

## THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at City Hall, Cardiff on Thursday 23 October 2014 to transact the business set out in the Council Summons dated 17 October 2014.

Present: County Councillor Margaret Jones (Lord Mayor in the Chair);

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Aubrey, Bale, Bowden, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridges, Burfoot, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Cowan, Kirsty Davies, Davis, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Evans, Goodway, Gordon, Govier, Graham, Hinchey, Howells, Hudson, Hunt, Hyde, Javed, Knight, Keith Jones, Kelloway, Lent, Lloyd, Lomax, Magill, Marshall, McEvoy, McGarry, McKerlich, Merry, Michael, Mitchell, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, David Rees, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sanders, Simmons, Stubbs, Benjamin Thomas, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Walker, Weaver, White, Craig Williams, Darren Williams and Woodman

### 78 : APOLOGIES

County Councillors Ralph Cook, Richard Cook, Ford, Goddard, Groves, Holden, Joyce, Love, Morgan, Thorne and Walsh

### 79 : WEBCASTING AND RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Members were reminded of a decision of the Constitution Committee on 10 July, 2008 to webcast the Council meeting. Members were also reminded that the Constitution Committee had previously agreed that Council proceedings be recorded for administrative purposes.

### 80 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson subject to the following amendments: -

- (a) Minute No 63: Declarations of Interest ; and Minute No 72: Statement of Accounts 2013/14  
Pages 149 & 163 inclusion of Councillor Margaret Jones as declaring a personal interest as a member of the Cardiff & Vale Pension Scheme
- (b) Minute No 70: Environment Statement  
  
Page 161 amend the word 'finds' to 'findings' and replace word 'street' with 'streets and wards'
- (c) Minute No 73: Notice of Motion  
  
Page 195 insert the word 'Councillor' before the word 'Clark'.

## 81 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded Members of their responsibility under Article 16 of the Members' Code of Conduct to declare any interest, and to complete Personal Interest forms, at the commencement of the item of business.

The following declarations were made:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Interest</u>
County Councillor Hinchev	Item 10: Oral Question 7	Personal Interest as Chair of Llwyn Fedw Gardens Community Group
Councillors Cowan and Robson	Item 8: Community Development, Co- operatives & Social Enterprise Statement	As Members of the Glamorgan Joint Archives Committee appointed by Council

## 82 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Religious Festival of Diwali

Celebrations of the Religious Festival of Diwali - a five day Festival of Light where taking place within the Hindu, Sikh & Jains communities in Cardiff along with a specially organised events at the Welsh Government; the Wales Millennium Centre tonight; and the National Museum of Wales planned.

The National Service of Remembrance for Wales

This year's National Service of Remembrance is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at the Wales National War Memorial at 11.00am. The service would mark also the 100<sup>th</sup> year since the beginning of World War One.

Royal Town Planning Institute – Mr Phil Williams

The Lord Mayor wished to add Council's congratulations to those given by colleagues in recognising the recent achievement of Mr Phil Williams, Operational Manager in the Planning Department who would be stepping into the role of Vice President of the Royal Town Planning Institute in January 2015, and then be inaugurated as its President in 2016. Phil would be the Council's first ever employee to become President of the Institute.

Celebrating 100 years this year, the Royal Town Planning Institute has 23,000 members globally, principally in the UK and Commonwealth countries and has Prince Charles as its patron. Mr Williams has been a member of the Institute since 1983, the last four years on the General Assembly and a member of the 12 strong Board of Trustees since 2012.

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Mr Williams richly deserves this accolade, and we are sure that he will continue to put Cardiff on the National and Global Map as part of this role.

#### Glamorgan County Cricket Club Success for Talented Young Cricketers

The Lord Mayor wished to congratulate Prem Sisdoya and Mujahid Ilyas, two of the city's talented young cricketers. The two teenage spin bowlers have become the first British-born Asian's to be selected as members of Glamorgan County Cricket Club's Academy. They also featured in Cardiff Cricket Club's hugely successful 2014 season - one of the highlights of Cardiff's year as European Capital of Sport.

Prem a left arm spinner and Mujahid a leg spinner claimed 73 wickets between them last season at an average of a only 18.5 runs per wicket. The teenagers have both represented Wales at under-14 and under-15 level and have also formed part of the under-17 squad captained by their club colleague, seventeen year old Kiran Carlson.

#### Lord Mayor's Charity Events

The Lord Mayor thanked Councillor Bill Kelloway for his superb effort in completing the Cardiff Half Marathon on 5 October 2014 in support of the Lord Mayor's Charity. Members were asked to retrospectively sponsor Bill which added £225.30 to his already substantial sponsorship total. The Lord Mayor thanks all Members for their generosity.

The Lord Mayor's Ball with entertainment and an auction would be held in the Rhiwbina Recreation Club on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November starting at 7.00pm. Tickets are available from Councillor Jayne Cowan.

A Fish & Chip Supper with Jazz Band and raffle has been arranged for Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November, from 7.00pm at the Mansion House. Tickets available from Councillor Jayne Cowan or the Protocol Office.

#### Well Done - Councillor Aubrey

Avid viewers of the Channel 4 quiz show 'Fifteen to One' would have seen that we have a budding Champion on the Council. I understand that Councillor Gareth Aubrey currently tops the Leader Board and we wish him success if he reaches the Grand Final.

83 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

#### QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER EDUCATION AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO

Question: *Mr Huw Williams*

According to the timetable issued by the Council in connection with Primary Schools reorganisation in the area of the Four Wards, it was expected that plans for a

statutory consultation would be presented to the Cabinet in September. It is now October and yet nothing has been heard of these plans, even though parents in the area are now deciding upon their choices for the 2015 school year. The situation is of grave concern to parents in the area in view of the promise that a starter class would be established for the Welsh-medium School by next September and the delay only serves to raise questions about this possibility – although these are statutory proposals within Cardiff's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan. Further, the proposed plan to adapt Channel View Leisure Centre is affecting the whole community and the play area next door.

In view of the far-reaching implications surrounding this matter, I ask the Cabinet to provide us with an update as soon as possible and to decide upon a timetable for the realisation of these plans.

Reply: *County Councillor Magill*

Negotiations specific to securing suitable land for the purpose of developing new primary school provision are ongoing.

Unfortunately, these discussions are commercially sensitive. However, we are confident that we will be able to bring forward new proposals to provide Welsh-medium and English-medium for the area in December.

Supplementary Question: *Mr Huw Williams*

Thanks for your answer I appreciate the information. I take it therefore from your response that the Channel View Centre is no longer being considered as a site for the school this will be of interest to the community.

In view of the fact that that the timetable has moved back, a you therefore in danger of not meeting the Councils promise to create a starter class for a school in Grangetown to provide for children from Grangetown and Butetown for September 2015 giving serious concerns for those parents in the area who are very keen to secure that there is a provision for their Children?

Reply: *County Councillor Magill*

I perfectly understand why you have come to ask your question today because it is the case that we were planning to put a paper to Cabinet in September to discuss the outcomes of the 'Four Wards' engagement exercise. I think as part of the discussions we've had around this issue, we have talked about keeping monitoring whether other possibilities and other land might become available at any point. And the position at the moment is we are in negotiations specific to securing possible suitable land which wasn't actually part of the engagement exercise. So those discussions are ongoing to secure the land for new primary school provision. Unfortunately, the discussions that we are having are commercially sensitive, so I cannot be more direct about the land in question but we are confident that we will be able to bring forward proposals to provide both Welsh Medium and

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English Medium provision for the area at December's Cabinet. So apologies for the delay, but actually I am hopeful that we will end up with a very good outcome for the area.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER SAFETY, ENGAGEMENT AND DEMOCRACY PORTFOLIO

Question: *Mr Kenneth Daniels*

As a resident & Council Tax payer in this city, I am concerned about the proposals for the Regulatory Section, in which these essential services – Food Safety, Noise & Pollution, Public Protection & Private Sector Housing, Trading Standards, etc. – will be transferred away from this council. Can the Cabinet Member reassure the citizens of Cardiff that he has truly considered the possible risks, and is he aware that the report also proposes downgrading of the current staff and a possible twenty six job losses?

Is he happy with the pace of this proposal, when a merger of this Authority with the Vale of Glamorgan could well be on the table soon, as both the Cabinet and the Chief Executive of the Council have said they support the idea in principle?

Reply: *County Councillor De'Ath*

Good afternoon Ken and thank for your question.

This is a proposal is to create a new, regional service with the Vale of Glamorgan acting as the 'host' employing authority and not the 'lead' or 'controlling' one.

This is a partnership that will be governed equally by each Council. We will ensure that the priorities for Cardiff are addressed, in an agreed annual plan which will be presented to the Joint Committee.

I would like to assure you that all the risks have been explored. Some new roles will have different pay grades, but I can assure you that some roles will also present opportunities for staff to have higher wages.

The loss of 26 posts will to be found from across the 3 Authority's over 2 years, and the process of job selection will be fair and we will seek to agree it with the Trade Unions in advance.

If we were to 'go alone' and if corporate budget savings were potentially 20% the service would need to find in the order of £800k from the Regulatory Budget in 2015/16. This would be a loss of around 20 staff members and could threaten the continuation of some services.

In relation to the final point, all of the Council's involved are of course conscious of the White Paper 'Reforming Local Government' based on the Williams Report.

It is not however an excuse to procrastinate or delay strong collaborative working.

The revised service fits this agenda as a very strong collaboration with Cardiff's proposed partnered council, but fundamentally, as this is a critical service that protects our City, there is a need to proceed with this project now to ensure that this Council's service is built to contend with the future; to be sustainable and to provide a resilient service that copes with the financial pressures being experienced by Cardiff and the partner Councils.

Supplementary Question: *Mr Kenneth Daniels*

Why are you as a Cabinet Member or the Council rushing into this collaboration when the Vale of Glamorgan will not be deciding until the 12 November, and how many meetings have you had with constituents or staff on these proposals?

I am a worried rate payer of Cardiff, and there are a lot of your constituents in Cardiff. Members. I would ask you to defer the decision until everybody and that includes the full Labour Group and the Opposition parties, know of all the facts regarding the details of this collaboration.

What is interesting, you say Councillor De'Ath, there will be 26 less staff to cover 3 authorities instead of one which they currently do, and the proposals as proposed they still have to deliver all the same services that we do know. This is 'cloud cuckoo land'.

Reply: *County Councillor De'Ath*

I certainly wouldn't say that this is something we were rushing into, there's been a very long consultation period, there have been staff workshops, and there was the trade union forum with representatives of the unions covering the 3 Councils. We've had over 500 submissions of questions and statements from staff members which the project team have answered so it's really been considered. The accountants of all the authorities reckon that the plans, proposals are sound.

I certainly appreciate your members have a sense of discomfiture and apprehension about this planned change. I worked, prior to my election, for a large pub section organisation which faced swinging cuts, there was radical reorganisation, and I was a PCS trade union representative so I certainly know what it is like to experience this kind of change. With this proposals with these 3 Councils coming together to try and protect jobs and save jobs as we are stronger acting together as we are alone, a sentiment you, as a trade unionist, would certainly you would appreciate

84 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were submitted:

Councillor Craig Williams - 457 signatures – requesting work needed to School Lane, Gwaelod-y-Garth.

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Councillor Craig Williams - 214 signatures from children of Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth Eco Club on the condition of School Lane, and for improvements to be made to make it a safe route to school.

Councillor Govier - 166 signatures in support of the continuation of funding for Grangetown Adventure Play Centre.

Councillor Dilwar Ali - 138 signatures requesting the imposing of 20 mph speed limit on Aberteifi Crescent, Mynachdy Road, Kemys Place, Appledore Road with calming measures.

Councillor Dilwar Ali - 590 signatures - To keep the bus station on the north side of the city.

Councillor Aubrey - 31 signatures requesting that Palace Road, Llandaff to become Residents only parking between its junction with St Michaels Road and Howells Crescent to its junction with Western Avenue.

Councillor Lomax - 38 Signatures – requesting traffic restrictions to be imposed at Mardy Street, Grangetown (further narrowing of the road, allowing one way traffic or blocking off one end of the street.

#### 85 : LLANDAFF NORTH BY-ELECTION

The Lord Mayor welcomed Councillor Susan White who was elected to the vacancy in the Electoral Division of Llandaff North on 2 October 2014 to her first meeting. Councillor White was delighted to have been elected and undertook to represent and support the constituents of Llandaff North

#### 86 : LEADERS STATEMENT

##### IX Cardiff

The new Internet Exchange (IXCardiff) was launched in the city on 15 October, 2014 which is located in the heart of Central Cardiff Enterprise Zone. The new Internet Exchange forms part of the digital transformation of Cardiff as one of the UK's 'Super Connected Cities'. To this end, the UK Government has allocated up to £6.78m to upgrade the city's digital infrastructure and the £600,000 investment to connect SMEs in Cardiff to the new exchange is a central part of the programme. The development of IXCardiff will ensure that Cardiff becomes digitally connected and will provide a massive incentive for financial and creative industries to locate their business in Cardiff and the wider Cardiff Capital Region. It will help give the city a competitive advantage and reduce dependency on London by enabling business to connect directly to an Internet Exchange here in Cardiff; giving the benefit of lower overheads, improved internet speeds and increased online capability.

### MIPIM UK

On 16 October, the Leader joined officers from the Council's Economic Development Team and representatives from the Cardiff Business Council in attending the MIPIM UK Conference at Olympia in London, which was held over two days. This event provided a high profile and valuable opportunity to promote Cardiff and to showcase the impressive interactive 3D model of the city. I understand that we have already received some positive enquiries from businesses and prospective investors following the event.

### Alert Logic

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October, the Leader joined Gray Hall, CEO of Alert Logic and the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, Edwina Hart AM, at the official opening of the Alert Logic Security Operations Centre and European Headquarters in Cardiff's Capital Quarter. The decision by Alert Logic to locate its European Headquarters here in Cardiff demonstrates the strength of the city's offer to growing technology businesses and underlines Cardiff's status as a skilled and competitive capital city. We look forward to continuing to work with Alert Logic in establishing Cardiff and the Cardiff Capital Region as a leading location in Europe for cyber security.

### Core Cities UK – Meeting with Glasgow City Council

The Leader advised that he would be travelling with the Chief Executive to Glasgow to meet with the Leader of Glasgow City Council, Councillor Gordon Matheson, and the Chief Executive, George Black. As a fellow new member of Core Cities UK, the City of Cardiff Council can learn greatly from Glasgow's experience of bidding for, and hosting, the 2014 Commonwealth Games earlier this year, as well as their recent experience of negotiating a City Deal with the UK Government. We will also be taking the opportunity to learn more about some of the cities landmark regeneration projects, particularly those along the River Clyde.

### Cardiff Convention 2014 (CC14)

The Cardiff Convention 2014 (CC14) will be held in the city on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014. This one-day event will bring together leading international thinkers and influential stakeholders from the Cardiff Capital Region to debate and set out a new city development vision for Cardiff as part of our commitment to creating Europe's most liveable Capital City. The Leader indicated that he would also be attending a fringe event with the Mayor of Bristol to debate the important role of the UK's major cities in driving growth and responding to the fiscal and economic challenges of the future.

### 87 : COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE STATEMENT

*(Councillors Cowan and Robson declared an interest under the Member Code of Conduct as Members appointed by the Council to the Glamorgan Joint Archives Committee. They remained at the meeting for consideration of this item).*



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### ECOS Awards

The Cabinet Member was delighted to welcome the Cardiff sporting community to the Millennium Stadium last week for the European Capital for Sport Awards. Representatives from our community clubs, schools, universities, professional clubs, Commonwealth Games Council, Sport Wales, National Governing Bodies and Voluntary sector were all present to help support and recognise the achievements of our Cardiff sportsmen and women. It was a great event which paid tribute to grass roots sport, the volunteers that keep sport moving in the city and our elite performers and clubs.

Having Nation Radio as our commercial and PR partner also added some “wow” factor and ensured some excellent publicity both on air and through social media channels.

The big winner of the night was Rhythmic Gymnast Frankie Jones who took home two prestigious awards. Frankie’s gold medal in the ribbon event at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in what was the last performance of her incredible career was rewarded with a ‘Performance of the Season’ award.

Dave Haller won Lifetime Achievement award for his contribution to swimming and in the face of tough competition from Ryder Cup Hero Jamie Donaldson, Real Madrid star Gareth Bale and Commonwealth Games Captain and medallist Aled Davies the ‘Sportsman of the Year’ went to cyclist Geraint Thomas.

This has been another fine year for sport in Cardiff and much of that is down to the men and women who won and were nominated for an ECOS awards. We applaud their achievements, thank them for their efforts and hope they will continue to bring further success to our great city.

### Maindy Fliers

The Cabinet Member recently met the volunteers behind the wheels of the Maindy Fliers at Maindy Stadium.

It was fantastic not only to see so many junior cyclists on the track but also the small army of mums, dads, volunteers and young ambassadors all contributing to the success of what is now the biggest junior cycling club in the UK.

As part of the visit the Cabinet Member was taken through their constitution and development plans which demonstrated that the club have a clear long term vision to develop Cardiff talent, recruit new cyclists, recruit, train and deploy volunteers and coaches.

The fliers have produced some World Class Cyclists including Geraint Thomas, Nicole Cook and Megan Barker. The Cabinet Member was impressed by the operation at Maindy Fliers and noted their concerns about the future of facilities

given the savings to be found within the portfolio. The Cabinet Member advised that he was able to reassure them, that we would wish to see club provision at our centres maintained if the facilities go under new management; and we will endeavour to ensure that this is specified as much as we can within our overall objectives.

### Glamorgan Archives

The Cabinet Member advised that the Glamorgan Archives was a testament to the benefits of joint working, providing a high quality archive services to six local authorities. On a recent visit he was impressed by the Archives' engagement with skill sharing. Volunteers and work experience students have contributed 6,400 hours to the service in the past 12 months. Working alongside staff, individuals of all ages complete projects which would not otherwise be attempted. They include school work experience and university students, retired or unemployed people and a number of placements through agencies such as Quest and Elite for those on the autism/Aspergers spectrum.

The volunteer programme is committed to supporting vulnerable adults and to preparing people of all ages to fulfil their potential and prepare for employment. For the last 4 years the Archives has led a consortium of local heritage organisation in CLOCH (Conserving Local Communities Heritage), a Heritage Lottery funded Skills for the Future project through which bursaries have been provided to train 16 unemployed young men for entry level posts in the sector, which the majority have achieved. Archive staff are certified in assessing vocational achievement and have formal training in volunteer management. The project ends this year, an indication of the continued commitment to skills exchange.

## 88 : CORPORATE SERVICES & PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

### Council Budget Update

- The Welsh Government Provisional Settlement was announced on 8 October.. The Settlement covers both revenue and capital funding allocations from Welsh Government for 2015/16 only with no indicative figures for future years.
- The revenue provisional settlement set out a cash decrease in funding from Welsh Government for Cardiff of £12.595 million. After adjusting for transfers, this equates to a decrease of 2.9%. However, once adjusted for a transfer in respect of LGBT 21<sup>st</sup> Century schools the true cash decrease is in effect £13.047 million.

The Welsh average decrease is 3.4%.

- As set out in the Council's Budget Strategy Report, which identified a Budget Reduction Requirement of £45.5 million, the Council is already facing significant financial pressures. In particular updated figures in respect of

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population growth and pupil numbers show that the percentage increases in Cardiff are the highest across Wales. These emerging numbers equate to additional financial pressures which will need to be reflected when our budget is set for next year.

- Added to this are the unique pressures that Cardiff faces as the Welsh Capital with more than 79,000 people coming into the City everyday to visit, work and enjoy the wider range of events and national venues that we host and maintain.
- Despite this Cardiff has contributed £316,000 towards the application of the damping mechanism. There are three beneficiaries of the operation of the floor, Powys (£1.7m), Ceredigion (£0.9m) and Monmouth (£0.1m.)
- Protection for Schools is maintained at 1% above the Welsh Government's block grant.
- Based on the Minister's letter of 24 June, Cardiff had planned for a decrease of 4.5%, or £19.6 million in cash terms. The settlement therefore includes £6.6 million more cash than Budget Strategy Planning assumptions.
- It should be noted however, that the lower than average settlement decrease received by Cardiff is a result of data changes feeding through the funding formula that are reflective of additional pressures. These pressures, along with emerging issues and other risk areas will absorb any benefit of a lower than anticipated funding decrease. In particular, these include:-
  - Substantial increases in pupil numbers
  - The need to make good the 'non-additionally' of 2015/16 LGBTI funding
  - Realignment Issues reflected by the Council's monitoring position
  - Reductions in the levels of some specific grants and the lack of clarity
  - The as yet unconfirmed position in relation to Outcome Agreement Grant
- The provisional settlement also contains information in respect of the capital settlement figures. Across Wales capital funding for 2015/16 totals £400 million which reflects a decrease of 1.1% when compared with 2014/15. For Cardiff the capital settlement figure is £13.447 million which represents an increase of £36k which is 0.27%.
- We remain committed to consulting with the people of Cardiff and a range of proposals will be considered over coming months through the Cardiff Debate.
- In summary the financial position facing the Council, due to reductions in Welsh Government funding and financial pressures, remains a matter of extreme concern.

### Council Tax collection update

- The current year sees a continuation of the robust but fair and proactive approach that has been developed to manage the collection of Council Tax which has resulted in annual improvements to the collection rate. Particular emphasis has been placed on issuing prompt accurate bills and developing a recovery timetable that has ensured that non payers are pursued in a timely manner. Excellent links have been developed with the Council's Welfare Hub and C2C which also helps to identify vulnerable customers.
- During 2013/14 our in-year collection rate improved by 1% to 96.35% which was the biggest improvement in Wales and so far this year our in-year collection rate is 0.8% ahead of the same period last year.
- Improving Council Tax collection is important to ensure that the spending power of the Council is maximised during this period of significant fiscal reduction.

### Cardiff Manager Programme

20 October 2014 saw the first day of the Cardiff Manager Programme which is being run in partnership with the Cardiff and Vale College. The programme is aimed initially at grade 8 to 10 officers and covers topics such as managing change, creativity and problem solving, managing within a balanced budget, performance management and the behaviours needed of managers. It addresses directly the feedback received in the recent WAO assessment.

### Pilot Corporate Apprentice Scheme

A number of corporate apprenticeship roles were created to support the Council's commitment to education and skills for people of all ages to fulfil their potential and be well prepared for employment in the Cardiff economy and beyond. Working with Cardiff & Vale College, temporary posts were advertised in September and following the recruitment process, four corporate apprentices were appointed and are due to start on 10 November, These cover two in ICT (Infrastructure and Applications) and two in Customer Services and Business Administration.

### ICT update

In terms of new systems in the last year the following have been implemented:

- CMS – new mobile and scheduling solution to mobilise their service and improve efficiencies
- AMX – new consolidated asset management system for Highways
- SharePoint – new implementation that was used to create the new Cardiff.gov.uk website and is also being used as a new EDRMS (Electronic Document Management System) . It is also being used further for collaborative work spaces such as the new one for the Cardiff Ambassadors initiative

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- Adult and Community Learning new online enrolment system
- Electronic Time Monitoring System new analysis system to cut the cost of the domiciliary care providers service

In schools the following initiatives have been delivered over the last year :

- Implementation of Wi-Fi in all schools giving total coverage
- Upgrading of 56 primary schools from 10 meg internet connection to 100
- Implemented Office 365 capability for all schools allowing free access to the Microsoft suite of Office applications to all education staff and pupils with over 75 schools using this extensively and others migrating to use this
- Implementation of the WG funded HWB virtual learning system to all schools

Changes to existing practices in the last year include:

- Continuation of the PrintSmart project rollout which has reduced printer numbers by 93%, made external savings of over £300k annually and significantly improved functionality for all staff
- New mobile device management role in ICT which has already identified and removed over 400 devices from our EE contract that were being paid for but not in use, as well as significantly streamlining invoicing and billing

#### Performance Management: Challenge Forum

The second meeting of the Challenge Forum provided further focus on the Council's Performance Improvement agenda. The Forum, which we established earlier this year, provides peer support arrangements in response to some of the corporate challenges we have identified. With the support of the Welsh Government and the WLGA, the forum brings together experts in the fields of Education, Children's Services and corporate development to assist the Council deliver robust performance challenge arrangements and consider best practice from across the UK.

Reflecting the work already undertaken as part of the Organisational Change Programme, we are pleased that Members of the Group commented that the Council had sharpened its performance management arrangements. This was the initial reflections of the independent review of Performance Management Arrangements in the Council, which has included discussions with Welsh Audit Office, Performance officers, and Directors.

Recognising the progress made, the Forum emphasised that the next part of the corporate improvement journey must focus on enhancing challenge and accountability within performance management. Securing a strong focus on outcomes- what we want to achieve- and how we will go about achieving them was also identified as a priority.

### Accelerated Improvement

We recently initiated a more robust methodology for the management of improvement in key areas of concern. This includes a standing challenge and support process through which service delivery can be tested by Cabinet Members, with the Chief Executive and Director of Resources.

As part of this approach, clear improvements have also been made in key areas within the Council.

- Children's Services - Good progress has been made in addressing recruitment issues, whilst better service management has had a positive impact on social work case-loads. Performance Indicators are also seen to be moving in the right direction, with a recognised need to distinguish between recording process and measuring outcomes. An Independent review of "Front Door" services has also provided positive feedback about Social Work practice.
- Education Improvement- The Council can reflect on improved performance across all levels with the rates of improvement generally above Welsh Average. However we the Forum recognised also that performance was too often below the Welsh Average. Intensive work is currently being undertaken with schools and there is on-going work to identify and build on the activities that are having an impact.

In the coming weeks we will be extending this approach to introduce more rigorous challenge to directorate performance across the board through a "Star Chamber" approach, starting with the Quarter 2 performance position.

This reflects the Cabinet's commitment to address the performance levels within the Council, and to secure improvement in key areas.

### 89 : EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STATEMENT

Keeping children safe should be the most important priority for any Local Authority. All Members will be aware that Children's Services is an area that we have prioritised for improvement and that a great deal has been achieved during the last year to stabilise Children's Services. A major push on recruitment has seen real reductions in agency staff; an injection of extra support to bring individual caseloads down has taken some risk out of the system; and early work to learn from national best practice elsewhere is now helping us to shape our thinking about what the service should look like in the future.

The recent Looked After Children Inspection, which members will be aware of, was a national thematic Inspection of all Welsh Local Authorities focusing on Looked After Children following concerns in Rochdale and Oxfordshire. The Inspection was a positive one and concluded that Cardiff's performance is "reasonable to good" and this is a strong endorsement of the managers and staff in the service and their commitment to Looked After Children. In their verbal feedback the Inspectors said that the service had made a "good start" in terms of overall improvement but this

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also recognised that there remains a great deal to do and that we are only at the beginning of a major programme of sustained work to get to where we need to be.

Members will be aware of media reports in the last few days regarding dangerously high caseloads across Children's Services Departments in Wales. In this context it is important that members remain conscious that the overall total caseload in Children's Services has not changed and that demand continues to increase. This means we have to be aware that whilst a number of effective work streams have been put in place to continue to improve outcomes and services a fundamental question still remains as to whether the service is sufficiently well resourced to meet rising demand. I will certainly be giving this question my full attention and looking at what options are available to us to sustain recent successes over the longer term and as part of that will be providing members with regular updates as to progress.

## 90 : ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

### Green Flag People's Choice Awards for 2014

Bute Park has been placed as the seventh most popular Green Flag standard park in the United Kingdom under the Green Flag People's Choice Awards for 2014. This is a significant achievement given that the poll used to canvas opinion across the United Kingdom included a total of 1,309 parks, attracting in excess of 35,000 votes. On a Wales level, Bute Park was rated as the second most popular park in the Country out of 65 parks. The winner of the award in Wales being Margam Park, managed by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

This achievement reflects well on this Council and the wide range of stakeholders involved in the management and development of the park.

### Cardiff Dog's Home

Cardiff Dog's Home has been awarded the prestigious gold award in recognition of our continued commitment to animal welfare. The Animal Welfare Footprints scheme comprises four areas of service provided by the public sector that has some impact on animal welfare. Cardiff's success in the Stray Dog's footprint category reflects work undertaken to ensure the welfare of the animals during collection and kennelling as well as the pro-active work undertaken by Cardiff Dogs Home to educate owners and to reduce levels of straying and numbers of long-term strays.

Of particular importance has been the work to encourage responsible dog ownership, micro-chipping, neutering and assessment procedures used for dogs as well as the work done to ensure, via the prospective owner application process, that re-homed dogs find homes suited to them. I'm very passionate about animal welfare and I'm delighted this excellent facility has been recognised in this way, well done to all involved.

### Waste Management

As we continue to work on our Waste Strategy, we were greatly boosted by the news that Waste Management has secured £40k from Waste Awareness Wales to undertake a targeted food recycling campaign. We are absolutely committed to ensuring people recycle as much of their waste as possible as everyone could and should, do more. This campaign will target traditionally hard-to-reach areas and communities and I look forward to a rise in recycling participation from this project.

Bidding for and winning this funding underlines how big a priority recycling and waste management issues are for this Administration. We are extremely busy with a number of other initiatives including:

- A fly-tipping intelligence sharing trial in conjunction with Fly-tipping Action Wales - Fly mapper system trial continuing to result in enforcement action being taken at the earliest opportunity;
- Sending waste to Viridor will help remove our risk of failing the landfill allowances scheme for 14/15. The risk carries a £200/t fine for each tonne we exceed the limit by;
- We are also trialling a Solar Compactor Bin on the pedestrianised section of St Mary's Street that uses a built-in Solar Panel to power an internal compactor allowing the unit to hold much more waste than a standard street bin. The bin has been successfully used in other cities with benefits including a reduction in operating costs and also litter.

Staff are of course central to meeting our recycling and waste priorities. A series of training sessions, tailored for the frontline staff, has been set up at Lamby Way in conjunction with Trade Union Learning Reps to ensure we are all working together in these difficult financial times. The staff often go above and beyond what is expected of them as seen during the NATO events in the city. We tailored services to ensure Cardiff looked its best on a global stage and our staff worked very hard to achieve this despite having no additional resource.

### Regulatory Services

Our Food Standards Team also excelled during the NATO events ensuring safe food communicable disease control at official dinners. You cannot underestimate the importance of this work and I commend the team for NOT making the news while the world was watching. In other Regulatory news we have:

- Secured a number of successful prosecutions across food hygiene, trading standards, animal welfare and noise nuisance offences.
- Received a positive report from Food Standards Agency for Food Safety Team following shellfish traceability exercise.
- Worked closely with ASH Wales on launch of Illegal Tobacco Campaign.



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## 91 : SAFETY, ENGAGEMENT & DEMOCRACY STATEMENT

### Youth Council Summit

The Leader and Cabinet Members attended a Youth Summit, with Cardiff Youth Council on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at the Old Library, as part of celebrations for Democracy Week.

“European Local Democracy Week”, is an annual event with national and local events organised by participating local authorities, in all Council of Europe member states. The purpose is to raise awareness of how councils operate, their roles and responsibilities, while also highlighting how local democracy works and how people can get involved in the process.

Cardiff Youth Council was invited to engage with the Council Leader and members of the Cabinet, at an event designed to be educational, inspirational, challenging and interactive.

The Youth Summit fitted into the council’s objective of increasing public participation in decisions on public service design and delivery. The core underlying questions which the summit sought to address were:

- How can we get more people voting in elections in Cardiff?
- How can Cardiff Council better engage with young people when making decisions that affect them?
- How can the council better prepare young people to be active citizens in Cardiff?

The Old Library provided a superb but informal setting for the summit with the 58 youth delegates sat at tables in café style groups and sitting with each group a Cabinet Member and facilitator.

Following an initial welcome from the Chair of the Youth Council, and the Leader, I provided delegates with a brief verbal tour of the workings of local democracy in Cardiff. The evening progressed with Members offering an outline of their roles and responsibilities, which was followed by a series of structured debates and discussions.

The conversations taking place at each table were captured graphically as well as verbally. Delegates were encouraged to write and draw their thoughts and/or contributions onto the table cloths. Two Graphic Recorders were on hand, who transferred these contributions into visual representations onto a large wall hung canvass, as the evening progressed.

Following a feedback session, a question and answer session and the closing remarks, delegates were able to view an exhibition of the Cardiff Debate and the new arrangements for Individual Electoral Registration.

The entire event was captured on film by a media company called Burning Red, who also conducted interviews with the Leader, myself and Council officers.

The summit has received a tremendously good response and generated extremely positive feedback.

## 92 : REGIONALISING REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT

Council was provided with an update report on the shared regulatory service and the proposal to create a new regional service for Trading Standards, Licensing and Environmental Health between Cardiff, Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan Councils and sought approval to create the regionalised service.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor De'Ath to introduce the report who underlined the importance at a time of forced cuts in Local Government of joint working to be better able to meet changing demands and available resources; and protect those services that protect the most vulnerable; the context of which was set out in the report. Through co-operation, the proposal before Council would deliver a resilient and sustainable collaborative service over which ownership will be maintained by the proposed governance model. It will embrace technological best practice and cultivate workforce development.

Funding from the Regional Collaboration Fund was used to appoint WS Atkins Limited to develop and test the proposal, determine feasibility and a detailed business case.

The Cabinet Member advised that prior to this report being brought to Council, a pre-decision engagement process had been undertaken relevant Scrutiny Committees in all three local authorities; along with a series of staff engagement events and meetings with trade unions; and the Project Team have answered over 500 formal questions and statements submitted by employees.

A regional Trade Union Forum, with local union reps from the three Councils has been created and meets regularly.

Through this collaborative model the savings to Cardiff in 2015/16 would be in the region of £450,000, however this would affect 26 full-time posts from the three councils over a two year period. All efforts will be made to avoid compulsory redundancies. The recruitment process for the new structure will be fair, transparent and worked through fully with Trade Union representatives in advance.

A Joint Committee of equal representation of Elected Members from each Council will oversee the project and Cardiff will retain its Licensing role through the Public Protection Committee. Expressions of interest in joint scrutiny arrangement have been sought across the three Councils.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report.

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Councillor Sanders under Council Procedure Rules 25 (a) (iv) proposed that the matter be referred back to Cabinet for further consideration. This was seconded by Councillor Bridges.

As part of the debate Members expressed concern on the level of detail provided in the report; the importance of the services; the need for full consultation with all stakeholders. It was noted that that each authority had the same pressures and that by collaboration this would support cross boundary working reduce duplication and support legislative changes. The Cabinet Member responded to matters raised.

Following the debate a recorded vote was taken on the Reference back as proposed by Councillor Sanders.

For (26)

County Councillors Aubrey, Bowden, Boyle, Bridges, Burfoot, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Cowan, Kirsty Davies, Graham, Howells, Hudson, Kelloway, Lloyd, McEvoy, McKerlich, David Rees, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sanders, Graham Thomas, Walker, Craig Williams and Woodman

Against (35)

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Bale, Bradbury, Davis, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Evans, Gordon, Govier, Hinchey, Hunt, Hyde, Javed, Knight, Lent, Lomax, Magill, Marshall, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Mitchell, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, Simmons, Stubbs, Benjamin Thomas, Huw Thomas, Weaver White and Darren Williams.

The Reference back was lost.

The recommendations in the report were agreed.

RESOLVED – That

1. the business case, target operating model and implementation plan for the creation of a shared regulatory service based on the 'collaborate and change' model set out and described in Appendix A as amended by Appendix B of the report, with governance arrangements based on a Joint Committee model as detailed in the report and associated exempt appendix E be approved;
2. further to recommendation 1, Council agreed that:-
  - (i) with effect from the 1st April 2015 such shared regulatory service with the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Bridgend County Borough Council be created; and
  - (ii) a joint Committee be established (hereinafter referred to as the

'Joint Committee') on conclusion of the joint working agreement referred to in Recommendation 8;

3. Council agreed that those Regulatory Service functions that are the responsibility of the City & County of Cardiff Council (set out in Appendix C, part B), be delegated to the Joint Committee. It was noted that the detailed terms of the delegation would be set out in the Joint Working agreement referred to in Recommendation 9,
4. Council noted that those functions as set out in Appendix C, Part C would remain the responsibility of each local authority, which would be supported in carrying out those functions as detailed in the body of this report. It was noted that the detailed terms of the delegation would be set out in the Joint Working agreement referred to in Recommendation 9;
5. Council approved that the Vale of Glamorgan Council be the host (employing) authority for the shared regulatory service;
6. Subject to the decisions set out above being made, Council approved that the Cabinet Member, Safety, Engagement & Democracy and the Chair of the Licensing and Public Protection Committees be appointed as the Authority's Elected Member representatives on the Joint Committee;
7. Subject to the decisions set out above the terms of reference of the Joint Committee include delegated powers from Council to appoint the Head of the new shared service were agreed;
8. subject to the decisions set out in recommendations above being made delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer, to carry out on behalf of the Authority all associated matters involved in setting up the Shared Regulatory Service in respect of any such matters that are the responsibility of the Council. It is noted that such delegated matters include, without limitation to the generality of the forgoing:
  - i. agree immediate conclusion and execution of a Joint Working agreement for the shared regulatory service to include, amongst other things details of income and cost sharing and those matters referred to in the Legal Implications content of this report;
  - ii. agree that an Overseeing and Directing Project Board of officers be established to implement the shared service;
  - iii. agree that all required statutory and other consultation on the proposed transfer of staff to the host (employing) authority be undertaken;
  - iv. subject to considering the outcome of such consultation, agree to

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transfer employees to the host (employing) authority; to undertake all required statutory and other consultation on the proposed remodelling /restructuring and subject to considering the outcome of such consultation to undertake the proposed reorganisation /remodelling, making any subsequent refinements to the proposals, provided always that matters shall be reported back to Cabinet in respect of any material refinements that fall outside of the proposals for the shared Regulatory service as set out in this report, and;

- v. agree that a three year business plan for the service be produced, seeking to outline how the service will be developed in detail and including the identification of further year on year savings over the three year period;
9. Council noted that, in considering this matter, the views of the Scrutiny Committees, staff, and Trade Unions as appended to the report and the Council's Duties under the Equality Act 2010 and the Equalities Impact Assessment attached as Appendix D have been taken into account.

### 93 : CARDIFF ORGANIC WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT – PREFERRED BIDDER

The Council was recommended to approve the proposed appointment of the preferred bidder for the long-term Cardiff Organics Waste Treatment (COWT) project consisting of Food Waste and Green Waste treatment and recycling facilities for Cardiff; approve the Business Case and the post procurement second Inter Authority Agreement (IAA2) including the partnership arrangement with the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The Lord Mayor invited the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Derbyshire to present the report. Councillor Derbyshire advised of the importance of sustainable waste management services as an essential component to the Council's short, medium and long-term responses to the environmental and carbon reduction challenges facing Cardiff and Wales. The Welsh Government (WG) was committed to delivering a long- term transformation in the scale of recycling and sustainable waste management with challenging target set to 2050.

The Council committed to developing a Business case to procure a long term Organic Waste Treatment solution to secure the sustainable treatment of biodegradable food waste and green waste collected by the Council and prevent it from being disposed through landfill, and to reduce its impact on the environment and secure its contribution to Cardiff's Municipal Waste Recycling and Composting targets. This report detailed the process; the project solution; affordability and proposed arrangements.

The Lord Mayor invited debate. Members supported the project and highlighted matters relating to the waste streams; segregation of waste; recycling targets;

timescales for the decommissioning of the Landfill site. The Cabinet Member responded to Members comments.

RESOLVED – That

1. the appointment of Kelda Organic Energy Limited (Kelda) as the Preferred Bidder for the long-term Organic Waste Treatment Project be approved;
2. delegated authority be granted to the Senior Responsible Officer (Assistant Director Environment) (in consultation with the Project Board and County Solicitor) to finalise the procurement to a contract close (including any refinement of documentation) as referred to in redacted Appendix A;
3. the Full Business Case be approved, and the improved affordability position in terms of the following points be noted:
  - the reduction in cost compared to the original Outline Business Case (OBC), affordability threshold, taking into account the later inclusion of the Vale of Glamorgan and their business case.
  - the significant costs saving relative to landfilling food waste and incurring fines; and
  - the Net Present Value (NPV) of the proposed Preferred Bidder's solution, including costs directly incurred by this Council, which represents a significant reduction compared to the original OBC Upper Affordability Threshold of £31.1m approved by Cabinet in 2012;
4. City and County of Cardiff Council act as Host Authority as defined in the Inter Authority Agreement 2 (IAA2) in the exempt Appendix E;
5. the IAA2 is entered into with the Vale of Glamorgan (on the understanding that it is subject to any refinement and finalisation as per recommendation 6 below);
6. delegated authority be granted to the Senior Responsible Officer (Assistant Director Environment) (in consultation with the Project Board and County Solicitor) to finalise and conclude the IAA2 agreement (including any refinement of documentation as set out in this report and pursuant to recommendation 2);
7. subject to Welsh Government approving the Final Business Case (and confirming subsequent funding, conclusion of the IAA2, and Cardiff Council agreeing to act as Host Authority) that a relevant authorised officer of Cardiff Council be granted authority to sign the Contract with Kelda Organic Energy Limited, on behalf of both Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Councils;
8. subject to the recommendations above and following consultation with the Section 151 Officer from the Vale of Glamorgan, the Section 151 Officer from the City and County of Cardiff Council the certificate pursuant to the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997 be signed on behalf of the Authorities.

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94 : ORAL QUESTIONS

*(Councillors Hinchey declared a personal interest under the Member Code of Conduct in Question 7 as Chair of the Llwynfedw Gardens Community Group. He remained at the meeting for consideration of this item).*

QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER ENVIROMENT

Question: *County Councillor Clark*

Please can you outline the different pieces of legislation that this Council used to deal with the inappropriate fly-tipping, littering, dropping or presentation for collection of waste in Cardiff?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

There is an extensive list of over 21 pieces of legislation that are used by waste enforcement officers.

However, to save me from reading all these out, I can direct you to the list that is contained within the relevant Waste Enforcement Policy, which was approved by the Cabinet on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

The main Act that covers the areas set out in your question is the Environmental Protection Act 1990:

- Sections 33 and 34 relate to fly tipping;
- Section 46 relates to domestic waste presentation
- Section 47 relates to commercial waste presentation; and
- Sections 87 and 88 relate to littering.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Clarke*

The October 2014 Waste Strategy Cabinet Report recommended exploring the further restriction of fortnightly residual waste. Of course residual waste is restricted now in wheelie bin areas as households have a finite number of bins. Unfortunately these restrictions are ignored now in many wards with wheelie bins being left overflowing and black bags left alongside for days on end.

What additional legislative or other measures to those you have just outlined do you plan to follow to prevent an increased proliferation of broken black bags and mess being left out across the city if residual waste is further restricted.

As I have said we already have got plenty of legislation, I presume you are getting at, the point that you are trying to make is that we are not carrying it out. It comes down to things being reported properly, it also comes down to the fact that you have to

have proof and evidence to back up any enforcement and obviously it needs to be something that we can actually do. Within that we are restricted, it's not straight forward we also have to give residents the opportunity to react, and it can't be just a straight forward fine. There are a number of issues around that, happy to discuss them with you at any time but we are doing are best but there are obviously things we can do to improve and I hope that when we continue with our new waste strategy going forward we will actually get things better.

#### QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER ENVIROMENT

Question: *County Councillor Robson*

What is the estimated cost of replacing all black wheelie bins with smaller capacity wheelie bins?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

The report on the Outline Waste Strategy, which was considered by the Cabinet on 9<sup>th</sup> October, provides details of the costs.

For a full city-wide exchange and expansion programme of wheeled bins to all areas possible, the estimated capital costs would be £2.4 million.

However, this cost is only a guide and would include the exchange of the larger wheeled bin for the smaller wheeled bin and also a proportion of additional kerbside and kitchen caddies, as all waste restriction drives out further recycling into food and dry recycling streams.

However, we need to explore if smaller wheeled bins are required across all of the city or just those low performing areas.

As the report notes, investment in recycling will protect us against the significant fines that will be incurred if we do not further change our service provision.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Robson*

I appreciate that we need to hit the targets but I do wonder if £2.4m or a ball park figure of that sort of amount is the right way to be doing this by exchanging what are perfectly good wheelie bins for what are still perfectly good, but smaller wheelie bins it seems an unnecessary action to take, there are other actions and those will be debated in this Chamber, I am sure that many of us will be very concerned about reducing the frequency of the black waste collection but also incentives to improve recycling are something that I am sure Members would support here but £2.4m , it just seems a crazy thing to be doing even to be thinking of that sort of figure and even if you are just targeting areas where you are saying there are problems and recycling is not so good its penalising. You need to look at the incentive and I strongly feel that the messages coming from this administration are that we are



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going to do it whatever you think, we are not going to incentivise you to recycle we are going to punish you for having waste.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I am not quite sure you want us to do to incentivise people, whether we give out free lollies or something. The point is that people should be doing it anyway. We have got to get to the stage where people automatically recycle because they expect to do it and it is good for them and the city to do so, that is the incentive to get far less litter on the streets, far less ripped bags and everything else.

In terms of the £2.4m that was a ball park figure which you asked for, I can assure you I do not intend spending £2.4m, well, the people around here would not allow me to spend £2.4m on that particular process. However, there are ways of obtaining funding to help us with it and as I said the likelihood is that we wouldn't be rolling out small wheeled bins all over the city. There are plenty of places now where they have a large wheeled bin but they don't fill it because they do recycle well so there is little need, in my view, to actually provide those people with a smaller bin because they are already doing the job, there are other areas where people constantly fill their black bins and those are the areas I want to target.

#### QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

If an alleged sexual abuser is brought to the attention of a Child Protection Conference in its deliberations, but the reference is excluded in the written record of the Child Protection Conference and indeed the written record of the Core Group arising out of a Child Protection Conference when the matter was raised again, what can be done?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

I am aware that you have been advised on several occasions that concerns about the conduct of child protection procedures in case conferences should be raised under the complaints procedures of the statutory body responsible for such matters, i.e., the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

Similarly, complaints about the conduct of Core Groups should also be dealt with under the statutory complaints procedures.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

The Cabinet Member should be aware that the complaints procedure can take 3 months, 4 months even longer and when there is possible danger to a child which has not been noted down, how can a concerned adult, be it me or be it another

person, such as the parent, how can they rapidly insert the concern into the procedure.

If you wait 3 or 4 months as the procedure is - that is how long it takes at least - the child, in whatever case, let's talk generically, the child is going to be at risk, possibly, for a long time.

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

I am not sure that I would agree that it takes months and months. The initial stage, it's a matter of days the first stage and I think that our staff are sufficiently competent and professional that if there was a serious omission it would be picked up at that stage. The complaints procedure, as I have said previously here, is very robust and I don't think this is the forum to be going into specific complaints.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Cowan*

Councillor McEvoy raises many issues relating to social services issues on regular basis in this chamber. Is there a more productive way of listening and responding to his concerns and making progress?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

I did offer to meet with Councillor McEvoy several months ago and reiterated that offer last month. We did eventually have a meeting yesterday and I am quite prepared to keep those channels open, but I don't think this is the forum really for individual complaints.

#### QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER EDUCATION & SKILLS

Question: *County Councillor Mitchell*

As you know I have been pressing for a nursery school for Fairwater Primary for some time as the school is one of the few primary schools left in the city without this facility. Can you update me as to progress?

Reply: *County Councillor Magill*

The Council is committed to providing better learning environments and opportunities for young people from age 3 to 19.

Whilst the addition of nursery provision at Fairwater Primary School does not feature in the Council's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Program Band A, one of the objectives of the Council's Strategy is to create provision for primary schools in Cardiff, wherever possible.

The Band A submission is currently under review and officers are in the process of prioritising the various investment needs around the city.

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Information regarding the outcome of this process and how it affects individual schools will be brought forward early in the New Year.

Supplementary Question: County Councillor Mitchell

I welcome that because as you know Primary Schools without the nursery provision can be particularly inconvenienced when it comes to Estyn examinations in the first and second years so I welcome your assertion that it will be reviewed in the New Year and I would welcome your agreement with me that schools like Fairwater Primary do need that nursery provision.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO

Question: County Councillor Woodman

Is the regeneration of the Maelfa centre in Llanedeyrn under threat of not happening?

Reply: County Councillor Bradbury

Negotiations between officers and the developers are at a commercially sensitive stage so I am unable to expand on progress at this time. However, redevelopment of the Maelfa Centre in Llanedeyrn is a regeneration priority for the Council and funding has been identified in the capital programme to assist with its delivery. If there are any changes to the scheme I will update you and other local members as well as I know how important this is to your local ward.

Supplementary Question: County Councillor Woodman

Ward Councillors were not told about the commercial reappraisal and the meeting that was held in June. Yet two shopkeepers were able to tell us it took place. Could you explain that? We only find out about it when one of my colleagues spoke to an officer outside a totally unrelated meeting and just asked a general question so it really isn't good enough and it is of concern, yes, to us, and my residents in both Llanedeyrn and Pentwyn and I do hope that this proposed redevelopment is given priority that it deserves and I am pleased what you have replied but clearly something is not right and this is a bad place to be.

Reply: County Councillor Bradbury

I would love to be able to elaborate on some of the thing you have raised and I am very committed to ensure that something happens in the Maelfa, it is well overdue as you have stated, for redevelopment there. What I will say on behalf of myself and my officers, if you have found things from third party I am very sorry about that. I will commit now to make sure that we move forward and engage better in this process because this is not a party political issue, it is vitally important to the people of

Llanedeyrn and the people you represent and I am very very happy to try and meet with you and your three colleagues to discuss this further.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO

Question: *County Councillor Hudson*

Can you outline what costs are involved in treating and maintaining the bowling green in Llwyn Fedw Gardens for St Josephs Bowling Club, what kind of transfer of assets is envisaged and what is the timescale?

Can we have assurances that there will be a proper, informed and seamless handover?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

The costs of maintaining the bowling green at Llwynfedw Gardens are estimated to be £6,300 per annum, based on direct costs such as labour, materials and sub-contracting. No element of overhead or management costs is included in this figure.

In terms of assets, I am aware that the resident Friends Group and the St. Joseph's Bowling Club have expressed jointly an initial interest in the potential Community Asset Transfer of the bowls pavilion.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Hudson*

I was invited to attend a meeting and there was great confusion as to what the costs were, how to irrigate the green, nothing had been conveyed to them and they were concerned to keep the green in optimum condition. I would say would you collaborate with the friends of Llwynfedw gardens and St Joseph's Bowling Club and give them the relevant help they need to go forward please.

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

I am surprised that they have not any contact or any clarification over costs as I know that they have been in constant dialogue with officers in Sport and Leisure and Culture. I am very happy to ensure that that dialogue continues to happen and that they get clarification on the points, the Friends group and the Bowling Club, get clarification on the points that you have raised tonight and I am very happy to discuss with this the main person if they need to if they are finding there are any blockages. There shouldn't be because I know that there is a constant dialogue between the officers and your constituents.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO

Question: *County Councillor Cowan*

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What is the purpose of Cabinet Member statements?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

Cabinet Member Statements provide one of a number of mechanisms for updating the Council formally on key issues or events and matters of Cabinet business.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Cowan*

As you mentioned Cabinet Statements are to enable Cabinet Members to provide information on important matters going forward. Can you explain why you chose not to tell the Council by way of your statement to the last meeting about your trip to Los Angeles, you failed to mention that you were departing two days later on an excursion that you described as 'an enormous honour and fantastic opportunity for Cardiff, choosing instead to tell Councillors via the South Wales Echo and therefore denying them the opportunity to question you about it. Can you explain why?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

It is always difficult decision as to what to put in and what to put out of those statements but I can assure you that I have been absolutely maximising the use of the opportunities that have come from that conference.

Only a couple of days ago I gave an interview to the new local television channel 'Made in Cardiff' talking about some of the opportunities that have actually come from that conference and I will be certain to take on board some of your points, although we are timed, we had 6 statements today it is very difficult to make sure that we put everything we do into those statements. If you would like to talk to me about that conference then by all means get in touch with my office and I can talk you through some of the benefits of attending.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor David Walker*

In terms of the 6 statements it is also very difficult for us to digest them in the 5 minutes we have got before the start of the meeting so could I ask again, I have asked this previously, for those statements to be circulated by email at least the morning of Council, if not earlier than that so that Councillors have a chance to absorb them and think of any points that they may wish to raise as questions, otherwise it is a last minute panic and you don't get a quality debate from that.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

Obviously, as someone who is on the Constitution Committee you will be well aware of some of the processes and procedures that we have got here and if you have got ideas and suggestions like that and how we can improve the running of Council I am more than welcome to hear them.

As you will appreciate some of these statements are produced very close to the council meeting, they may even include events taking place shortly before Council. I have given an instruction that if we can release these statements earlier we should be doing it but in some cases it is not always possible.

#### QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

Can the Cabinet Member think of any circumstances when it would be acceptable for Cardiff Children's Services to pressure a parent to:

- a) Facilitate access to children to an adult, who was classed as a threat by a different local authority?
- b) Allow access to a child to the person who the child has alleged abused him?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

The answer is no.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

I made the Cabinet Member aware in our meeting that this is happening now in this city so I would like to ask the Cabinet Member what is she going to do about it?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

I really don't think that this is the forum for these sorts of questions Councillor McEvoy and as has previously been said there are complaints procedures, and I am quite happy to have discussions with you but I don't see the benefit of these sorts of questions being asked at Council.

#### QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER ENVIRONMENT

Question: *County Councillor McGarry*

Can you confirm that there is a penalty for littering on the streets in Cardiff and that 'littering' includes dog fouling, dropping litter, chewing gum and cigarette butts and spitting, and can you tell me who can issue the Fixed Penalty notices?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

Yes, the Council has authorised officers who can issue £80 Fixed Penalty Notices for littering; spitting; dog fouling; dropping chewing gum; smoking litter and littering from vehicles. I think I have covered everything.

The authorised officers consist of waste education and enforcement officers; park rangers and also the PCSOs based across Cardiff.

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Other members of staff can be authorised by the Council and this is being reviewed as part of the Neighbourhood Services Project.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McGarry*

You can confirm that PCSO's are able to fine people for dropping litter and for spitting and for dog fouling all those, because they don't seem to be aware of that at the moment.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

Well I cannot go into why they are not aware of it.

As far as I am concerned currently there are 160 authorised officers in Cardiff and the PCSOs make the largest proportion of those and my understanding has been for some considerable time now that they have had that ability to administer these fines.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Woodman*

I do have some sympathy with my colleague here about the PCSOs not necessarily knowing their full role as I have similar issues when it has come to traffic incidents in my ward. What I would like to ask you and I appreciate that you may not be able to give it to me tonight but I would like it emailed is how many fines have actually been administered for the purpose of spitting in this city?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

Surprisingly enough I do have the answer because I suspected I might be asked it.

Since January 2014 211 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued for litter and dog fouling offences within the City.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Woodman*

I am sorry I asked about spitting only.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I haven't got that information I will email that to you.

#### QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Question: *County Councillor Boyle*

Could you provide an update on the administration's plans for the Howardian Youth Centre and music studio?

Reply: *County Councillor Magill*

I can't share firm plans with you at the moment covering the Howardian Youth Centre. We are looking at the Youth Centre; we are working with a group of Stakeholders including young people from the Youth Council. It is not at the stage yet where there is actually policy in relation to any of the centres yet.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Boyle*

Obviously yesterday's consultation on the proposed new primary school in Penylan is going to impact upon things and will have an impact on the future of the Youth Centres. Its staff, and in particular its users will need to be fully involved in any discussions.

Some excellent work by the new Economics Foundation shows that if reshaping youth services is a top down process and not based on the principles of co-production it will fail. I suppose the challenge is to understand what we mean by co-production, but am I right in saying or thinking that when I go back to the Youth Centre and its staff there really is, for now, no further information to give them about both the Youth Centre itself and music studio and the futures of those staff who work there. And if it isn't available now when do we think we will be able to give them some answers?

Reply: *County Councillor Magill*

In terms of co-production we have taken that aspect of looking at services very seriously in fact and young people have taken part in visits across other parts of the UK and so on. We are certainly taking that approach on board, it is very important.

I would expect that we would be in a position to actually discuss proposals for the future within the next month or two; it won't be a very extended process, but certainly before February anyway.

#### QUESTION TO THE LEADER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

The Leader will be aware of the tragedy of the child abuse scandals in Rotherham and other English cities. Will he confirm to Council whether he has received briefings or expressions of concern about the actual or potential grooming or abuse of children in care or of other young people in Cardiff?

If such reports were received will he brief Council, in headline terms, on the actions taken and their outcomes?

Is the Leader confident that the process of monitoring the security of children and protecting them from harm is robust and effective?



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Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

Immediately following the publication of the Rotherham report, the Cabinet was provided with a verbal briefing by the lead Operational Manager in Children's Services. This confirmed that Children's Services, in close partnership with the Police and other agencies, have established effective operational arrangements to ensure the early identification of individual cases or emergent predatory activity by unscrupulous adults attempting to lure vulnerable young people into exploitative sexual activity.

The Local Safeguarding Children Board identified Child Sexual Exploitation as a priority for strategic development in early 2014 and, as a result, a Child Sexual Exploitation Forum has been established which is chaired by a senior police officer as well. This is very well supported on a cross-directorate basis and is actively strengthening inter-agency vigilance and responses.

In addition, the CSSIW recently reported on its inspection of safeguarding for Looked After Children in the city. This national inspection was undertaken specifically to follow up concerns raised by similar cases in Rochdale and also in Oxford. The lead inspector for that national inspection attended a meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> October and reported that "arrangements for safeguarding Looked After Children in Cardiff are reasonable to good". I would like to assure the Member that officers are actively working to improve this further.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Walker*

I am interested in those arrangements and thank you for telling me about them but my question wasn't about arrangements, my question was will he confirm whether he has received briefings or expression of concern about the actual or potential grooming or abuse of children in care or of other young people in Cardiff? Could you address that when you get up to respond and be aware that a lot of this is about openness versus suppression and what happened in Rotherham was suppression on a massive scale with a lot of parties doing some bad things so we need to be as open as possible about all of this, and in fact even bringing headline issues, and I don't say individual issues of course, to this Chamber occasionally to give us a briefing.

My question was will he please address the question on the second sentence in my question to him? I am interested in arrangements but that was not what I asked and the rest I won't repeat because I think the point has been made, so could you tell us if you have had any briefings about individuals or potential grooming or abuse on this scale?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I am prepared to meet with you to discuss the issues you have raised, alongside the Chief Executive. I don't believe this is the correct forum to go into details in specific

terms around individual cases I haven't been briefed on individual cases - I wouldn't ordinarily expect to be. Obviously the Cabinet Member is going to bring to my attention issues of concern. I would urge Councillor Walker to meet with myself and the Chief Executive to raise any particular issues that he has got around the processes that you think may be improved in this area in the future.

Lord Mayor called the meeting to order under the Council Procedure Rule 13(c) and ruled that Councillor McEvoy sit down and moved under Rule 13(e) that he not be heard further. This was seconded by Councillor Hunt and the meeting agreed

QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Question: *County Councillor Cowan*

If I wanted to book a ward surgery in Rhiwbina Library in September 2015, can you give me certainly it will be open and operational?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

In the current financial climate we can give no such certainty on any budget matters, whether it be on libraries or any other services, until we have finalised the 2015/2016 budget.

If any changes are proposed in relation to Rhiwbina Library, then I would be happy to discuss these issues further with you and your ward colleagues at the appropriate time.

In the meantime I would urge you to book your surgery meetings as normal.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Cowan*

I think there are lots of concerns in the community obviously with the financial constraints on the council. If there is going to be a move for the community to become more involved in libraries and help to support the council I think that it is really fundamentally important that a report comes forward as an early budget decision, we are approaching November next month I think if there is a move to change the way of it being operational we need to give a number of months for there to be a discussion within the community. Will you give me your reassurance that if there is an opportunity or if there is a decision to change the running of the libraries, such as Rhiwbina Library that you will give your promise that you will tell Members at the earliest opportunity in order for us to engage with our communities.

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

Absolutely if there is any change proposed to the library service in your area I will at the earliest opportunity speak to you about it but at the moment we are not in that position at the moment, so - at the moment.

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QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

Can the Cabinet Member explain when she read a redacted version or detailed briefing of the independent report I referred to last month, which concluded that allegations of child abuse had not been adequately investigated by Cardiff Children's Services?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

I hope the answer my address some of Councillor McEvoy's concerns that he expressed so well in relation to the last question.

Following my previous invitations to you, we did in fact meet only yesterday.

As I explained to you, I do not routinely consider redacted complaints investigation reports unless the Director has a specific reason to draw a report to my attention or something other compelling concern is raised that leads me to consider a report.

However, having met with you yesterday, I have asked the Director to make the recommendations and action plan available to me in order that I can satisfy myself that due process has been followed.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

I decided to stay in for the supplementary. Would you care to confirm to Council that the Director is not allowed to pass on details of cases or complaints, such as, for example, child abuse allegations not being investigated as with the one complaint? Can you confirm with Council that you are not allowed to be briefed on that?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

What I can confirm is what I've said at previous meetings in response to questions which is - if I was going to look at a specific complaint I would have to have the permission of the complainant which you haven't provided, despite the fact that you keep saying that you will, you haven't actually done that. I would also need permission from anybody else who is mentioned in the complaint and I would not routinely see complaints. We will be having, every three months, at the Corporate Parenting Committee a general report on complaints as obviously it is important to keep on top of the general issues. But I would not look at specific complaints but as I say I have asked the Director to make the recommendations and action plan, from the complaint that I think you are referring to, so at least I can look at that but that will not include the details or the names because these are very sensitive issues and it is important that they are not revealed to even the Cabinet Member without very very good reason and certainly not without the permission of the complainant

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Walker*

I take the point about sensitivity which is why I and I think Councillor McEvoy framed our questions in general terms so that you can give a general indication. We don't want to know any names or details whatsoever; we want to know the basics. In answer to my question the Leader should have said yes there have been cases, or no there haven't - but by not answering that question we are led to believe there were, but I need to be told that in a closed room for some reason? I don't see why that is not something that Councillors cannot be made aware, do you not agree with that Councillor Lent?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

Yes, I think basically that is what we need to say here is that the Looked After Children inspection confirmed very strongly that children are safe in Cardiff. I am not aware of any issues relating to grooming and there hasn't been any since Councillor Bale has been Leader and certainly none have been brought to my attention and I would expect those sorts of issues to be brought to my attention.

I am satisfied that as far as our Looked After Children are concerned the recent inspection was specifically about those sort of issues, following the Rotherham case, and found that our Looked After Children are safe.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER ENVIRONMENTQuestion: *County Councillor McGarry*

Now that Additional Licencing of Landlords of Houses of Multiple Occupation is about to be introduced in Plasnewydd, does this mean that landlords will have to provide adequate storage for rubbish bins and will have to keep the frontages of their houses neat and tidy?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

HMO licences which will be issued in Plasnewydd, as in Cathays, will carry conditions relating to the storage of waste and the appearance of frontages.

The HMO licensing team intends to identify areas of poor street scene and to carry out a pilot scheme for the vigorous application of those licensing standards.

As part of a review of how we try and improve street scene in areas with high concentrations of HMOs, a targeted multi-agency approach is planned that will involve officers from Housing Enforcement, Waste Management, as well as volunteers through partnership initiatives such as 'Environmental Champions'.

Whilst Additional Licensing is a valuable tool in addressing street scene concerns, it is not the single solution to these issues and must be viewed as part of a wider strategy to secure improvements in an area.

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Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McGarry*

I just wanted to confirm, just to say that we know that there are very good landlords all across the city and we will be relying on them to house people that are homeless so we of course want to work with the landlords positively as well I hope you will agree.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

Yes I do agree

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Question: *County Councillor Boyle*

When were the combined speed camera / 30mph repeater signs (also known as 'sign 880') added to the eastbound stretch of the Newport Road, in the vicinity of the two speed cameras located between the junctions with Watford Road and Colchester Avenue?

Why were they installed?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

Cardiff Council and the Go Safe Partnership recognise that the aim of enforcement is to change driver behaviour and that providing clear, visible and noticeable signing of enforcement sites will ensure that motorists are aware of the speed limits and that safety camera enforcement may be taking place.

Consequently, a 'Speed Camera Ahead' and 'Reminder of 30mph Speed Limit' signing scheme was designed that would cover the speed cameras on Newport Road between Watford Road and Colchester Avenue.

These signs were installed on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Boyle*

It was in June last year that I asked for 30 mph repeater signs being installed on Newport Road having witnessed many cars being caught by the cameras along there, it was in the papers recently, the numbers, it was astronomical. I was told that they weren't needed as repeater signs are only used on roads without street lighting.

The Department of Transport advises that co-located camera and speed repeater signs should continue to be placed to allow the signs and speed camera to be visible top the driver in the same view. It is just guidance and does not offer drivers who have been caught a defence. However, the fact that repeater signs are now in place, just as lately as this October, does acknowledge that the original position was

perhaps unfair which is why I flagged it up over a year ago. So can you reassure us that all cameras on our roads will be co-located with speed limit reminders in this way the Council will be seen to work with its residents and not against them and cameras will fulfil their aim of preventing speeding and not as a 'cash cow?'

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

As you have already mentioned the use of signs to indicate speed camera enforcement is not a legal requirement and has no bearing on the legality of enforcement of offences.

Surveys of signage adjacent to other speed cameras in Cardiff will be undertaken to assess if further 'Sign 880' signage needs to be undertaken.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

As somebody who uses that stretch of the road virtually every day of the week do you not agree with me that in a built up area like that where it is pretty obvious to everybody concerned that 30 mph is the obvious speed limit that anybody who is exceeding that, whether they got warning or not in advance, deserves everything they get.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

Can I just remind Members if you wish to have a private conversation please do it after.

Rule 124 of the Highway Code, which relates to Speed Limits, states that 'you must not exceed the maximum speed limits for the road and for your vehicle. The presence of street lights generally means that there is a 30 mph speed limit unless otherwise specified'. Built up areas miles per hour 30, single carriageways 60, dual carriageways 70, motorways 70.

#### QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

What traffic measures have been implemented since the Inquiry over two years ago into Parking Problems in Cardiff and specifically what is planned to deal with all day nuisance commuter parking problems on residential roads in Pontprennau?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

With regard to the Pontprennau issue, on a day-to-day basis commuter parking cannot be resolved by the introduction of parking restrictions as it will only serve to push the problem further into the estate into worse locations.

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Many of the recommendations made by the previous Inquiry referred to long term strategic approaches to issues and in those cases they are being taken forward. For example, we are currently preparing a new Parking Strategy for the city as a whole and the issues of resident, student and other parking is being reviewed as part of this process.

A long term strategic view is needed with associated encouragement for considerate parking and, preferably, the use of Park and Ride as a basis for Park and Share activity.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

That old nugget that it pushes it further into the estates and into the residential areas quoted time and time again that is not satisfying the residents of Pontprennau. They are having constant problems; the streets can't be cleaned because the cleaning vehicles can't get down there because cars parked there in long streams from 5.00 am until 8.00 in the evening so they are left with litter on the weekends and a mess. It is also a danger for children coming out of parking areas where they have to run between cars to cross roads. It is a permanent problem, I agree it is a long standing problem and part of it is planning and it is no good for you to say it is a long term problem and you are looking at other areas it is being solved in other parts of the city why not Pontprennau now?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

As I said earlier a new parking strategy is being looked at and a lot of those issues that you are talking about are going to be covered, but it won't just be Pontprennau, it will be for the whole of the city.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Govier*

We have a slightly different problem in certain areas of Grangetown in particular the district shopping centres which are suffering and many of the shopkeepers say that people can't park there, shop and then get back in their cars and drive off. In the day, in some of those of those areas where they have permit parking there are plenty of spaces when people are off to work yet people who want to shop still can't park in them so I do welcome the fact that we are going to bring forward a parking strategy. I would ask the Cabinet Member to keep that in mind and could he give us a time frame as to when we are likely to see the green paper or the draft or however you are going to do it.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

At the moment I cannot give you a definite time scale because it is as I said a strategy that we are looking at and as soon as I am able to check it out and the Cabinet is able to look at it I will certainly try and feed it back as soon as I can

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Question: *County Councillor Sanders*

Given the accepted and essential part that community partners play in delivering locality based improvements, could the cabinet member set out how he plans to ensure the current model of neighbourhood funding, on a criteria basis, will continue to provide for that improvement?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

The neighbourhood partnership arrangements provide a clear and consistent structure for ensuring that all local partners can come together and coordinate their resources around identified local priorities.

We are continuing to build on the excellent partnership working to date, which has been facilitated by the Neighbourhood Partnership Team, and are currently finalising a toolkit for helping communities and local organisations take more of an active role in developing and managing services and assets. This will provide useful help and guidance on issues such as asset transfers, funding, volunteering and establishing community organisations.

I would also encourage Members to attend the member development sessions that are being held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November. These sessions will cover other available mechanisms for neighbourhood funding, such as crowdfunding, and will assist Members in their work with community groups and projects.

We also recognise that we need to make it easier for community groups to contact the Council and will be looking to establish a central co-ordinating role, which is supported by a virtual officer team. This will bring together expertise from Strategic Estates, Legal, HR, Communities and Neighbourhood Partnerships to ensure that we can provide community partners with as much as we can in terms of support and assistance with capacity building, which goes beyond financial help.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Sanders*

Actually my question was far simpler than that.

Would you agree with me that the current arrangements across all 6 neighbourhood partnerships whilst very labour intensive has ensured many voluntary and third sector organisations have benefited in particular from the £30k funding ensuring improvements at local level are delivered and this, I would ask you to make a comment on, is to be a priority that needs to be continued.



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Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

On your last point I would refer you to the answer I gave to your colleague with regards to the budget and the financial constraints on it. I can't make any guarantees until we are in a position to give any guarantees, but what I will say is that the neighbourhood fund has been very very successful and it is due in no small part to the part that lead members have played in each of the 6 neighbour partnership areas including yourself. We have received excellent responses to date for the latest round with a further 55 applications being received. I want to take this opportunity to thank yourself and all the other lead members and all the people who are involved in administering the fund and ensuring that those third sector organisations get the funding they are looking for.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Michael*

As someone who has actually worked with community groups and set up community groups and actually gone through the hurdle of trying to get finance, these operations usually take years not months so could you give us an indication of the time we have to wait to actually get the Tool kit because the Tool Kit is only the start of the process. You have then got the months and years to set up the groups that lead to it, so can you give us an idea as to when we are going to get the information which will actually assist people to start the process.

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

It is interesting Councillor Michael and let me praise you for the great work you have done across communities, not just the one you represent now but in your previous community as well because I saw a lot of that. It is interesting I had a WLGA meeting with the Deputy Minister yesterday and I was talking about the fact that we would appreciate it as Councillors if Welsh Government could provide an easy to use Tool Kit for community groups because there is a lot of information out there particularly on asset transfers, a lot of advice out there and the Minister did indicate that he would look at this and would get back to me.

In terms of our Tool Kit we want to, we are looking to get it right, we are looking to get it set up as soon as possible because as you know there is nothing worse than getting the wrong information, a group is being given the wrong information and being let down the garden path. I will leave it there, I am happy to talk to you about this any time Michael.

#### QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER ENVIRONMENT

Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

Can the Cabinet member explain the logic of closing the most popular recycling centre in the City in light of falling recycling figures?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I am assuming you are referring to Waungron Road as you don't state it. As confirmed at previous Council meetings the Waungron Road recycling centre was closed as part of the operational efficiencies within the Environment Service Area and was captured in the Council Budget setting for 2014/2015. The site will not be reopening.

Since the closure, the remaining 3 recycling centres at Bessemer Road, Lamby Way and Wedal Road have continued to manage the total waste arising and the Household Recycle Centres recycling performance has improved from 51% in 2013/2014 to currently 70%. The strategy to increase recycling through HWRC is working and there has been no drop in tonnages received overall, in fact it has increased since April 2013.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

Will the councillor accept my invitation to a public meeting in Fairwater on Tuesday night at 7.00 pm at the Fairwater Pub and maybe he could invite, I will extend the invitation here to Councillor Mitchell to possibly come along as well.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

Thank you for the invite; I am not quite sure what it aid is of. If you would tell me what it was about I might decide whether I could come or not.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Howells*

Are there any plans to close any of the remaining three recycling centres or are you considering any plans to close?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire.*

As you know Councillor Howells as a previous member of the Cabinet we are always considering ways of economising especially at times like this. We are not ruling anything out and anything in. You will no doubt see the budget details for next year in due course and the year after.

#### QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Question: *County Councillor McGarry*

What is the Council doing about addressing the issue of Letting Agents' boards that blight our streets making whole areas of the City look run-down?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

Following the Cabinet decision that was made in March this year, evidence gathering, consultation and policy drafting has been undertaken by officers. This

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work was necessary to justify and support an application to the Welsh Government for a Direction under Regulation 7 to control residential letting boards in Cathays and Plasnewydd.

I am pleased to report that the application was sent to the Welsh Minister for Planning earlier this week. The determination period is dependent on the feedback received during a 28 day notice period, but it is hoped that the controls will be in place by next summer.

The assistance that has been given by the Cathays and the Plasnewydd Members has been central to forming the evidence base and is much appreciated.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McGarry*

Thank you for the welcome news that the submission has gone to the Welsh Government. Do you know how long they might take to consider it and how long it might be before they come back with a reply?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

As I said the feedback will be coming from the Assembly Government, and obviously I do not have the time scale but we are expecting the actual system in by the summer.

#### QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Question: *County Councillor Clark*

Earlier this year the council announced a consultation on the Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) for Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs) and extensions. Please could you outline the current position regarding that consultation?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

The consultation responses received regarding the draft SPG on Residential Extensions and Alterations were considered in detail by officers over the summer. A revised draft version is almost complete and is due to be issued for a further public consultation period in early November. The SPG will be recommended to Cabinet for approval in January 2015.

Work is currently ongoing to review the draft SPG entitled 'Design Guidance and Space Standards for Flat Conversions and Houses in Multiple Occupation' following the consultation undertaken earlier this year.

Officers from across the Council are also actively participating in a Welsh Government Research Steering Group to examine the impacts of concentrations of HMOs in order to recommend possible legislative or policy responses.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Weaver*

I welcome the reply from the Cabinet Member, it is great news and it is badly needed update on the SPG and the previous administration didn't do. I would just like to ask if he can commit that the resources and the effort will be made to meet that time line he has talked about and Members of the Planning Committee and the Ward Members will be involved as much as possible to make sure that this is the right guidance that we put forward+

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

What I can clearly state, is that the officers, and I have made it very clear that this SPG is very important for these areas and certainly I will be aiming to have that date, which is the date I have given and I am hoping that it will be definitely, well when I say hoping I have made it very clear that I am wanting it to go to Cabinet in January.

QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITYQuestion: *County Councillor McGarry*

Can you confirm that 20 miles per hour is the legal speed limit within the 20mph zone and that this is being enforced?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

20 miles per hour is the legal speed limit within the area covered by the 20 miles per hour pilot scheme.

Only the police have powers to enforce the speed limit.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McGarry*

I just wondered what, it does not seem to be happening that the police are enforcing this, I can see from just walking, I walk and cycle all over the 20 mph zones and the cars are not slowing down, they are doing over 30 most of them, so I don't think it is being enforced and I wondered if perhaps you could Look at it with the Police to see if it can be enforced

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I understand the concerns that you and other Members have and I will certainly raise this with the Police.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Carter*

Could you confirm, or at least agree to go away and look at this, what information has been disseminated to the public about the enforcement of this. Certainly

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members of my ward who attended the event in the Sherman Theatre when the zone was first started fed back to our PACT meeting that actually it was meant to be about changing attitudes rather than enforcement. There were huge question marks raised at that point about the legality of this. If you could go away and consider what information was given to residents at that point because I do wonder, if that is what is out there and that people did, like myself, did believe that that was a voluntary speed limit.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I was clearly told by the officers that it is enforceable by the Police and as I said I will go back and I will raise this with the Police, and hopefully that when you have your PACT meetings etc. they will be able keep you informed and of course you could certainly be raising that there, but I will certainly raise it with the Police.

QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Question: *County Councillor Woodman*

Does the council have a programme for the repainting of white give way road markings and white lines within the city of Cardiff?

How are they replaced when so badly worn they are no longer visible to the motorist?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

A service is provided to repaint give way markings and white lines. This is undertaken following notification by Local Ward Members, members of the public or a Highway Safety Inspector.

Any requests will be inspected and, if work is required, this will be implemented. Requests for the reinstatement of safety related regulatory lines, such as give way lines, are prioritised.

In addition, when road resurfacing works are undertaken as part of the annual capital programme or when new schemes are implemented, the white lines will be replenished throughout the extent of the scheme. A review will also be taken around the area of work and, where required, white lining may be replenished to improve the area.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Woodman*

I am aware of a couple of places within my Ward where I requested white lines to be repainted namely the word slow, as a warning sign approaching a roundabout, for one example, by a very busy supermarket and it wasn't done. I think it is a bit

concerning, I will give you the details, and I do hope you will look into matters to see how many such requests from members of the public and the Ward Councillors and maybe local Police Officers are actually ignored.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I will certainly look into the matter but I have been advised that records show that only one request for the repainting of road markings in the Pentwyn Ward has been received since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. This was made by Councillor Chaundy in December 2013 and related to Pentwyn Road.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Marshall*

Can you confirm for me that it also applies to requests for new give way white lines where they are needed because we did make a request for some in our Ward?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I will certainly look into that and put it in writing for you.

QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Question: *County Councillor Gordon*

The NATO security measures showed how traffic kept moving along Castle Street in the City Centre. As we have now seen that single traffic lanes in both directions ensured traffic flowed, could the Transport Policy team look at taking road space to provide cycle friendly wide dedicated cycle lanes in both directions on Castle Street? This would complete this end of Enfy's Route 6 Queen Street to Victoria Park.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

As you will be aware, the NATO traffic management measures were introduced in exceptional circumstances.

The usual high volume daily traffic flows through the city centre were much reduced following extensive publicity in advance of the event of the likely disruption to travel during the NATO Summit.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Gordon*

The great thing about those roads during the NATO summit as far as cyclists are concerned was that there was so much less traffic. My question really is about the fact that traffic still did move during the NATO, along Castle Street and I am just wanting to ask really that when having seen how that when road space is reduced it is good news for cyclists and there is not space on pavements to put cyclists on pavements. What is your view of taking road space for the continuation of Route 6

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outside the Castle and then beyond the Canton and Riverside shopping area down to Victoria Park.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I can confirm that the Council is committed to making appropriate provision for cyclists along Castle Street.

The plan for the strategic cycle network, Enfys, identifies a scheme for the provision of cycle lanes along Castle Street.

However, this will need to be planned in conjunction with other potential changes to the management of the highway network and public transport routes, which the Council is currently investigating.

Any proposals emerging from this work will be subject to full public consultation.

#### QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER ENVIRONMENT

Question: *County Councillor Stubbs*

What is the street cleansing schedule for Splott Road?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

There are two transit teams scheduled to be in the Splott Ward every day (each with a driver and cleansing operative).

Each transit team prioritises shop front cleansing and litter bin emptying of Splott Road before attending to the remainder of the ward. Therefore, shop front areas are attended on a daily basis.

The Ward Based Teams working in the areas then prioritise streets with the highest footfall, including the residential sections of Splott Road.

The shop front areas of Splott Road are also cleansed on a Saturday and Sunday by a separate team.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor*

It is absolutely vital that street cleansing should be a priority. Sometimes this is not just about the number of occasions that cleansing takes place but the timing that cleansing takes place. Many of the residents along Splott Road, as there is a residential end as well as a retail end, are very keen to inform that process and can you assure us that the mechanisms are in place for them to be able to inform the timings of the cleansing process?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

What I can assure you of is the fact that if residents have got concerns about the way it is done and they feed those concerns in we will certainly have a look at whether we can revise the schedule in order to incorporate that.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Craig Williams*

Although Splott Ward of course has its issues and I don't detract from the fact that they need cleaning of the streets there, at this time of the year especially in the some of the more rural and especially leafy areas of the city we have got major problems with drains being blocked up with leaves and that is compounded by the recent high winds that Cardiff has received. Can you see as a priority to look at the streets that have got high leaf coverage to make sure that drains aren't blocked because I received a number of complaints.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I had spoke to officers only this morning about the leaf issue because I had some concerns about what happened last year and I wanted to make sure that we did not go through the same process again. What I can assure you is that particularly streets where there are large trees take priority when it comes to leaf cleaning, also those streets which are identified as ones that are subject to localised flooding issues where the leaves block the drains. We are looking at it very carefully, I have also asked to go out and have a look at what we are doing with leaf cleansing. The concern maybe the fact that things haven't started, we held back until this week to start the process because there weren't that many leaves on the ground prior to that so now it is in full swing and will carry on probably until early December.

#### QUESTION TO THE LEADER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor Huw Thomas*

Will the Leader join me in congratulating Nigel Roberts and the Business Council for their excellent work in promoting Cardiff at the recent MIPIM UK Conference, and can he outline how the Council is following up with the potential avenues of investment identified at the Conference?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I am glad you have highlighted the MIPIM conference, for those of you are not aware of it, it's a major property conference, it is the first time that it has been held in the UK, it attracts Local Authority's, investors, hoteliers and it was absolutely busy. I was able to go there as well and to meet investors. The interactive model of Cardiff was one of the star attractions at that event so I was pleased to say that at one time there was a crowd three deep around that model because it was attracting so much interest and we were even able to get interviews on Bloomberg television and Sky television as a result of the profile of our stand.



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There have been very many contacts as a result of what was a team effort, not just the Cardiff Business Council, but we had staff from the Economic Development team presenting at seminars at the event and as I said, I myself was talking to some of those potential investors who have since been in touch personally in some cases and I am absolutely certain we will be picking up some of those leads and making the most of it for Cardiff.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Huw Thomas*

It is good to hear Councillor Bale and really positive that the city is now, once more, open for business.

I think the vision for the Business Council as it was when it was established by Councillor Goodway back in the day was that within a certain number of years it would become self-financing and in that way then become self-sustaining. I think that that is a huge positive by recognising the more limited role and the more limited resources the County Council will have for Economic Development. Nevertheless I suppose I am touching, I guess, upon your point about your presence and the presence of Council Officers in London. Would you agree with me that actually if the Council is to influence the way the city is to develop over the next few of years it is vital that we retain a team that is dedicated towards Economic Development that actually has the capacity to go out and sell the city on a global stage and also to work with businesses in Cardiff and in the UK on how they bring their projects to the city.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I think you are right; there is an ambition to get greater private sector contributions in to the Business Council. Going forward I think we need to be looking much more also at a regional level to see what the Business Council can do beyond the boundaries of the city and also bringing in other partners as well to make sure that we make the most of the work that it does. I can tell you we have got around circa £200,000 in terms of contributions in various kinds to the Business Council. We have got that great model as well and will be going alongside other partners to Cannes for MIPIM when it's over there as well, I am not saying I am going, that certainly is the intention that we continue the momentum that we've built up over the recent months so that we make the most of the opportunities ahead

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Craig Williams*

Just very quickly whether the Leader could update the Chamber on the Business Improvement District and where the Council is in terms of sounding people out and putting a formal referendum to business.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

As you will be aware from attendance at Scrutiny we weren't successful in our funding application to Welsh Government. We are currently considering other options for attracting the capital funding we would need to put that vote to the business community but as soon as we do get that information I will be making sure that you, as Chair of that Scrutiny Committee, find out as soon as possible.

QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER HEALTH, HOUSING AND WELLBEING

Question: *County Councillor Ali*

The Council has developed improvement work to the British Iron & Steel Foundation (BISF) properties as from April 2013, including the option for the removal of the steel cladding, undertaking any necessary repairs to the steel frame and re-cladding using an external insulated render system. Some properties will also need the roofs replaced if they still have steel sheet roofs. Can you give an update on when BISF Properties will start work in Llandaff North / Gabalfa?

Reply: *County Councillor Elsmore*

As you will be aware, the Council has approved an allocation of £500,000 over four financial years to undertake a BISF improvement programme. This funding is within the Housing Revenue Account's Capital Programme and can only be used to improve council owned properties.

At this time, we have no specific council funding to cover the costs of improvement work to privately owned properties or to provide means-tested funding for this purpose.

In relation to Caerau we have recently been successful in a bid for ARBED funding from the Welsh Government. However, this grant funding is only suitable for areas of the city which are classed as areas of deprivation and, therefore, we cannot assume that this funding will also be available for Llandaff North.

Nevertheless, I want to assure you we will endeavour to identify and secure external funding that will enable us to include privately owned properties in our improvement programme or to provide means-tested funding wherever possible.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Ali*

Thank you for the kind response and I will wait for a response.

95 : NOTICE OF MOTION

The Lord Mayor advised there was one Notice of Motion and one amendment.

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The following Notice of Motion was moved by Cllr Craig Williams and seconded by Cllr McKerlich

Cardiff Council collects £181.8 million from Non-Domestic Rates (Business Rates) in Cardiff but only receives £107.2 million from the Welsh Government redistribution

This Council recognises Cardiff's role as capital of Wales and the economic driver for South Wales. As such we incur significant costs in hosting major conferences, sporting and cultural events. Sadly, unlike other capital cities within the UK, our city receives no specific revenue support to assist the fulfilment of this function.

We recognise the benefit to the capital city region in creating employment for people across the region, outside of the local authority boundaries, but note that we receive no specific assistance to support infrastructure to enable about 80 thousand people to commute daily into Cardiff to work

We recognise the continuing congestion and need for investment in our roads and other infrastructure to keep the city moving, a need which will only be increased by the population growth assumed in the Local Development Plan under guidance from the Welsh Government.

This Council therefore:

Instructs the Executive to lobby the Welsh Government and WLGA for a fundamental review of the specific allocation of Business Rates (Non-Domestic Rates) to the City and County of Cardiff. The Executive should forcibly point out that the loss of seventy five million pounds of Business Rates per annum creates much of the funding shortfall faced by the Cardiff City and County Council

There was one amendment to the Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Bale and seconded by Councillor Hinchey as follows:

Deletion of all the words following '*This Council therefore*' and replace with

*'welcomes the Administration's pro-active engagement with Welsh Government in regard to the Williams Commission with a view to amending the future funding arrangements not only of business rates, but the wider issues around securing a fairer deal for the citizens of Cardiff. Furthermore this Council supports Welsh Government in their ongoing discussions with the UK Government with the aim of a better, socially just and equitable arrangement, not just for Cardiff, but for everyone in Wales'*

The Substantive Motion will then read:

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This Council recognises Cardiff's role as capital of Wales and the economic driver for

South Wales. As such we incur significant costs in hosting major conferences, sporting and cultural events. Sadly, unlike other capital cities within the UK, our city receives no specific revenue support to assist the fulfilment of this function. We recognise the benefit to the capital city region in creating employment for people across the region, outside of the local authority boundaries, but note that we receive no specific assistance to support infrastructure to enable about 80 thousand people to commute daily into Cardiff to work.

We recognise the continuing congestion and need for investment in our roads and other infrastructure to keep the city moving, a need which will only be increased by the population growth assumed in the Local Development Plan under guidance from the Welsh Government.

This Council therefore welcomes the Administration's pro-active engagement with Welsh Government in regard to the Williams Commission with a view to amending the future funding arrangements not only of business rates, but the wider issues around securing a fairer deal for the citizens of Cardiff. Furthermore this Council supports Welsh Government in their ongoing discussions with the UK Government with the aim of a better, socially just and equitable arrangement, not just for Cardiff, but for everyone in Wales.

Following the debate a vote was taken on the Amendment as proposed by Councillor Bale.

The Amendment to Motion was CARRIED

A vote was taken on the Substantive Motion.

The vote was CARRIED

96 : URGENT BUSINESS

In accordance with the pilot Council Procedure Rule 3(xv) the Lord Mayor advised that she had not been notified of any urgent matters for this meeting.

#### UNOPPOSED COUNCIL BUSINESS

97 : LOCAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

The Council was recommended to approve the appointment of Local Authority School Governors as listed in the Appendix to the report, and as shown on the Amendment Sheet. There were no contested seats.

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RESOLVED - That the following appointments of School Governors be approved as follows: -

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Applications received
Eastern High	Rumney	24/10/2014	Mr Steven Borley
			Cllr. Ralph Cook
			Mrs Barbara Cooke
			Mr Nigel Roberts
			Prof. Chris Taylor
Llanishen High School	Llanishen	23/09/2014	Mr Greg Garner
Baden Powell Primary School –	Splott	21/09/2012 30/09/2014	Rev. Gillian Dallow Mr Michael Lewis
Peter Lea Primary School	Fairwater	21/10/2014	Mr Matthew Cook
Ton Yr Ywen Primary School	Heath	17/09/2014	Mr Oliver Owen
Willowbrook Primary School	Trowbridge	27/06/2012	Mr Tom Elmitt
Moorland Primary School	Splott	19/11/2014	Miss Anna White
Trowbridge Primary School	Trowbridge	19/11/2014	Mrs Ann Teear
Ysgol Nant Caerau	Caerau	19/11/2014	Mr Aled Williams

#### 98 : REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES

The report set out the alternative arrangements to the strict political proportionality for the allocation of seats on Committees. This arrangement has been agreed in consultation with the Party Group Whips.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the details of the political balance of the Council as set out in Table 1 of the report be noted; and
- (2) the alternative arrangement to the strict political proportionality for the allocation of seats on Committees as set out in Appendix 1 in accordance with Section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 be approved.

#### 99 : APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Council receive nominations from party groups to current Committee vacancies in accordance with the allocation of seats as agreed by Council at its Annual Meeting on 29 May 2014.

RESOLVED – That the nominations received for the vacancies on Committees be approved as follows:

Corporate Parenting Advisory	Councillor Susan White
Environment Scrutiny	Councillor Chris Davis

#### 100 : APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Constitution provides that the Council will, from time to time, receive nominations and make Member appointments as necessary to serve as representatives of the Council on outside bodies. There was one vacancy on Cardiff City Transport Services Ltd (otherwise known as Cardiff Bus) as a Non-Executive Director

RESOLVED – That Councillor Susan White be appointed to the Board of Cardiff Bus

#### 101 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

##### CORPORATE SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE

##### WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Who owns the site of Waungron Road recycling centre and is it freehold or leasehold?

Please give the length of the lease remaining if indeed it is a lease.

Reply

The site is freehold and is owned by the Council.

##### WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What is the total cost of pay packages including pension to staff at Assistant Director level and above?

Reply

The cost of pay packages including pension to staff at Assistant Director level and above is £2,445,529 per annum.

##### WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many staff's pay is above £50,000 per annum and how many for each grade, please specify the grades?

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Reply

The following table identifies the number of staff in receipt of pay above £50,000 per annum:

Grades	Council	School Post	Total
JNC for Chief Executives and JNC for Chief Officers (i.e. Assistant Director & above)	19	-	19
OM1	31	-	31
OM2	29	-	29
Soulbury	10	-	10
Leadership (Central Education)	3	-	3
Leadership – Assistant/Deputy Headteacher		115	115
Leadership – Headteacher		109	109
<b>Total =</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>316</b>

EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (COUNCILLOR SUE LENT)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Female Domestic Abuse Charities sit as partner agencies in child protection conferences and can issue reports based on pure allegation with no fact, yet in a recent child protection conference a male who has been formally assessed by the Legal Aid Board as a victim of domestic abuse was not allowed any agency to report on the domestic abuse he had suffered and how it affected the children: how does the Council propose to address this lack of equity in dealing with gender through the child protection process?

Reply

For reasons of confidentiality I am not routinely privy to the details of individual cases. Even if I were made aware of the detail, it would not be appropriate to exchange information publicly about confidential individual matters in this way.

ENVIRONMENT (COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much was spent on the upgrade of Waungron Road recycling centre before re-opening it in 2008?

Reply

The cost was £976,390

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Was the reduction of days or hours considered before closing Waungron Road?

Reply

Yes

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What amount of recyclable material was processed by Waungron Road in 2009,10,11,12 and 13?

Reply

Year	Recycling Tonnages
2009/10	3,494 tonnes
2010/11	4,174 tonnes
2011/12	4,416 tonnes
2012/13	3,794 tonnes
2013/14	5,181 tonnes

There has been no drop in the recycling tonnages generated from the city's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) since the Waungron Road HWRC closed on 27 April 2014.

In fact, in 2014/15, the three remaining HWRC sites in the city (Bessemer Close, Wedal Road and Lamby Way) processed an additional 8,000 tonnes compared to the total waste received through the previous four sites.

7,000 tonnes of this extra tonnage was pre-sorted as recycling. This demonstrates that the waste and recycling tonnages have been taken to the three remaining sites and that the media profile actually raised people's awareness of the recycling facilities available to them.

LEADER/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS (COUNCILLOR PHIL BALE)WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What is the officer time allocation for the Cardiff Debate?

How many staff hours have been put in?

What is the cost of all the events so far, including any payments to outside contractors?



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Reply

1. What is the officer time allocation for the Cardiff Debate?

The Cardiff Debate, on a day-to-day basis, involves a small amount of officer time allocated to managing the Cardiff Debate website, Facebook and Twitter pages. Officer time has also been allocated to staffing the 37 Cardiff Debate events that have been held since the end of June and work associated with preparation of materials prior to the events and analysis of the results on completion.

2. How many staff hours have been put in?

So far, the Cardiff Debate has held 37 events across the city – this includes 31 on-street engagement events and 6 drop-in workshops. For each of the 31 on-street engagement events, between 2-3 members of staff have attended for a period of 3 hours. For the 6 drop-in workshops, which involve more extensive engagement on the future of public services, an average of 8-10 members of staff attended. Colleagues from Cardiff and Vale UHB and South Wales Police have also helped support and run a number of the on-street and workshop sessions alongside Council staff.

3. What is the cost of all the events so far, including any payments to outside contractors?

The cost of holding the 37 events held so far is as follows:

Room Hire	£776.83
Printing – including 9,000 bi-lingual post cards/idea cards and workshop materials	£1,449.00
Equipment – including 8 pop-ups/signs and consultation materials	£1,282.97
TOTAL =	£3,508.80

SAFETY, ENGAGEMENT AND DEMOCRACY (COUNCILLOR DAN DE'ATH)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

When was the last time Cardiff Council officers accessed information from ASBIT and at what level of staff?

Reply

As was confirmed to you in response to a previous Written Question on this issue back in January this year, the ASBIT database is not used by the Council due to the

strict vetting procedures that are required by South Wales Police, who are also responsible for the administration of the database and the information held on it.

Council officers have not accessed information from ASBIT since approximately November 2012. Due to the strict levels of vetting, only a few officers were allowed previously to access the system who were employed at various grades ranging from Grade 6 to 8.