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COUNCIL, 28 NOVEMBER 2019 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**
(COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY)

W1	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>What is the average time that it would take from a school first registering serious child protection concerns to the time that the child was removed from the family and placed in care?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Each person has their own needs and situations which are assessed on an individual basis. As people's needs are so diverse, it is not possible to set clear timescales for all in response to the above question. We do however have clear processes which are set out in the All Wales Child Protection Procedures 2008, due to be replaced by the Wales Safeguarding Procedures in April 2020, and these have clear timescales.</p> <p>Child protection concerns may be assessed under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989 or under Section 21 of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014 or explored as part of an ongoing Care and Support Plan. A team manager makes this decision when a referred concern is received from the public or professional, including schools. If there are concerns to warrant an Initial Child Protection Conference (ICPC), then this must be held within 15 working days of the outcome of a Section 47 enquiry, which takes 10 days.</p> <p>If it is felt the child is at ongoing significant risk of harm, their name is placed on the child protection register and a plan is developed to keep the child safe, which the family and professionals work towards together to support the family keeping the child safe.</p> <p>A child must be seen in a meaningful way every 10 days by their social worker. Core Groups are regular multi-agency meetings to develop, support and monitor the child's plan to ensure their safety and wellbeing with the family and those working with the child. These take place within 10 days of an ICPC and then no more than six weekly intervals. Review Conferences take place in three months after the ICPC then at six monthly intervals which are formal meetings chaired by the Conference and Reviewing Team. This process must work with and support children and families to reduce the risks in a clear, strengths based way.</p>
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If significant child protection concerns are identified and there is not enough safety or change within the family to mitigate the risks or the harm is imminent, Children's services seek legal advice under the Public Law Outline (PLO). Children's Services do not have the power to remove children. Only the court can make this decision.

We can manage significant risks at home through the 'PLO' process where plans are agreed with the family, Children's Services and the families' legal representatives. If the changes are not made or if there are further safety concerns, care proceedings can be initiated. This is not an automatic process, but based on professional judgement. We have a PLO panel that hears cases on a weekly basis to aid timely decision-making and ensure children's safety and wellbeing.

We issue care proceedings when there is no safe, viable alternative. Children at times can be separated against their will from their loved ones. We must also consider the Human Rights Act and United Nations Conventions of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Removing a child from a family is against Article 8 (the right to private and family life).

We promote children remaining with connected people such as extended family and friends where it is in their best interests to do so.

Decisions to separate children must be balanced with the harm associated with being looked after and removed from a family environment. For some children, this can cause significant emotional distress, for others it is reparative. The outcomes for Looked After Children are variable.

Looked After Children are at risk from placements breaking down, feeling rejected and being moved away from their community. This interrupts access to education, health and other services, as well as being separated from their friends, family and community; factors that contribute to a child's identity. Some children run away and some do not settle. Some children thrive and gain stability.

All these factors demonstrate each decision is a complex balancing of strengths, safety, harm, risk/impact of further harm, as well as given due consideration to the consequences of substitute care. It is not a linear process.

CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT
(COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MICHAEL)

W2	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>Road repairs and resurfacing over many years have unfortunately led to drainage problems in Clos y Wern, Rhiwbina. The road no longer drains properly causing both issues in the road and adjacent gardens. Please can you advise what work will be carried out to improve the drainage situation in Clos y Wern?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>A site visit has been undertaken at Clos y Wern, which has highlighted issues that require further surveys/investigations. These are being currently being procured.</p>
W3	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>The Council used to operate a community skip scheme in parts of the city, especially those further away from Household Waste sites. Since you have admitted there is no replacement site for Wedal Road anytime soon, will you bring back the community skip to areas of Cardiff which are now the furthest away from a Household Waste site?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The community skip service was removed in 2009/10 as a result of concerns relating to the impact on the city's recycling performance due to the difficulty in managing the skips to support the segregation of recyclable materials. Cardiff has two large recycling centres, which provide adequate opportunities for residents to recycle and dispose of materials that currently are not recycled. These sites are easily accessible to residents and offer a range of recycling options from car batteries, clothing/textiles and small electrical appliances through to fluorescent light bulbs. It is important for residents to segregate their recycling prior to arriving at the recycling centres to support frontline officers managing the recycling performance at each centre.</p> <p>The collection of recyclable bulky items is free for residents of Cardiff, supporting our drive to improve recycling targets set by the Welsh Government. Furthermore, with weekly food and recycling collections, as well as regular general and garden waste collections, there are multiple opportunities for citizens to recycle.</p>

W4	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>What is the council's position on residents burning household bulky waste on bonfires, potentially resulting in toxic fumes and causing a danger to children and wildlife?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>There are no laws preventing residents from having a bonfire, but there are laws that govern the nuisance they can cause.</p> <p>You cannot get rid of household waste if it will cause pollution or harm people's health and this includes burning it. Due to the nature of domestic waste, burning this type of material in garden bonfires may release toxic chemicals, which will not only cause nuisance due to unpleasant odours, but can also be harmful to health.</p> <p>Residents who wish to report problems caused by neighbours having frequent residential bonfires can contact Shared Regulatory Services on 0300 123 66 96.</p>
W5	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>How long should it take for new public bins to be installed and if the decision to install one is reversed then should councillors be informed and told why the council has changed its mind?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>There is no set timescale for the installation of litter bins. Once installation of a bin is agreed, installation timescales can vary depending on whether litter bins are in stock, a site assessment is required to find a suitable location for the bin, as well as staff availability.</p> <p>The decision whether or not to install a litter bin is normally communicated to those requesting the litter bin. The reason for removal of litter bins can vary from health & safety concerns to land redevelopment. Where possible, officers engage with local ward members regarding planned changes to the location of litter bins.</p>
W6	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>How many enforcement actions and fines related to waste have been issued in Gabalfa ward in each of the past 3 years?</p>

Reply

In the 2017/18 financial year, 37 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) were issued in Gabalfa for waste related offences. In 2018/19, 21 FPNs were issued and, to date between April and November 2019, 12 FPNs have been issued for littering offences in Gabalfa.

W7

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD

A combination of decomposing leaf fall and wet weather has made many pavements slippery, for examples those around Caerleon Road and Africa Gardens, increasing the risk of trips and falls for pedestrians. Does the council increase sweeping/clearance of pavements and footpaths in areas with tree cover during the autumn period to remove expected leaf fall?

Reply

During the period of leaf fall, a blitzing approach is adopted by the Council to remove leaf fall from the pavements and the roads on a ward-by-ward basis. The city's wards have been split into two areas to represent the neighbourhood management groups of the East and West, meaning that each ward is scheduled to be cleansed once a fortnight. On any one day there could be up to six areas being cleansed.

All of the small mechanical waste fleet plus the large mechanical sweeper, two transit teams and the teams already based within the area will go into an area, as a team, to remove the leaf fall from the streets. The areas will also be monitored prior to their cleansing day and, if the leaf fall is particularly high, the High-Speed Route teams will be deployed to assist.

The leaf fall clearances started on 30 September 2019 (Week A). The schedule is reviewed regularly as some areas will require more time and resource to remove leaf fall than others. Initially, every area will receive a blitz to remove leaf fall and improve the general cleanliness of each ward. In addition, 9 resident-led 'Big Sweep' events have taken place across the city between October and November, which have seen nearly 100 members of the public come together to help clear leaves from their local streets. These resident-led clearances have been supported by the Council's teams, either through collecting bagged leaves or by sending mechanical sweepers to help out.

	<p>Bio bags are also available to any Cardiff resident that would like to help keep their streets leaf-free and they can be dropped off by the Love Where You Live team.</p>
<p>W8</p>	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>Some residents have observed that the mechanical sweepers which are used in many areas to clean streets are frequently prevented from sweeping the gutters where most rubbish accumulates due to parked cars, limiting their effectiveness. Given litter and waste on streets across our city have also been increasing in recent years, what alternatives approaches are the council looking at to try and improve the effectiveness of street cleaning, if any?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Following a review of all cleansing rounds across the city this year, it was identified that, in some areas, mechanical sweeping was ineffective due to the volume of parked cars.</p> <p>As part of the review, all cleansing rounds were redesigned and particular attention was given to the areas identified above. This has resulted in transit teams visiting those areas where there are high numbers of parked cars on foot and cleansing pavements and gutters on a scheduled basis. If the team identifies a time of day or afternoon when there is reduction in the number of parked cars, this is passed to the supervisor who will arrange for the mechanical sweeper rounds to be redesigned to include this area.</p> <p>The redesign of all cleansing rounds has led to the afternoon shift being expanded along with a rapid response team. The rounds are also flexible to allow for changes to be made to meet demand as required.</p>
<p>W9</p>	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>There are number of hot-spots for flooding around Cyncoed & Lakeside. Areas such as Lake Road East, Rhydepennau Road, junction of Lake Road North & Lake Road West, sections of Cyncoed Road, Dan-yr-Heol Road amongst others. These have all been reported on numerous occasions. What plans are there in place to address these flooding hot-spots, some of which can lead to households being flooded?</p>

Reply

The Council's Neighbourhood Services teams work closely to coordinate maintenance activities, such as gully cleansing and road sweeping, to ensure that the impact of adverse weather is minimised, especially over the autumn and winter period where heavy rain combined with leaf fall can have a significant impact on the effectiveness of drainage systems.

The Highways team undertakes planned and reactive gully cleansing activities focusing resources on those locations that are known to have historically experienced localised flooding. Typically, this may be where leaf fall on tree lined streets can result in gully tops being covered over or the gullies themselves becoming blocked. Teams are deployed at appropriate times to gain access while minimising disruption to residents.

By its very nature, the weather can cause disruption at any time and so a gully cleansing vehicle alongside a drainage team are on standby out of hours to respond to emergencies where life or property (internal flooding) are at risk as a result of highway surface water.

In addition to cyclical maintenance, a programme of drainage repairs is undertaken on the drainage assets which are found to be defective throughout the year.

The Council's website also contains information on what actions residents can take themselves to help support their communities while allowing our teams to concentrate on those sites that pose the highest risks.

CULTURE AND LEISURE
(COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY)

W10	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>How many trees is the council planning to plant as part of National Tree Planting Week this month and will areas that have seen more trees removed than replaced be prioritised for this planting programme?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council, in partnership with stakeholders of the Parks service, has embarked on its annual programme of new and replacement tree planting for the 2019/20 season. We are committed to ensuring the vitality of our tree stock and this has been marked with our first planting at Bute Park, which was a new Sorbus, funded through our Trees For Cities project in conjunction with Cardiff Civic Society.</p> <p>Over the period of the planting window, I anticipate up to 3,500 new and replacement trees being planted during the 2019/20 season, subject to grant funding. Our programme will target those areas with low tree canopy and areas that have seen fellings in previous years. This programme has commenced and I anticipate up to 25 trees from the total number being planted to coincide with National Tree Week.</p>
W11	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE</u></p> <p>Does the council have a policy for dealing with diseased ash trees, especially those within a certain distance of footpaths?</p> <p>How will the council work with friends groups who manage trees, such as in the Howardian nature reserve, will felled trees be replaced and has the council estimated how much it will cost to deal with the problem?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>There is no specific policy for dealing with diseased ash trees on Council owned land. Tree type is irrelevant and any decisions taken in respect of felling are made within the existing risk based decision making framework. Central to decision making is the threat to public safety; as such, felling works target high risk locations such as schools, streets, high footfall parks and trails.</p>

	<p>We will continue to support Friends Groups across the city in identifying ash trees infected with disease and implementing felling works consistent with the decision making framework.</p> <p>I am currently discussing with officers specific medium to long term plans for replanting to mitigate the potential impacts of the loss of trees. Notwithstanding this and subject to grant funding, I anticipate the Council planting in the region of 3,500 new and replacement trees, during the 2019/20 planting season.</p> <p>In terms of the financial consequences, it has been estimated that the costs for felling works to the Council are in the region of £5 Million. This compares with an estimated cost to the UK of £15 Billion.</p>
W12	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>What is being done to deal with excess lake water nitrates leading to lake closure at Roath Park?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Actions to close the lake during the summer were taken because of the presence of Blue Green Algae and in the interests of public safety.</p> <p>There is no evidence to indicate that a presence of excess nitrates in the lake was a contributing factor. The need to control levels of nitrates is more commonplace in the domestic environment for owners of aquariums, as opposed to vast open expanses of water such as lakes and reservoirs.</p> <p>As I have stated previously, the presence of Blue Green Algae is a natural occurrence and one that was experienced by many owners of water bodies throughout the UK this summer.</p>

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS
(COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)

W13	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE</u></p> <p>Can the cabinet member explore why promises made to cut back the overgrowth that spills out from the Bro Edern site into Carisbrooke Way have not been fulfilled?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The work to cut back the overgrowth has now started. There were delays due to weather and suitable access as this is the old drainage run off area and is very restricted. The school agreed the date with the contractor as soon as labour and safe access could be made.</p>
W14	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>When will we see Cardiff High expansion taking place & complete?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The expansion of Cardiff High School is a proposed project within Cardiff's £284m Band B 21st Century Schools Programme, which started in April this year and continues until 2024.</p> <p>Due of the scale and number of proposed projects in the programme, the delivery of the schemes will be undertaken in batches over the timespan of the programme.</p> <p>Proposals for replacing Fitzalan, Cantonian and Willows High Schools were brought forward as priority, as mandated by the Welsh Government, on the basis of their Category D condition. Cardiff High School does not fall within this condition priority.</p> <p>Proposals to expand, remodel and refurbish Cardiff High School are at the feasibility assessment stage and are currently scheduled to be progressed further in 2020/21.</p>
W15	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>How many year 7 children still have no high school or are registered as home schooling?</p>

Reply

In September 2019, 2,715 Year 7 places were made available in Cardiff's secondary schools. As at 19th November 2019, 132 places remain available and we continue to be able to offer spaces in both Welsh medium and English medium schools.

As at 19th November 2019, of this year's Year 7 transfer group:

- 15 children have registered for Elective Home Education; and
- 9 children have not yet been placed as their parents are not prepared to accept schools that do not meet their preferences.

W16

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER

How does the council assess whether it has adequate youth worker capacity across the city?

Reply

Youth workers are deployed in a number of ways based on need/demand – i.e. uptake, feedback from young people, intelligence from partner agencies, challenges faced and value for money. Naturally, at certain times, demand changes and redeployment is necessary. The deployment of youth workers is reviewed regularly.

The Youth Service allocates staff to the existing youth centres. At times, challenges arise which require the deployment of additional staff to support the centres. The service also funds third sector partners to run provision in parts of the city where there are no council run youth centres. These grants were recently reviewed and adjustments were made.

The targeted support for schools element of the service is based on school size and the number of referrals requiring support. Again, the available staff are sometimes moved depending on demand. All high schools get this support.

The street based team works more flexibly and can support both those areas with youth centres and those areas without centres. The service also provides support to specific groups of vulnerable young people (e.g. young carers).

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES
(COUNCILLOR LYNDA THORNE)

W17	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>How bad does anti social behaviour at the Llanedeyrn Powerhouse hub have to be before security measures are put in place similar to those at St Mellons hub?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>All Hubs do, on occasion, become affected by anti-social behaviour. There have been more significant problems in Llanedeyrn recently and Hub staff are working closely with the police on this issue. A strategic level meeting is to be held shortly with the appropriate Chief Inspector to ensure that all appropriate action is being taken.</p> <p>Additional security is used where it has been assessed that there is a significant risk to staff or clients. This is not appropriate in most cases of anti-social behaviour; however, the need for this at the Powerhouse will continue to be kept under review.</p> <p>Our Community Inclusion Officers work with the Youth Service and other partners to maximise the range of activities available in the Hubs. They also seek to engage with those young people who present with particularly challenging behaviour and seek to encourage them into more positive activities. Additional activities at the Powerhouse range from gardening projects to rugby sessions. Hub officers also support the work of Cardiff City Kicks and Street Games, signposting young people to sessions at St Teilo's School.</p> <p>Hub staff liaise with the police to address any issues at an early stage and, where appropriate, referrals are made to the Youth Offending Team.</p>
W18	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE</u></p> <p>Just over a year ago, members of the council unanimously called on the Cabinet to explore how best it can support those individuals and their families that settled in Cardiff during the 1950s and 1960s, who became known as the Windrush Generation, in having the same opportunities as other Cardiff citizens in accessing services and advice provided by the Council. What steps has the Cabinet taken to honour that commitment?</p>

Reply

The Windrush Generation made an immeasurable contribution to public services, business and civil society. The denial of their fundamental rights and, in some cases, the detention and deportation of members of this generation, is a great injustice. This year, council officers have delivered outreach services to a number of community organisations known to be working with Windrush Elders and their descendants. This has promoted the UK Government's Windrush Taskforce's visit to Cardiff in May 2019 and Windrush Compensation Scheme events organised in South Wales. These events sought to regularise Commonwealth nationals' immigration status, and provide compensation to citizens of the Commonwealth who arrived in the UK between 1948 and 1988.

This year, Cardiff Council commemorated the Windrush Generation through the co-ordination of a national event, in partnership with the Welsh Government. The Council's Cohesion team also supported two further local initiatives, delivered by Butetown Community Centre and Ethnic Minority Youth Support Team (EYST), to raise awareness of the Windrush Generation and to enable young people to engage with this chapter in our shared history.

W19

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

Businesses on Whitchurch Road have reported an increase in crime in the area. What can the council do to work with South Wales Police to identify measures that can be taken to prevent crime?

Reply

Following discussions with local police officers, it has been confirmed that there have been 5 reported commercial burglary incidents in the past two months in the Whitchurch Road area, although this pattern has hopefully now ended as the suspected offender was identified and is currently imprisoned pending further interviews regarding a spate of similar burglaries. South Wales Police will update the victims as the investigations progress.

The Council's Community Safety team has spoken with local police officers about them offering crime prevention visits to business premises on Whitchurch Road and assisting with the setting up of a social media group to help share information and intelligence among local businesses and the Police. The Community Safety team is happy to support any such initiatives going forward and will work with South Wales Police in any that they can.

LEADER
(COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS)

W20	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>How many EU citizens in Cardiff have benefited from support from the council in terms of the settlement scheme and has there been an improvement in the number who have applied for settled status?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council is actively promoting the EU Settlement Scheme to EU nationals who live, work and study in our city. To date, 8,040 people living in Cardiff have applied to the EU Settlement Scheme, of which 4,040 applications were made between July and September 2019.</p> <p>Council officers delivering assisted digital support in Cardiff's Hubs and Libraries are currently supporting approximately 10 people per week to make an application to the scheme. In addition, the Council's Cohesion team continues to deliver monthly information events across the city in partnership with schools and the voluntary sector.</p> <p>Regular communications regarding the scheme are shared with council staff and partner organisations to enhance the visibility of the scheme within the city. National and local statistics regarding uptake of the scheme are also reviewed periodically to inform future activity.</p>
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STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
(COUNCILLOR CARO WILD)

W21	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>What is the current position in relation to the pedestrian underpass at Boulevard de Nantes?</p> <p>How much will it cost for the underpass to be filled in?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Officers are currently investigating various options in respect of the underpass. No options have been costed at this stage.</p>
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W22	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH PARRY</u></p> <p>Llantrisant Road / Heol Isaf Road Works. These works that have reduced traffic to single file controlled by traffic lights on Llantrisant Road near the junction of Heol Isaf are causing severe delays and disruption. Local bus services are severely disrupted, people are taking an hour to travel two miles. Long queues of traffic are causing air pollution. These works are said to be taking place until summer 2020. Please can you ensure two way traffic is maintained on Llantrisant Road during the rush hours? Residents of Fairwater and other wards effected by these works are getting very annoyed by these works.</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The current roadworks on the A4119 Llantrisant Road are associated with providing vital drainage infrastructure to support the development on the Redrow site. The current traffic delays are due to the temporary traffic lights that are installed for works. These are in operation 24/7, rather than the usual restricted times of 9.30am to 3.30pm, due to the nature of the works being undertaken.</p> <p>The contractor has installed additional traffic lights west of Heol Isaf for operation during peak times, which has significantly reduced congestion and improved journey times. The traffic management is being monitored on a daily basis and, during peak times, the lights are being manually controlled between 3.30pm and 7.00pm and 6.30am and 9.30am weekdays, which assists the network as much as possible. We will continue to work with the developer and contractor to expedite the works as quickly as possible. More details on the work programme and updates are available on Redrow's Plasdŵr website: https://plasdwr.co.uk/llantrisant-road/</p>
W23	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE</u></p> <p>The markings at the junction of Waterloo Road and Colchester Avenue are an improvement on the former situation. However, cars that have moved into the filter lane as they attempt to turn down into Waterloo Road from Colchester Avenue can get stranded into the middle of the junction when the lights change. This dangerous situation could be instantly resolved if the green light on the Colchester Avenue eastbound lights was held for an additional ten seconds to allow cars to clear the filter lane. Could this be done?</p>

	<p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>We will need to do further on-site investigation to determine driver behaviour and the numbers of vehicles turning right currently. In assessing what changes might be possible, it will be necessary to consider the implications of those changes for other road users (besides car drivers) and any impacts upon the Colchester Avenue/Pen-y-lan Road junction.</p>
W24	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE</u></p> <p>When will the road surfacing work on St Margaret's Crescent and Trafalgar Road take place?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The 2019/20 surface treatment programme has been split into two phases, with Phase 1 works completed at the end of October 2019.</p> <p>Phase 2 will commence in February 2020 with St Margaret's Crescent and Trafalgar Road, along with the remaining roads in the city, which will be completed between then and the end of March 2020. It is too early at this stage to provide an accurate programme of works; however, ward members will be notified at least 10 days prior to the works commencing.</p>
W25	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>Does the council still intend to provide LED lighting for the underpasses in the vicinity of the Gabalfa Interchange, if so, when is this work expected to take place?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The lighting will be upgraded to LED in the four underpasses at the Gabalfa Interchange and also the adjacent two underpasses on North Road, north and south of Gabalfa Interchange. It is anticipated that the works will commence in December 2019 and take a month to complete.</p>
W26	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>When will the assessment of parking pressures on roads east of Whitchurch Road conclude and when can residents expect plans to extend resident only parking to be put forward for consultation?</p>

	<p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>As you will appreciate, the resident parking scheme is part of a larger proposal that includes changes to the on-street parking arrangements on and adjacent to Whitchurch Road. This has added to the complexity of the scheme, both in design and in processing the TRO proposals. I can advise that the notices and orders are due to be finalised by the Council's legal team and site notices are presently being prepared. The public consultation is anticipated to begin in early December 2019.</p>
W27	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>Junctions and drains off Clodien Avenue are unable to cope with any level of rainfall. Some residents have raised concerns that pavements are often submerged and water levels reach ventilation. Has an assessment been carried out to identify any structural problems along the road?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>A survey of Clodien Avenue did not identify any structural problems along the road and confirmed that rainwater in the gullies is flowing correctly. However, a site visit at Clodien Avenue did reveal a number of blocked gullies, which have been scheduled for cleansing.</p>
W28	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>When was the last time the council monitored speeds on the sliproad from Western Avenue sliproad onto Mynachdy Road/Radyr Place?</p> <p>What was the average speed and will the council introduce measures to slow traffic down at this location?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>We haven't carried out any traffic speed surveys recently on the slip road from Gabalfa Interchange to the Mynachdy Road/Radyr Place junction. However, we have reviewed this location and the police database indicates that there have been three injury collisions on this slip road in the last 5-year period. There are existing traffic calming measures on Radyr Place on the approach to the A48 overbridge; however, further investigation work is required to assess whether additional traffic calming measures are required. We shall arrange for traffic surveys to be carried out in the first instance.</p>

W29	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>Are there any plans for public transport for hundreds of households left without service due to Cardiff Bus cut to service in Cyncoed & Lakeside?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I am aware that this question relates to the lack of bus services on Lake Road West and Celyn Avenue following the rerouting of the No. 28 bus service by Cardiff Bus, which was necessary to mitigate the withdrawal of other bus services that were announced in January this year. Officers have requested that Cardiff Bus look again at providing services that use Lake Road West and Celyn Avenue. However, levels of use by residents in these areas was not high and the company is unable presently to arrive at a commercial solution.</p> <p>As you know, the additional budget provided for supporting bus services in the current and next financial years has already been committed. Any changes to that budget to provide support for services on Lake Road West and Celyn Avenue would mean that other services that the Council has committed to subsidise could no longer be supported. The Council will continue to engage in dialogue with Cardiff Bus to search for a solution which will be acceptable to all parties.</p>
W30	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>How many times have traffic enforcement officers attended Lakeside primary & Rhydypenau primary school areas at school home time in the last academic year?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Civil Enforcement officers attended Lakeside Primary School 8 times and Rhydypenau Primary School 5 times during the last year. In addition, the camera enforcement cars have also attended both schools.</p>
W31	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>Has the planning department conducted a review of why so many developers are requesting and being granted permission to disregard s106 commitments?</p>

Reply

Each planning application is considered on its own individual merits. The Local Development Plan and associated Supplementary Planning Guidance provides clarity on the need for and use of S106 obligations to deliver infrastructure associated with new developments.

Once a S106 agreement is signed, it is a legally binding. Where developers are unable to meet S106 contributions due to viability reasons, they are required to submit detailed viability evidence, which is then considered by an independent expert. There are many factors that could impact on the viability of a proposed development, including land purchase price, build costs and other “abnormal” costs associated with any new development.

Officers will then consider whether the lack of commitment is in itself sufficient grounds to resist an otherwise acceptable development.

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WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER

Have other councils seen similar increases in the number of s106 commitments reneged?

Reply

Planning obligations are not reneged. Once a S106 agreement is signed, it is a legally binding upon the developer or landowner and cannot be varied without the consent of the Local Authority.

I am unable to comment on planning applications submitted in neighbouring authorities or their approaches to considering planning obligations. Details of S106 monies received by each Local Planning Authority are submitted as statutory performance indicators to the Welsh Government and published annually as part of their Annual Performance Report.

Cardiff continues to secure more S106 commitments than any other local planning authority in Wales. In terms of developer contributions secured through the planning process, £164M has been secured through signed S106 agreements between 2009 and 2019. This does not include planning obligations to deliver on-site infrastructure such as affordable housing, open spaces, sustainable travel, community facilities and schools.

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