath Canal Navigation Ltd that had been established by St Modwens as part of the deal for land at Llandarcy but the group had no funding available to undertake key maintenance of the canal and this was having a detrimental effect on the areas as a tourist destination.

The Committee responsible for monitoring the recommendations of the task and finish group has changed to the newly formed Regeneration and Sustainable Development Scrutiny Committee and it is their wish to have a response on the above recommendation if at all possible. This will allow it to understand any issues that may not have been brought to its attention.

A Copy of the final report is also attached for your information also.

Yours sincerely,

**Neil Evans**  
**Senior Scrutiny and Member Development Officer**