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CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

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<i>Item</i>		<i>Approx Time</i>	<i>Max Time Allotted</i>
15	Leader & Cabinet Statements <i>(Pages 1 - 10)</i> To receive statements from the Leader and Cabinet Members	7.40 pm	30 mins
16	Oral Questions <i>(Pages 11 - 14)</i> To receive oral questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members; Chairs of Committee and/or nominated Members of the Fire Authority.	8.10 pm	90 mins
Written Questions <i>(Pages 15 - 28)</i>			

**CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL
CYNGOR DINAS CAERDYDD**



COUNCIL: 25 JUNE 2015

STATEMENT OF THE LEADER

AGENDA ITEM:

UN Public Service Day

The United Nations has designated 23rd June as Public Service Day to celebrate the value of public service to the community and recognise the work of public servants. This week, the City of Cardiff Council promoted UN Public Service Day with a social media campaign that saw staff tweet photographs and publish stories on Facebook about the work the Council does in the community. Cabinet Members, councillors and the workforce also took part tweeting selfies and stories using #publicserviceday from their place of work or when out and about meeting members of the public. The Council also used its Facebook and Twitter accounts to publish stories celebrating some of the work carried out by individuals.

Cardiff's campaign was co-ordinated with partner organisations – including the Police, Fire Service and Health Board. It was encouraging to see so many people participate on the day and for the Council's contribution to be recognised in a message from UN General Secretary, Ban Ki-moon. With respect to raising the profile of Cardiff and our public servants, the day was a success with our number of followers on Twitter increasing, more people accessing our Facebook page, and a tweet from the Council's account retweeted to over 4 million people across the world by the UN twitter account.

UN Public Service Day was an opportunity to make people aware of the contribution public service makes across Cardiff and to showcase and celebrate our staff – our most important asset.

I think we achieved that – thank you to all who got involved.

The Future of Local Government in Wales

The Welsh Government has announced its proposed map for local government reorganisation and is proposing a smaller number of larger councils. Under the proposals, the City of Cardiff Council would merge with Vale of Glamorgan Council. The Welsh Government will consult on these proposals and a draft 'Reform and Mergers' Bill in the autumn.

The Minister for Public Services, Leighton Andrews AM, provided further clarity on the benefits of re-organisation during his speech at the Welsh Local Government Association's annual conference. While we in Cardiff are open to change, and recognise that the current way of working is unsustainable, the business case for funding the cost of re-organisation, making savings and delivering better public services has to stack up.

We also have to bear in mind that the financial challenges that council's like Cardiff face are immediate and our public services will be placed under huge pressure over the next few years. The forthcoming Chancellor's Budget is also likely to have significant and immediate consequences for councils across Britain. Local government re-organisation is not going to happen overnight, and neither will it be a quick fix for the big challenges facing local public services right now.

That aside, we are committed to progressing the opportunities afforded by re-organisation in partnership with the Welsh Government and other local authorities.

City Deal Update

Council leaders and other stakeholders across the Cardiff Capital Region are working together, and with the Welsh Government and private sector, to develop a business case to take to Central Government by the end of the year.

Local authorities in the Cardiff Capital Region are taking reports to their respective cabinets requesting that a contribution is made on a pro-rata (per population) basis to a £500,000 fund. This fund is required to undertake the preparatory work necessary to develop a City Deal proposal on behalf of the region.

In addition, a number of local authority Leaders also met with the Secretary of State for Wales earlier this month to update on local progress for the development of a City Deal. We have also agreed with the Minister for Finance that a Welsh Government representative would attend future meetings.

I will update you as these discussions progress.

60th Anniversary of Cardiff Stuttgart Twinning Arrangements

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the twinning of the cities of Cardiff and Stuttgart. Stuttgart is Cardiff's oldest and closest sister city and the links between our cities are deep rooted.

These links go beyond the ceremonial and have helped to enrich the lives of people in Cardiff and Stuttgart. Our universities, schools and institutes of learning have a track record of successful collaboration. The Cardiff-Stuttgart Association, for example, has been promoting the use language in Cardiff. This includes running competitions with Cardiff schools to encourage uptake of German language lessons.

More recently our business start-up communities have been working with each other to explore new business opportunities—through the development of apps and virtual hack events. Stuttgart is also recognised by many commentators as a

leading example of a functioning city-region, and has much to contribute to the development of the Cardiff Capital City Region.

A delegation from Cardiff will therefore be visiting Stuttgart to participate in a series of commemorative events that should lead to further successful collaborative opportunities between our cities.

Councillor Phil Bale

Leader, City of Cardiff Council / Arweinydd, Cyngor Dinas Caerdydd

25 June 2015

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**STATEMENT OF CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE
SERVICE & PERFORMANCE**

AGENDA ITEM: 15

Wales Audit Office

The Wales Audit Office (WAO) have issued a Certificate of Compliance from the Auditor General for Wales to provide assurance that we have discharged our obligations to plan the future priorities of the Council under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

Performance Management

As part of the development of the performance management arrangements in the Council, and specifically in relation to improving the internal challenge regarding performance of services the quarterly 'Star Chamber' is now active, where the Chief Executive, Directors and Cabinet Members have an open and candid debate regarding performance levels, and challenges facing service delivery arising from the constructive challenge discussions, there will be key actions that the Director must take forward to mitigate the negative impact of underperformance issues and key risks. Updates on actions will feature in quarterly reports from Q1 onward.

The Council's Benchmarking strategy has been updated and approved by SMT 19th May. Delivery Plans for each directorate have been completed and considered by the relevant scrutiny committees.

Records Centre

As a result of developing 'leaner' ways of working and aiming to digitise records, the Improvement & Information Team has invested in a technological solution to digitalise records held in the Records Centre, and as an initial pilot are working towards digitalising all of the Council's Personnel files.

Employee Matters

Partnership for Change meetings are taking place on a fortnightly basis and good progress is being made. A Cabinet report will be coming forward in July.

Following widespread consultation with stakeholders, including Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee, the review of the Attendance & Wellbeing Policy was concluded and subsequently agreed by Cabinet on 11 June 2015.

The new arrangements will be commended to Schools and will apply from 1 July 2015.

Based on an independent review, major consultation exercise has commenced regarding proposed changes to the Discipline Policy - to be considered by Cabinet in the Autumn

Payroll Rationalisation from 3 payrolls to 2 was achieved from 1 June 2015.

A growing number of employees from across the Council have taken the opportunity to purchase additional annual leave under the new policy in place from 1 April 2015.

Appointments to Tier 1 of Senior Management Review have been concluded.

C2C

50,718 calls and 6249 emails & webchats were handled by the service centre in May.

C2C successfully went live SharePoint on June 15th – the first service area within the council to do so.

The C2C Expansion project will be completed by August 1st and result in an additional 31 seats being created within the centre. As a result, the team handling initial enquiries as part of the Rent Smart initiative will be based within C2C with a start date target of October 1st currently proposed.

The centre will once again be the telephone point of contact for the next wave of Individual Electoral Registration programme which will see £150k letters being delivered to Cardiff residents in early July

C2C currently average an 88% First Point of Contact resolve rate for customers calling with benefit queries and we will be working closely with our partners to maintain this post the launch of Universal Credits in November

8 additional customer service reps (temporary) have been recruited and trained to C2C to handle expected increased contact regarding the waste restrictions programme. C2C continue to work closely with the waste team to provide assistance and advice to customers to ensure delivery of his project is as seamless as possible for the residents of Cardiff.

Website

The Cardiff.gov.uk site continues to progress with 1.3 million visitors in the 12 months since launch, trends show that mobile use increased again (now at 45%) and the team are working on refining the home page based on customer feedback. The focus of the content at the moment is to ensure that the waste restriction changes are clearly communicated to residents. April showed a big step for our customers choosing to set up a direct debit for their new council tax bill online

Statement of Accounts

The draft Statement of Accounts for 2014/15 were presented to Audit Committee on the 22nd June in advance of being signed by the Section 151 Officer. The accounts will now be audited by the Welsh Audit Office over the summer. The audited accounts will be presented to Audit Committee and then Council in September.

The Statement of Accounts show that the Council's final position in relation to 2014/15 was an underspend of £1.741m. This increases the General Fund Reserve from £11.413m to £13.154m, of which £595,000 was already identified as required when the 2015/16 Budget was agreed in February.

The final revenue position of a surplus of £1.741 million after contributions to and from reserves as compared to the balanced position reported at month nine. The change includes a significant improvement to the directorate positions with over-spends against these budgets reducing by £1.147 million compared to previous projections. This reflects a number of factors including the impact of the measures implemented by the Chief Executive as set out in the Month 9 monitoring report. Further savings were also identified as a result of a higher surplus on Council Tax and an increase in non-domestic rate (NDR) refunds on Council properties.

During the year the Council's monitoring process identified financial pressures in a number of Directorates, notably Health & Social Care, Children's Services, Education & Lifelong Learning and Sport, Leisure & Culture. This reflected a range of factors including increased demographic pressures, shortfalls in income and the failure to fully achieve the savings targets set as part of the 2014/15 budget. This is reflected in the Outturn position forming part of an overall overspend of £7.650 million on directorate budgets. Apart from Children's Services all these areas reported a reduced over-spend compared to the projections at Month 9. Additional pressures were identified in Children's Services during the final quarter including additional placements and costs for looked after children, which resulted in a significant increase in over-spend in this area. The overspend on directorate budgets was offset by the £4 million contingency sum, together with savings in other areas including Council Tax collection, NDR refunds on Council properties, capital financing and additional income arising from successful performance against the 2013/14 Outcome Agreement Grant.

Work has already started on the 2016-17 budget preparation and the Budget Strategy Report will follow in July.

Councillor Graham Hinchey

Cabinet Member (Corporate Service & Performance)

24 June 2015

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COUNCIL: 25 JUNE 2015

STATEMENT OF CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

AGENDA ITEM: 15

Apprenticeships

You may recall that earlier in the year I announced the creation of a new Apprenticeship Scheme within Cardiff Harbour Authority and for Mechanical Engineering and I am now pleased to advise of the establishment of a further scheme also within the Harbour Authority that has been established and for Marine Engineering. This new scheme which will be based on a four year term and linked to a recognised qualification will provide a sound foundation in general engineering with specialisation in marine operations ensuring that skills are transferred enabling the Harbour Authority to maintain the marine environment and flotilla to a high standard. The establishment of this scheme demonstrates the Councils commitment to Apprenticeships.

Bute Park

On Tuesday of this week I had the pleasure of speaking at an event to celebrate the successful completion of the Bute Park Restoration Project. The event reinforced what can be achieved in being ambitious and through working with others and both of these factors have, I believe been central to the success of the project. As you may be aware the project is the largest public parks project ever in Wales with total investment in excess of 5 million pounds and in addition to the individual restoration schemes I was pleased to learn of the developments and improvements over time which include the establishment of a constituted friends group and their active involvement in the management and maintenance of the Park, the increase in the number of visitors to the Park which is now in excess of 2 million per year and the levels of customer satisfaction. In respect of the latter I learnt that a visit to Bute Park is now ranked second out of 184 of the Top Things to Do when in Cardiff, according to Trip Advisor. The transformation in and beauty of the Park is quite remarkable and if you haven't visited it recently I would strongly recommend that you do so, we are very well blessed.

Bereavement Services

During June, Bereavement Services facilitated 2 dramatised heritage trails around Cathays Cemetery. Bereavement Services have led heritage trails in Cathays for many years, but the addition of performances researched and scripted by drama students from the University of South Wales, offering eye

witness accounts and first person perspectives, truly brought the past to life in this historic cemetery.

Bereavement Services have carried out wildflower planting in Thornhill, Cathays and Western cemeteries as part of a wider Project to encourage bees to be more active in our open spaces.

Local School Children have planted Poppy's in Cathays Cemetery next to the Commonwealth War Grave section as part of our ongoing WWI commemoration. In November a special Memorial Stone will be laid on the section to recognise Frederick Barter who was awarded the Victoria Cross in 1915.

Thornhill Crematorium will host a Memorial Service for baby's and infants in partnership with the local Stillborn And Neo Death Society (SANDS) group on Sunday 28 June at 11:30 AM.

Recycling and Waste Strategy

I am pleased to be able to stand here and confirm that because of our strong recycling and waste strategy; engagement with the minister on our commitments to drive forwards recycling and also that fact the we exceeded the statutory recycling targets for 14/15 the fines threatened for 13/14 have been waived. These show the importance of not standing still and the need to constantly strive for more recycling.

Viridor Energy Recovery Facility

I attended with a number of Councillors including the leader the opening of the Viridor energy recovery facility this week. The opening of this facility by the First Minister reflects the important asset that Project Gwrydd team have delivered for not only the City but the region in securing our treatment requirements for the future. In addition, this facility is providing sustainable energy to potential 50,000 homes.

Neighbourhood Services Pilot

We are also seeing excellent results from our new way of working in the neighbourhood services pilot. The teams are cross working to deliver real savings; improve response times and these results are being to show in improved street cleansing survey results.

Since January the cleanliness index for the pilot area has gone from 58% to 69% and the high or acceptable cleanliness index has gone from 68% to 85% in five months.

The expansion of the scheme is full steam ahead for next month and proves working without silos can reduce costs and increase our performance.

Councillor Bob Derbyshire
Cabinet Member for Environment
24 June 2015

COUNCIL 25 JUNE 2015 – ORAL QUESTIONS

1	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS</u></p> <p>What consultation is undertaken with ward Councillors regarding how S106 money from developments in their wards is allocated and spent?</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS</u></p> <p>Given that Creigiau Quarry is likely to re-open in the future, what plans can the council make to improve access routes for lorries in order to avoid making congestion a major issue for residents and lorry drivers alike? These routes, especially Heol Pant y Gored, are currently far too long and narrow to enable passing.</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER</u></p> <p>How many fixed penalty notices relating to waste have been issued in the streets covered by the 'Section 46 notice' in Cathays since the notice was issued?</p>
4	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES</u></p> <p>I have recently reviewed the "Changes to Recycling and Waste: Summer 2015" document published by Cardiff Council, and I note that the guidelines state residents will be required to pay for the replacement of lost, stolen or damaged wheelie bins. It is not the fault of residents if their bins are stolen, so why does this administration feel it necessary to punish victims of crime?</p>
5	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>Will the Leader make a statement on the discussions he is having with neighbouring authorities regarding the City Deal, making reference to the financial commitments to date and any pitfalls he is facing?</p>

6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LOMAX</u></p> <p>When local communities who put on events around the city, why are they charged by the Council even though they are in public places, especially as the Council use them to contact the public and inform them of changes in their area?</p>
7	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN</u></p> <p>What is the cabinet member doing to deter/prevent fly tipping in and around the Mansion House? Over many weeks large items have been dumped e.g. settee, bed, sideboard and a microwave this week.</p> <p>Also, why is such a prestigious council venue, which the council is trying to market for weddings, conferences etc, not having its surroundings regularly cleansed? Mansion House staff have to go out onto the pavement and/or road and regularly pick up litter strewn about to try and prevent dignitaries and visitors from having to see such an eyesore.</p>
8	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (SKILLS, SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS</u></p> <p>Off-road motorcycle nuisance in my some areas of Cardiff continues to blight residents' lives. The Council is working with the police and landowners on this difficult issue but so far I only get more complaints every week from increasingly frustrated local people. Can the Cabinet Member urgently address this issue to avoid residents taking action of their own because no-one else is helping?</p>
9	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALI</u></p> <p>Following the recent Velothon event, are there any further major national or international sporting events envisaged in Cardiff?</p>

10	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDERS</u></p> <p>Could you set out in detail the timetable for grass cutting in all the open spaces in Rhiwbina that the council has responsibility for maintaining?</p>
11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS</u></p> <p>What consultation was undertaken with local residents about how the proposed changes to the waste collection service will affect them personally?</p>
12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>Wheelie Bins are to be rolled out in the Rhiwbina Garden Village Conservation Area without any consultation being carried out with either local residents or Councillors. Are there any other parts of the city which have had such changes without local member or local resident consultation?</p>
13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY (CORPORATE SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL</u></p> <p>What was the capital underspend, if any, in the last financial year?</p>
14	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN</u></p> <p>Many wards, especially Pentwyn, have swathes of uncut grass on public open space due to the pollinator project. Why are there no pollinator project areas located around main council buildings such as County Hall or City Hall lawn?</p>

15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McKERLICH</u></p> <p>The Council responses to the many points raised by the LDP Inspectorate are lengthy and impenetrable. Why are you not arranging briefing meetings for Councillors so that we can be advised by officers of the main points of substance in these responses?</p>
16	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McGARRY</u></p> <p>Is the Council able to fine people who put food into black bags or bins?</p>

COUNCIL, 25 JUNE 2015 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE
(COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY)**

<p>W1</p>	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES</u></p> <p>Given that Neighbourhood Partnership meetings are not well-attended by Members, and many of us also do not accept the legitimacy of so-called ‘Lead Members’, what plans do you have to review these arrangements?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The new Neighbourhood Partnership arrangements have now been in place for over 12 months and it is timely that the current approach is reviewed.</p> <p>I agree that attendance at meetings by elected members does vary across the city and this is something which can be improved. I also know that Neighbourhood Partnership Teams have worked in all six areas to ask for views from all Members regarding how and when the meetings take place, and what they would like to discuss.</p> <p>Ultimately, these meetings are there for us to discuss issues with partner organisations and to help influence service delivery going forward. I think this is a huge opportunity for all elected members to help tackle issues in our communities and both I and the Lead Members would certainly welcome input from all Members as to what level of engagement they would like with partners involved in the Neighbourhood Partnerships.</p> <p>As part of the review, I will be happy to facilitate that conversation and issue a short feedback survey to get your comments.</p>
<p>W2</p>	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN</u></p> <p>How many times in the last 12 months have football teams, other than Pentwyn Dynamos, used the fenced off pitch alongside Pentwyn leisure centre?</p> <p>Although this pitch has its condition maintained for the football league, it is available to all within the community of Pentwyn as the original lease document shows, but they are finding it impossible to book it through the leisure centre and I am advised it is being offered only to Pentwyn Dynamos to use.</p>

Reply

Teams, other than Pentwyn Dynamos, have used the pitch on three occasions over the past 12 months. As indicated in your question, the pitch is available to other teams within the community.

In terms of bookings for league fixtures, the playing venues for clubs are allocated through the local football leagues and not by the Council; however, I can advise that bookings for casual use of the pitch can be made by contacting the Council's Parks Service (Tel: 029 2233 0275), rather than through Pentwyn Leisure Centre.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE (COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY)

W3 **WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES**

How many council staff at Corporate Director level or above live within the city and county of Cardiff? How many do not?

How many live in Wales? How many do not?

Reply

Of the two council staff at Corporate Director level and above, one lives within the City and County of Cardiff and one lives in the Vale of Glamorgan, well within easy daily driving distance.

Please note that there is no requirement for any council employee to live within the city's administrative boundaries.

W4 **WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER**

Could you tell me how many staff have left the council in 2014/15 broken down by directorate?

Could these figures indicator whether staff have left due to voluntary severance, resignation or retirement?

Reply

Please see following information for 2014/15:

Directorate	Redundancy (Compulsory*)	Redundancy (Voluntary)	Resignation	Retirement	Total
Cabinet Office	0	2	0	0	2
Children Services	2	14	43	7	66
Communities Housing & Customer Services	29	39	70	12	150
Economic Development	0	15	9	0	24
Education & Lifelong Learning (Schools)	31	128	657	76	892
Education & Lifelong Learning	3	134	185	22	344
Environment	1	50	20	4	75
Health & Social Care		57	20	8	91

Resources	6	52	65	6	129
Sport, Leisure & Culture	1	61	59	9	130
Strategic Planning, Highways & Traffic & Transportation	0	57	20	4	81
Total	79	609	1148	148	1984

**This category would include, for example, employees who leave the Council after 12 weeks on the redeployment register. It also relates to some school redundancies due to school closures.*

EDUCATION (COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)

W5	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES</u></p> <p>How many schools in Cardiff are used as polling stations?</p> <p>Given the number of school days lost as a result of elections, will the council consider stopping using schools as polling stations?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>In the UK Parliamentary Election that was held on 7 May 2015, the Council used 31 schools/colleges in Cardiff. Two of these schools had portacabins located outside of their premises.</p> <p>All schools are given 11 months notice that the Electoral Services team will require use of their premise as a polling station. A number of schools do remain open during polling day and others will use an INSET day so no children are on-site on polling day.</p> <p>The Electoral Services team tries to avoid using schools as much as possible and seeks to use alternative venues, but on many occasions there is no other suitable venue within the polling district. For example, more recently, the closure of community buildings such as Splott Pool has necessitated a return to using school premises in some polling districts.</p>
W6	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES</u></p> <p>Do you find it alarming that only 8.8% of applicants for Welsh-language nursery provision starting in April 2015 were successful in securing a place at their first-choice nursery?</p> <p>What steps will you take to improve the situation in April 2016?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Children in Cardiff are entitled to a part-time nursery place from the start of the term following their third birthday and must attend for a minimum of five half days. Nursery places are not allocated on a catchment area basis.</p> <p>Wherever possible, places are offered in a local community nursery school or nursery class within two miles of a child's place of residence. If places are unavailable in local community nursery schools or nursery classes, parents may apply for nursery education place funding for placesPage 19 approved non-maintained settings</p>

including private day care and cylch methrin.

We are committed to ensuring the availability of quality early years provision in Cardiff and consultation on proposals related to additional nursery and primary places in the Butetown, Canton, Grangetown and Riverside areas and the Adamsdown and Splott wards will be undertaken in the Autumn term.

W7

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN

Some time ago, Cllr Derbyshire advised council he would ensure the Cardiff Dogs Home was actively promoted to try and find the dogs new homes, and agreed when it was suggested, some with their pictures should be put into local press and Capital Times. Could Cllr Derbyshire advise how many times this has actually been done?

Reply

Following discussion with officers, it was agreed that Capital Times would not be the most appropriate channel for advertising those dogs seeking new homes due to the lead time to publication and the potential for some to have already been re-homed by the time Capital Times was distributed across the city.

We are utilising a number of other channels to promote the Dogs Home and those dogs seeking a new home, including the Friends of the Dogs Wales, which has a Facebook page and online forum. Representatives visit the Dogs Home at least twice a week to take photographs and write up details of all of the dogs that are seeking new homes for posting on Facebook and the online forum. The Facebook page has over 14,000 followers, which means that details of the dogs can be seen by a large number of people nationally and not just in Cardiff. Many enquiries and visits to the Dogs Home are made on the back of these posts.

The Council's Communications team also tweets frequently about the dogs that are seeking new homes and includes regular updates on the Intranet. In addition, interesting articles that are published in the local press about dogs which have been successfully rehomed or about a particular dog seeking a new home also provide an opportunity to further promote the work and profile of the Dogs Home. This work will continue.

HEALTH, HOUSING AND WELLBEING (COUNCILLOR SUSAN ELSMORE)

W8	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN</u></p> <p>How many requests for housing repairs (all) have not been completed upon the first visit of a contractor for the past 12 months for Pentwyn ward?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>During the past 12 months, Ian Williams have completed 1803 jobs in the Pentwyn ward. On average, each repair requires two visits as more than one trade is usually required to complete the job or a foreman needs to visit and assess fully the requirements of the job before it can be issued to tradespeople.</p> <p>The Council is now undertaking more responsive repairs through the in-house workforce and the first fix rate for these operatives is approximately 70%. However, it should be noted that while less work is being issued to contractors, the work that is issued does tend to involve the more complex multi-trade jobs, which are more likely to require multiple visits.</p>
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W9	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN</u></p> <p>At the end of the Media Brief (for councillors) of council press releases, it states that they are for internal use only and cannot be distributed outside the City of Cardiff Council. Could the Leader please clarify are they just for internal use only and cannot be sent to anyone outside of Cardiff Council, or are they for internal use and can be sent to anyone within the boundary of our city only?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I can confirm that the media briefing is intended only for internal use within the Council.</p>
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TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY (COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL)

W10	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES</u></p> <p>Will the ongoing repairs to (and closure of) Windsor Bridge affect the World Half Marathon next year?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Discussions are ongoing between the Council and Network Rail with regard to the programme of delivery for Windsor Road Bridge and contingencies will be developed to support the World Half Marathon, which is due to be held on 26 March 2016. I understand that the Chief Executive and the Director of Network Rail are also due to meet to specifically discuss the position relating to these works.</p>
W11	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>Could you list which roads, streets and estates are programmed to be resurfaced in 2015/16 per ward?</p> <p>Could you list the roads, streets and estates resurfaced in 2014/15 and 2013/14?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Asset Management & Assessment Team is currently undertaking the final site assessments which will determine the 2015/16 scheme lists for carriageway and footway reconstruction, resurfacing and preventative treatments.</p> <p>The schemes will be split into various contracts due to the different treatment types; therefore, the lists will be presented to Members as soon as assessments have been completed and approval achieved.</p> <p>Please see below lists of carriageways and footways that were resurfaced or received preventative treatments during 2013/14 and 2014/15:</p>

2013/14			
	Carriageway Resurfacing	Carriageway Preventative Works	Footway Resurfacing/ Preventative Works
Ward	Street Name	Street Name	Street Name
Adamsdown		Longcross Street Moira Place Pearl Street Tin Street	Beresford Road
Butetown	Penarth Road Loudoun Square James Street		
Caerau	A4232 (Multiple Sections x6)		
Canton		Greenwich Road Forrest Road Daisy Street	
Cathays	North Edward Street	May Street Alexander Street Minnie Street	Monthermer Road Park Place Senghennydd Road
Creigiau & St. Fagans	St Brides Road	Cardiff Road Llantrisant Road St Brides Road Pentrebane Road Heol Creigiau	
Cyncoed	Rhyd Y Penau Road Nant-Fawr Close		Black Oak Road Celyn Avenue Westminster Crescent
Ely	Grand Avenue		
Fairwater		Waterhall Lane Glan Ely Close (Multiple Sections x3) Fairwood Road	
Gabalfa		New Zealand Road (Multiple Sections x2)	
Grangetown			Sevenoaks Street
Heath	Eastern Avenue (A48)		
Lisvane	Graig Road		
Llandaff	Llantrisant Road	Radyr Court Close	
Llandaff North		Watson Road	
Llanishen	Kimberley Terrace Ty Glas Road Roundabout Heol Hir		Ty Glas Road
Llanrumney			Ball Road
Pentwyn	Pant Glas (Multiple Sections x2) Coed-Y-Gores Eastern Avenue (A48) Pentwyn Road	Waun Fach (Multiple Sections x2) Bryn-Y-Nant (Multiple Sections x2) Wern Goch East	

Pentyrch	Heol Isaf Roundabout	Heol-Y-Pentre Heol Goch Main Road (Multiple Sections x4)	
Penylan	East Moors Viaduct (Multiple Sections x3) Eastern Avenue (A48) (Multiple Sections x2)	Newminster Road Egremont Road Wasdale Close Grisedale Close Ennerdale Close Patterdale Close Arnside Road Borrowdale Close Deepdale Close Dovedale Close Mitre-dale Close	Carisbrooke Way
Plasnewydd	Clive Place Mackintosh Place		Clive Place
Pontprennau & Old St. Mellons	Eastern Avenue (A48)	Tyr Winch Road	
Radyr & Morganstown	Llantrisant Road (Multiple Sections x2)	Windsor Crescent Coed-Y-Llyn Graig Hir	Heol Isaf
Rhiwbina	Heol Derlwyn Caerphilly Road	Cwm Nofydd Clos Ton Mawr Bryntirion Mur Gwyn Rhos Llan Llwyn Rhosyn Heol-Y-Felin	
Riverside	William Street	Conway Road Llanfair Road Beacon Street	William Street
Rumney	Cae Glas Road (Multiple Sections x3) Newport Road		Greenway Road Ty-Mawr Avenue
Splott	Rover Way (Multiple Sections x6)		
Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	Caegwyn Road (major settlement) Forest Farm Road Old Church Road Ynys Bridge Roundabout	College Road Heol Gwrgan Heol Pant-Y-Rhyn The Parade Forest Farm Road (Part)	Greenmeadow Drive Heol Penlan Lon-Y-Celyn Old Church Road

2014/15

	Carriageway Resurfacing Street Name	Carriageway Preventative Works Street Name	Footway Resurfacing/ Preventative Works Street Name
Ward			
Adamsdown		Galston Street Prince Leopold Street Clyde Street Howard Terrace	Preventative: Clifton Street Constellation Street Diamond Street Pearl Place Pearl Street Tin Street
Butetown	Penarth Road	Hamadryad Road	Preventative: James Street

Caerau	Heol Poyston (Multiple Sections x2)	Heol Pant Y Deri Heol-Y-Castell	
Canton	West Orchard Crescent Lansdowne Road Windway Road	Halsbury Road Kingsland Road	Preventative: Beda Road Northumberland Street York Street
Cathays	Duke Street North Road Whitchurch Road Park Lane David Street		Resurfacing: St Andrews Place Preventative: Bruce Street Clun Terrace Dogfield Street Hazeldene Avenue Malefant Street Robert Street Tewkesbury Place Tewkesbury Street
Creigiau & St. Fagans	Michaelston Road	Crofft-Y-Genau Road Llantrisant Road	
Cyncoed	Llandennis Avenue Cyncoed Road	Llyswen Road Woodvale Avenue Henllys Road The Fairway	
Ely	Grand Avenue Cowbridge Road West		
Fairwater	Llantrisant Road	Llanbedr Road Pwllmelin Road	Resurfacing: Ashcroft Crescent Firs Avenue
Gabalfa	Allensbank Road	Heathfield Road Heathfield Place	
Grangetown	Clare Road Compton Street Hereford Street Jubilee Street Hadfield Road		
Heath	Allensbank Road Caerphilly Road Maes-Y-Coed Road Rhydhelig Avenue	St Edwen Gardens Keynsham Road St Tanwg Road Grove Place	Resurfacing: Crystal Avenue
Lisvane		Old Mill Road	Resurfacing: Llwyn-y-Pia Road
Llandaff	Cardiff Road Ely Road	Howells Crescent	
Llandaff North	Andrews Road	College Road Gabalfa Avenue Evansfield Road	Resurfacing: River View Preventative: Andrew's Road
Llanishen	Ty Glas Avenue (Multiple Sections x2)	Trenchard Drive Gibson Close	Resurfacing: Mayflower Avenue
Llanrumney	Ball Road Durlough Close		Resurfacing: Cheddar Crescent
Pentwyn	Circle Way East Glyn Coed Road Pentwyn Road (Multiple Sections x2)	Pennsylvania Bryn Celyn Brynheulog Glenwood	

Pentyrch	Ty-Nant Road	Cefn Bychan Heol Pant-Y-Gored Main Road	
Penylan	Ty-Gwyn Road (Multiple Sections x2) Newport Road	Carisbrooke Way Queensberry Road Linden Avenue	Resurfacing: Egremont Road
Plasnewydd	The Parade West Grove Wordsworth Avenue	Cyfarthfa Street Pen-Y-Wain Road Hendy Street	Resurfacing: Bedford Street Preventative: Inverness Place Mackintosh Place Pen-y-Wain Road
Pontprennau & Old St. Mellons	Maes-Y-Bryn Road		
Radyr & Morganstown	Drysgol Road Llantrisant Road		Preventative: Drysgol Road Heol Isaf Windsor Road
Rhiwbina	Heol Derlwyn Wenallt Road	Heol Hendre	Resurfacing: Lon-y-Dail
Riverside	Cathedral Road Sophia Walk	Severn Grove	
Rumney	Letterston Road Mardy Road (Multiple Sections x2) New Road Ty-Mawr Avenue Cae Glas Road		
Splott	Rover Way	Courtenay Road	
Trowbridge	Vaendre Close	Aberdaron Road Morfa Crescent Hendre Road	Resurfacing: Menai Way
Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	Northern Avenue Caegwyn Road Ynys Bridge RBT	Cradoc Road Violet Place	
Various (Principal Routes)	A4232 Southern Way A48		