

CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Public Question 1: from Mr Huw Williams to the Cabinet Member – Education and Skills - This question has submitted his question in Welsh

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.

Public Question 2: from Mr Ken Daniels to the Cabinet Member - Safety, Engagement and Democracy

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 under not a well thought out scheme.

Can the Cabinet Member for Safety Engagement & Democracy 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, and 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?