

COUNCIL, 23 OCTOBER 2014 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE (COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY)

W1	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>Who owns the site of Waungron Road recycling centre and is it freehold or leasehold?</p> <p>Please give the length of the lease remaining if indeed it is a lease.</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The site is freehold and is owned by the Council.</p>																																				
W2	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>What is the total cost of pay packages including pension to staff at Assistant Director level and above?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The cost of pay packages including pension to staff at Assistant Director level and above is £2,445,529 per annum.</p>																																				
W3	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>How many staff's pay is above £50,000 per annum and how many for each grade, please specify the grades?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The following table identifies the number of staff in receipt of pay above £50,000 per annum:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="292 1574 1434 2139"><thead><tr><th>Grades</th><th>Council</th><th>School Post</th><th>Total</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>JNC for Chief Executives and JNC for Chief Officers (i.e. Assistant Director & above)</td><td>19</td><td>-</td><td>19</td></tr><tr><td>OM1</td><td>31</td><td>-</td><td>31</td></tr><tr><td>OM2</td><td>29</td><td>-</td><td>29</td></tr><tr><td>Soulbury</td><td>10</td><td>-</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Leadership (Central Education)</td><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Leadership – Assistant/Deputy Headteacher</td><td></td><td>115</td><td>115</td></tr><tr><td>Leadership – Headteacher</td><td></td><td>109</td><td>109</td></tr><tr><td>Total =</td><td>92</td><td>224</td><td>316</td></tr></tbody></table>	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	Total =	92	224	316
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EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (COUNCILLOR SUE LENT)

W4	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>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?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>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.</p>
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ENVIRONMENT (COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE)

W5	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>How much was spent on the upgrade of Waungron Road recycling centre before re-opening it in 2008?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The cost was £976,390.</p>
W6	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>Was the reduction of days or hours considered before closing Waungron Road?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Yes</p>
W7	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>What amount of recyclable material was processed by Waungron Road in 2009,10,11,12 and 13?</p>

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)

W8

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?

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)

W9

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.