

COUNCIL SUMMONS

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Friday, 24 June 2016



CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF DINAS A SIR CAERDYDD



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30 JUNE 2016

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CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL CYNGOR DINAS CAERDYDD



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STATEMENT OF THE LEADER

EU Referendum

Members will be aware of the cross-party statement that was issued by the Council on 27 June 2016 following the result of the EU Referendum that was held on 23 June 2016. As was made clear in the statement, this Council – and its partners – are strongly committed to building on Cardiff's history as a city of the world. Cardiff is a city which has welcomed people from across Wales and the globe to come and settle here. A City of Sanctuary.

The result is one of the UK's most successful and cosmopolitan cities in which people of all nationalities and ethnic backgrounds have historically made – and continue to make – a valuable contribution to the delivery of public services in Cardiff and to the local economy through their skills, knowledge, experiences and entrepreneurialism. It is essential that everyone recognises the strength that comes from our diversity and the role it plays in making our city great. I would urge Members to express their support for this position by undersigning the cross-party statement at this month's Council meeting.

I can confirm that a report on the implications of the EU Referendum result for Cardiff is expected to be considered by the Cabinet on 14 July 2016. I also met this week (28 June 2016) with Cardiff Public Services Board members to discuss the implications of the EU Referendum result on public services and our communities.

Cardiff Capital Growth and Competitiveness Commission

On 28 June 2016, I joined with the other Leaders and Chief Executives of the 10 local authorities involved in the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, as well as leading members from the business and education communities, in Merthyr Tydfil for the launch of an independent city region commission which has been appointed to lead the development of the Cardiff Capital Growth and Competitiveness Commission. This commitment formed part of the £1.2bn City Deal agreement that was signed in March 2016.

The Commission will be chaired by international city-region expert Professor Greg Clark and includes the following appointed commissioners: Alexandra Jones – Chief Executive, Centre for Cities; Kevin Gardiner – Global Investment Strategist, Rothschild, and Helen Molyneux – Chief Executive Officer, New Law. Additional Commissioners will also be appointed over forthcoming weeks.

The Commission's remit will be to review the evidence about the functional economic area and advise how best to generate Gross Value Added growth and support the ambitions of a dynamic capital region in a successful Welsh Page 3

Economy. It will also examine the challenges and opportunities for economic growth and competitiveness and make recommendations for how the Cardiff Capital Region can achieve its full growth potential and contribute most to the Welsh economy.

The Commission will gather evidence from community leaders, business and stakeholders before producing a report on how best the City Deal can be utilised to ensure economic growth across the Cardiff Capital Region. It will also analyse and evaluate the expert argument that will be devised by both Cardiff University and the Centre for Cities. The Commission's findings and independent recommendations for the future economic strategy for the region are due to be concluded and announced at a conference in the Autumn.

Cardiff Central Station Redevelopment

As part of ongoing discussions to secure UK Government funding for the redevelopment of Cardiff Central Station, the City of Cardiff Council, on behalf of the wider Cardiff Capital Region, is engaged in discussions with the UK Government Department for Transport about the future of Cardiff Central Station. I met recently with the UK Government Secretary of State for Transport, Rt. Hon. Patrick McLoughlin MP, on 8 June 2016 along with the Leaders of the other Core Cities. I also met with the Secretary of State for Wales, Rt. Hon. Alun Cairns MP, on 13 June 2016 to discuss this matter.

At present, there is no clear commitment by Network Rail on a future start date for any work to redevelop Cardiff Central Station, which is why the Council is working to secure a firm commitment from the UK Government to work with Network Rail to prioritise funding to undertake the necessary technical feasibility, cost and detailed design works required to enable a decision to be taken by the Department for Transport and Network Rail on the comprehensive redevelopment of Cardiff Central Station.

A decision on funding for this major redevelopment project needs to be taken now so that preparatory work is undertaken as soon as practicable and will ensure that work can commence on site in 2019 at the beginning of Network Rail's Control Period 6, which runs from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2024. Consultation on Network Rail's plans for Control Period 6 and related funding provision is currently being undertaken by the rail regulator, the Office of Rail and Road (ORR), as part of their Periodic Review 2018.

I have written to key stakeholders seeking their support for our approach and urging them to also make appropriate representations to the UK Government and Network Rail on this important matter. It is vital that work to redevelop Cardiff Central Station is undertaken alongside ongoing work to redevelop Central Square and to provide a new bus station.

UEFA Champions League Final 2017

Last month, I joined a Football Association of Wales (FAW) delegation in attending the 2016 Champions League Final in Milan between Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid. The visit provided an opportunity to learn more about the logistical requirements of hosting the world's most-watched annual sporting event with an estimated global TV audience of 200 million people in over 200

countries. Discussions held with representatives from UEFA and the Milan authorities will inform planning and preparations and for next year's Champions League Final, which will be held in Cardiff at the Principality Stadium on Saturday 3 June 2017. However, as part of the hosting agreement between UEFA and the FAW, the stadium will be referred to as the National Stadium of Wales solely for the purposes of the Champions League Final due to UEFA rules on sponsorship of the host venue.

Council Elections

The Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Mark Drakeford AM, confirmed in Plenary in the National Assembly for Wales on 22 June 2016 that councillors who are elected in the next local council elections to be held on 4 May 2017 will serve a full 5 year term until 2022. This was confirmed in a Written Statement that was issued the following day in which the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government further confirmed that the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales will return to its normal 10-year cycle of electoral reviews. He expects the Commission to publish a new, prioritised programme as soon as possible, which will ensure that electoral reviews are completed for all existing 22 local authorities by 2022 and take into account the age of the current arrangements in some areas and the amount of change that has taken place since the last review was undertaken. He also made clear that discussions on the local government reform agenda in Wales are ongoing with local authorities and other stakeholders and he expects to propose a way forward on local government reform in the autumn.

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

I met with Wales' Future Generations Commissioner, Sophie Howe, on 23 June 2016. The meeting provided an opportunity for the Council to update the Commissioner on our ongoing work to implement the statutory requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, including the establishment of a new Cardiff Public Services Board, which I chair and which met for the first time on 24 May 2016.

Councillor Phil Bale Leader of the City Council 29 June 2016 THIS PAGE IS INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

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CORPORATE SERVICES & PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

Operational Property

Last year was an active year in with the Councils operational estate. The estate was reduced in size by 275,000 sq. ft. through freehold and leasehold relinquishments such as Global Link. This realised a saving in £1m per annum in running costs and cleared a £4.4m maintenance backlog. In addition the council realised £6.8m in capital receipts, £4.5m was reserved for the capitalisation direction.

The Strategic Estates Department has drafted its second Corporate Asset Management Plan for 2016-17. The plan sets out the strategic direction for the Councils vast estate for the next year and has the same targets as last year targets in terms of reducing the running costs, maintenance backlog, size and also delivering capital receipts. The key themes of the Councils property strategy are; modernisation, rationalisation and collaboration and the strap line 'fewer, but better buildings' summarises the overall estate strategy.

Finance

2015/16 Outturn

The revenue outturn position showed a surplus of £1.696 million after contributions to and from reserves as compared to the surplus of £988.000 reported at month nine. The improvement reflected a number of factors including a significant improvement to the directorate positions at the year end, a higher surplus on Council Tax and an increase in non-domestic rate (NDR) refunds on Council properties following successful appeals to the Valuation Agency. Additional funding of £862,000 was also received in relation to the Outcome Agreement Grant as a result of confirmation from the Welsh Government regarding meeting the agreed outcomes and successful performance in relation to 2014/15. These were partly offset by a reduction to the previously reported underspend on capital financing as a result of utilising the under-spend to pay off historic premiums and penalties relating to rescheduling of borrowing undertaken in previous years. This will enable savings to be released in support of the 2017/18 budget strategy. Contributions were also made to reserves including £1.0 million, which as set out in the Budget Report forms part of the funding for the 2016/17 Budget.

A new Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) for Procurement was agreed at this month's Cabinet meeting. This is the first Alternative Delivery Model (ADM) to be achieved.

Mobile and Agile Working for Social Care Staff

Mobile working for carers is now fully rolled out and covers around 150 staff. They are using both the scheduling tools and the mobile working tools to streamline both the back office staff tasks and the carers. We are in final stages of system handover and user adoption. The project to mobilise the Adults and Children's service staff leaving Global link continues with over 200 users currently using new laptops or tablets in order to improve the way they work allowing them to work in a very flexible manner. Over 80 touch-down points have been created across the city where staff can call in to work or use facilities such as printing or recharge their devices. The second phase of the rollout commences from 1st of September with around 500 staff in scope of the new mobile and agile working project all together. By the second phase we will have Office 365 and Skype for Business available as well as hopefully the ability to access email directly from a mobile phone without the use of Good – this is currently under evaluation.

Human Resources

Employee Health and Wellbeing Policy

An Employee Health & Wellbeing Policy was approved by Cabinet on16 June 2016. Identified as a priority by employees following the 2015 Employee Survey, the 3 year Employee Health & Wellbeing Strategy provides a framework for the Council to help improve the health & wellbeing of its workforce. Actions include: improving accessibility of information, guidance and support for all employees, progressing identified health promotion activities, support for specific initiatives such as Time to Change Wales(mental health) and Corporate Health Standard, piloting specific training programmes relating to achieving a better understanding of how best to support employees with mental health issues, drug and alcohol issues, and securing feedback from employees to help develop priorities for 2017/18.

Time to Change Wales pledge signed

On 26 May 2016, the Leader and Cabinet Members attended the Time to Change Wales staff event held at County Hall. The Chief Executive, Paul Orders and Corporate Director of Resources, Christine Salter signed the Time to Change pledge on behalf of staff, a public declaration of the Council's commitment to ending the stigma and discrimination around mental health. In addition to external guest speakers, those attending the event heard the personal experience from two employees who shared their personal experiences of how mental health has affected them and their lives. The event helped break the silence around mental health and allowed staff find out more about the help and support available, as well as take advantage of complimentary holistic therapies on offer.

New Director for Governance and Legal Services

Cabinet Members and Human Resources would like to confirm their support and offer a welcome to Davina Fiore into the role of new Director for Governance and Legal Services. Davina will be starting in her new role on the 19 September 2016.

PPDR Compliance and Sickness Absence

Personal Performance Development Review (PPDR) achieved its target of 90% at the end of year.

End of year sickness and absence continues to show a steady and gradual decline over the last four years from 11.49-9.56. Our Employee Assistance Programme is now been in operation since mind November and feedback from staff and trade union representatives have been encouraging, allowing early intervention and support across a wide range of subjects.

Web Team and Connect 2 Cardiff

During the month of May Cardiff's website received 167k visitors who viewed a total of 668k pages; over half of the visitors accessing the site used a mobile device.

Recycling and Waste continued to be our most popular section with over 90k page views. There was also a noted increase to 19k page views related to Voting and Elections; a fifth of these customers searching for their local polling station. Pages for the Lord Mayor increased by 56%, with 1,252 page views in total following the announcement of the new Lord Mayor for 2016/17.

Our online services continue to grow in their usage with 69% of all parking permit applications made online. 48% of our customers who chose to appeal a parking/traffic fine chose to do so online and nearly 3k customers chose the web to access their Council Tax information. Online payments have continued to be successful with 13k transactions bringing in £1.2m."

During the second busiest month of 2016 for the contact centre, days lost to sickness absence was reduced by 2% when compared to April and is also a 40% improvement to where we were in May 2015.

PPDR open-up reviews for 2016/17 took place for all available staff and C2C have achieved a 95% completion rate.

The service centre replied to 5722 customer emails which waited on average just 10 hours and 30 minutes before receiving a response. This speed of service helped contribute to a 96% customer satisfaction result and the receipt of 12 customer compliments.

Councillor Graham Hinchey Cabinet Member (Corporate Services & Performance) 29 June 2016 THIS PAGE IS INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

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EDUCATION & SKILLS STATEMENT

Cardiff 2020

In May the Cabinet approved "Cardiff 2020 – Aiming for Excellence" which sets out the long term improvement strategy for education and learning in Cardiff. Our vision is that all children and young people in Cardiff attend a great school and develop the knowledge, skills and characteristics that lead them to become personally successful, economically productive and actively engaged citizens. Our mission statement is that through excellent education and learning for all children and young people we strengthen economic prosperity, wellbeing and social cohesion in Cardiff.

Underpinning it our values are:

- Supporting the development of happy and resilient learners, with a focus on both academic achievement and personal well-being.
- Equality of opportunity and championing the success and life chances of all children by narrowing the gap in education outcomes.
- Working openly and collaboratively with each other and sharing knowledge, practice and learning.
- Raising the aspirations of all children and young people and our expectations of what they can achieve, irrespective of their background or need.
- Embracing diversity, practising tolerance and respect for ourselves, our communities and our environment.
- Celebrating the success of pupils, practitioners and schools at every opportunity.

Our key goals are:

- Excellent outcomes for all learners with consistently high expectations for all learners. That we address barriers to learning to ensure no child or young people are "left behind" with a flexible and engaging curriculum and a focus on high quality teaching at the heart of every school.
- A high quality workforce our aim is to attract the best people to lead and work in our schools. To recruit, retain and develop staff at all levels.
- 21st Century learning environments to ensure there are appropriate, high quality place for our children and young people and that schools are strongly connected to their communities.
- A self-improving school system- that schools collaborate building the capacity for collective improvement across the system.

• Schools and Cardiff in partnership – we recognise the links between schools and the communities they serve but also aim to work with all our partners including businesses and the arts.

For each of the goals there is a plan of action and success measures. The full report can be read here:

Welsh: https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Documents/Caerdydd%202020.pdf.

English: https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Documents/Cardiff%202020.pdf

As a fast growing city we face challenges but we are determined to face them to ensure that all our children have the best start in life and can play a full role in the life of the city both as citizens and economically.

Councillor Sarah Merry
Cabinet Member (Education & Skills)
29th June 2016

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE STATEMENT

Brand New Community Hub Opens in Fairwater

I am extremely pleased to announce that Fairwater Hub opened its doors for the first time on Monday 16th May, bringing improved and extended citizen services to the area. Considerable refurbishment via the Community Hubs project has seen the former Fairwater Library building on Doyle Avenue upgraded and extended into a bright, colourful and multifunctional Hub. Council and partner agencies will now deliver services from this single location, allowing customers to engage with the Council more easily, and to access key information and amenities more quickly and conveniently than ever before.

Trained staff are on hand at the new facility to help visitors utilise the Hub services, which include a full Library service, quiet area and space for children's events, a full Housing and Benefit service and Into Work Advice. Private interview rooms and a meeting room are also available, and there will be regular visits from partner organisations to provide specialist help and advice. The Hub further boasts an IT suite with public PCs, free internet and Wi-Fi access, and free phones to contact the Council and other services. The community's reaction so far has been extremely positive.

I would like to extend the invite to all members to the official launch of the Hub will take place on the 15th July.

Fanzone

I am sure that Members of the chamber will wish to join me in congratulating the Welsh Football team for their outstanding achievements to date in respect of the 2016 UEFA European Championship.

The Welsh team is leading the way, with their passion and commitment in the way they are playing football and I am particularly proud of the way that the Council of the Capital City has played its part in supporting this historic achievement through the provision of a community Fanzone for every welsh game. The Fanzone in Coopers Field has proved a great success and its popularity continues to grow as the team progresses through the stages. I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of key partners for their support in the delivery of this initiative Norman Sayers of Sayers Amusements Ltd , BBC Wales who are the official media partners, and FAW for their support in delivering the Sport Cardiff attractions on site. Capital FM and of course South Wales Police have also played pivotal roles in the success of the Fanzone to date and I would also like to thank them for their support.

This competition is a further opportunity to put Wales on the world stage, with images of the home support at the Cardiff Fanzone beamed around the world. This is fantastic for the city and I know what a boost it must be to the boys to see the demonstration of support from home. I am sure they will continue to do us proud. We wish them all the best on Friday against Belgium.

Councillor Peter Bradbury Cabinet Member (Community Development, Co-Operatives and Social Enterprise) 29 June 2016

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SAFETY, ENGAGEMENT & DEMOCRACY

Cardiff Youth Council (CYC) is the official network for young people in the capital. CYC & Cardiff Council have committed to co-producing 3 Grand Council events at the City Hall during the academic year 2016/7.

A Grand Council provides young people from schools, colleges and youth organisations the opportunity to take part in conference style, daylong event with themed workshops and debates to help shape the city.

Decembers Grand Council focused on 'What Matters To Future Generations' which gave delegates the chance to voice their opinion on the councils budget proposals and the What Matters strategic plan.

March's Grand Council enabled young people to join Cabinet Members to discuss the future direction of the city.

The Grand Council on July 6th will enable young people from schools across Cardiff to join a number of representative guests from across South Wales.

The theme for the day is the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) national initiative - Make Your Mark. In 2015 this initiative enabled 7,500 from Cardiff and 1 million 11-18 year olds from across the UK to identify their top issues.

These issues are then debated by MYP's (Members of Youth Parliament) in the House of Commons each November. MYP's then vote to set national priorities and campaigns for the coming year. CYC then use the Cardiff data to set local priorities and run campaigns to make Cardiff a better place to live, work and play.

At the Grand Council event delegates will receive information and training to be able to take Make Your Mark back into their communities to enable their school to take part in Europe's biggest youth consultation! The event will also including CYC sharing the outcomes from its 2015/16 campaigns which originated from Make Your Mark.

I will be co-hosting the event with Elin Bold and Stephanie Ezeadum recently elected MYP's for Cardiff.

Councillor Dan De'Ath
Cabinet Member (Safety. Engagement & Democracy)
29 June 2016

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ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

Parks

I am pleased to report on-going activity in respect of our community and outreach programmes in parks that last financial year attracted in the region of 23,000 volunteer hours.

Through grant funding from Natural Resources Wales we are continuing to develop our volunteer hub at Forest Farm and are currently piloting a Volunteer Induction park for prospective volunteers which sets out the opportunities that exist and the preparation required, to enter the world of volunteering.

We continue to work with stakeholders of the Volunteer Development Partnership Group, in particular, the Cardiff Rivers Group and Keep Wales Tidy and whereby a series of community based litter picks aimed at improving the local environmental quality have been undertaken during the first quarter of the year.

The Urban Buzz project is also gathering pace, the project is enabling local communities to improve areas for pollinators, in doing so contributing to the Pollinator Action Plan for Cardiff. In this respect it has been a very busy spring with over 20 new sites being introduced, including schools, libraries, community centres, Cardiff University and Cardiff Council.

The parks service is currently hosting two students from the Horticultural College of our twin city of Nantes for a period of two weeks and linked to their course of study.

Our partnership with the RSPB goes from strength to strength and I am delighted to confirm that following the success of TAPE in Bute Park last summer, another experience called In the Eyes of the Animal will feature from 15 July 2016 through to 4 August 2016. Using technology to change park users perspectives and reinterpret the natural environment, virtual reality headsets and motion packs will convey a multi-sensory journey all through the eyes of animals native to the park.

The Victoria Park Splashpad was officially opened by the Lord Mayor on 24 June, pupils from schools in Canton attended the opening and were the first to use and enjoy the new facility. The fantastic splashpad includes sprays, jets, a tipping bucket spread across three zones designed for toddlers, juniors and families.

Bereavement Services

Bereavement Services are working with Protocol and Parks Services to prepare for the unveiling of the Cardiff Great War Memorial at Hendre Lake on 7 July 2016. The date for the unveiling has been specifically chosen to commemorate the Battle of Mametz Wood. All Councillors along with schools from across Cardiff have been invited to attend alongside other invited guests and the general public.

Bereavement Services has also held the annual Baby Memorial Service at the Wenallt Chapel which is arranged in partnership with Sands and the University Hospital of Wales Chaplaincy Department.

In Cathays Cemetery successful walks have been held throughout June in partnership with the University of South Wales. Pollinator planting with Buglife has also been carried out at Cathays Cemetery with 750 plug plants being planted at the cemetery with local schools, Friends of Cathays Cemetery and Community Payback.

Recycling Performance

(i) Education Activities

- June is a busy month with the students leaving us for the end of term.
 Our "get it out campaign" is in full swing. With extra resources to tackle the large volumes of extra waste presented at this time of year.
- The new waste app has now been launched and is available for people to download. Not only does this provide the same service as tidy text, it also provides information on what can be recycled and goes in each container. A text and email reminder service are still available for those without a smart phone.

(ii) Collections

 Very pleased to state that we are progressing with new in cab technologies for waste management. It will take us a year to procure the right systems but they will give us much more visibility of collection issues and a better quality service for residents. It will also mean the diamond sticker for registered collections will no longer be required once the system is fully operational.

(iii) Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC's) and Reuse

• The reuse tenders will be issued in the next two weeks to secure a partner for free household reuse collections and develop a reuse shop in partnership with us.

Councillor Bob Derbyshire Cabinet Member (Environment) 29 June 2016



COUNCIL 30 JUNE 2016 - ORAL QUESTIONS

1 QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHAUNDY

Can the Council list any projects that might be affected by the possible withdrawal of EU funding?

2 QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALKER

The Leader and his cabinet took a decision at Cabinet on 15 May 2014 to 'carry out procurement processes for the future management of the Council's leisure centres and arts venues.' Officers were delegated by this decision, over two years ago, to take this decision forward, but outcomes are still awaited. This prevarication has continued with other improvement plans being placed on hold with belated referrals back to Council managers in-house, to take their operational performance to acceptable levels.

If it was the case that our own managers could have made the improvements needed, why were they not challenged and given the freedom to do so in 2012 when Labour took power or in 2014 when you became Leader? Had you possessed the courage and insight to act then, their potential and effectiveness could already have been assessed. Instead, below par performance continues to be tolerated and inactivity prevails as your administration approaches the end of its five year term.

3 QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALI

I'm sure we are all very shocked and saddened by the news of MP Jo Cox murder recently. Jo was an exceptional politician, caring, compassionate, energetic and highly effective. For us as Councillors the fact that Jo was murdered after holding her surgery, something we all do, is particularly poignant. Can I have a statement or has this Council taken any risk assessment for the Elected members and the Council staffs?

4	QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)
	QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE
	Is the European Social Fund money earmarked for the Inspire 2 Achieve programme secure, in light of the EU referendum result?
5	QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)
	QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON
	What plans does the Council have for the Graving docks?
6	QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)
	QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON
	Riverside people and the ward councillors welcome the planned introduction of a 20 mph zone across the ward. When will this be implemented?
7	QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)
	QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN
	Have any security pass badges been issued to anyone other than Councillors or Council employed staff to be able to access County Hall & City Hall freely; and, if they have, please advise to whom, when and why or whether there are any plans to issue any such security pass badges to anyone other than a Council employed employee or Councillor within the next 6 weeks?
8	QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)
	QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON
	As there are tailbacks of traffic on Lamby Way already, what will happen when Wedal Road Recycling Centre closes?

9 QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE (HEALTH, HOUSING AND WELLBEING PORTFOLIO) QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL Despite the shortage of housing in Cardiff, we need to review policy regarding blocks of flats with communal areas where one severely antisocial tenant can subject five or more tenants to years of misery. A sensitive let can be arranged after they are asked to move on or when they are evicted from the flat. However, if another tenant in the block transfers or moves out at around the same time, the sensitive let criteria does not apply to that flat creating the potential for those remaining tenants and the new sensitive let to be at the mercy of a new anti-social tenant. Therefore, can the sensitive let policy be reviewed to cover the whole block of flats to give those remaining tenants some quality of life? 10 QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION PORTFOLIO) QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN What consequences to you foresee arising from the Council's decision to backtrack on issuing FPNs for term time holidays and setting the bar at 90% attendance rather than the Welsh target of 95% and above; and how do you intend to communicate this to Headteachers and Chairs of Governors? 11 QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (SKILLS, SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT PORTFOLIO) QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDERS What specific actions will this administration be taking to ensure the safety of our residents in the light of reports of racial and religious abuse? 12 QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO) QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER

	How will the council engage councillors in any highway resurfacing programmes in their wards in 2016/17?
13	QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (SKILLS, SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT PORTFOLIO)
	QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS
	The Council are currently working on a new Charter with the Community Councils. I understand that not one of them is happy with the new Charter, and none are willing to sign up to it. As we seem to be at something of an impasse, what steps will the Cabinet member take to progress the issue towards a workable charter for all? Our community councils do fantastic work, all are volunteer members and at the moment are feeling very frustrated.
14	QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)
	QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON
	Pavements are meant to provide refuge for pedestrians – what is the Council's position on cars that park on pavements and bicycles that are ridden on pavements?
15	QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE
	(ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)
	QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLARK
	The ruling administration forecasts that the 58% recycling target will be met for 2015/16 in Cardiff. Please could you provide the proportionate breakdown for these recycling figures by each of the following categories:
	Bottom ash Garden waste
	Street leaf sweepings
	Food wasteGlass
	PaperTin/metal
	Melted down former wheelie bins
	Other plastics excluding melted down former wheelie bins

	Please could a comparable breakdown also be provided for the 53% recycling figure achieved in 2014/15.
16	QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE (HEALTH, HOUSING AND WELLBEING PORTFOLIO)
	QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON
	What action is the Council currently taking to prevent the sub-letting of social housing and what level of sub-letting is estimated to exist?
17	QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE)
	QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL
	Given that people in Cardiff are still being told that the previous administration's rejected 'brownfield-only' LDP is a viable option, can he identify any viable brown field sites that are not in flood plain areas which currently have no plans to build on them at present and can he outline the progress on those that are?
18	QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)
	QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON
	Are barbecues and fires allowed to be lit in our Council parks and sports fields?



COUNCIL, 30 JUNE 2016 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

W1 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

Councillors were recently sent invitations to a PR reception being held by the army at City Hall on 23rd June. What was the cost to the army for holding this reception on council premises?

What would have been the equivalent cost to a private individual or commercial organisation?

Reply

The Army hired City Hall, including the Lower Hall and Assembly Rooms, on 23 June 2016 for a Transition Fair. The event aimed to inform serving Armed Forces personnel, families and veterans about the support that is available to them. It also sought to help ease the transition process from Service life to civilian life by introducing Service leavers to appropriate organisations and employers.

At the end of the event, the organisers also hosted a reception in the Marble Hall. The cost of the hire of the Marble Hall for the reception was £250. This was a reduced fee, charged on a pro rata basis, for a one hour extension (from 5pm to 6pm) to the wider venue hire on that day.

A minimum hire fee of £1500 per six hours would normally be charged for the use of the Marble Hall, but the reduced fee was applied as a result of the overall charges that were paid by the Army for the hire of City Hall, which were directly comparable to those for private individuals or commercial organisations.

W2 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

How many books have been withdrawn from the temporary library facility at the CRI since the facility was made available?

Reply

I can confirm that Roath Library customers are continuing to access library services. Our records show that there have been 42,991 transactions (i.e. issues and renewals of books) which can be attributed to registered Roath Library customers since November 2014 when Roath Library was closed temporarily due to maintenance issues. The majority of the seges be have taken place at Splott, Penylan and Central Libraries.

The temporary facility at Cardiff Royal Infirmary (CRI) has only been open since March 2016 and has 400 books available. During the period from March to June 2016, there have been 49 book issues from the kiosk based at CRI; however, we do know both from the number of requests that the Neighbourhood Development Librarian has taken and the number of books we have restocked that more books are being loaned outside the system.

Steps are being taken to ensure that library customers are aware that the stock must be issued through the Library Management System via the kiosk. This will allow for more accurate formal reporting on stock issues and renewals at the CRI library.

Officers have been promoting the CRI library to date, but I have asked them to undertake further promotional work to ensure that local residents are fully aware of its location.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE (COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY)

W3 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

What is the frequency of grass cutting for the grassed areas around County Hall?

Reply

I can confirm that the cost of grounds maintenance at County Hall is met by the Facilities Management service and the areas of grassland are cut up to ten times per year. The actual number of cuts, as well as the timings and intervals between cuts, is dependent on a number of factors such as ground and weather conditions.

ENVIRONMENT (COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE)

W4 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

When will there be information available online to advise and support civic-minded residents who want to organise litter-picks in their communities?

Will the council also make available the necessary resources (gloves, grabbers etc.) for loan in our streets?

Reply

The Waste Strategy Team is currently working to redevelop the Keep Cardiff Tidy website. A section of the new website will include information on how residents can get involved with community litter picks and other activities, as well as a calendar of events. We expect to launch this new website towards the end of July 2016.

The Council plays a leading role in facilitating community litter picks in the city, which are undertaken by resident groups and community groups such as the Cardiff Rivers Group. The annual Get It Out for Cardiff campaign also seeks to promote local resident involvement in helping to keep communities clean. We actively support community events where we can with staff, equipment, literature to hand out, recycling kits, social media support etc.

In addition, the Council has a longstanding relationship with Keep Wales Tidy who we fund to support community litter picks. If volunteers want to get involved with litter picks, we do encourage them to sign up with Keep Wales Tidy, which has lots of appropriate equipment that can be loaned to volunteers. The Council's Street Cleansing Team will then arrange collection of the waste once the litter pick has been completed.

TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY (COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL)

W5 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

Please set out definitively the traffic/parking offences which can be enforced by council parking wardens, and those which remain within the purview of South Wales Police.

Please also explain which offences require the presence of road markings; my understanding is that South Wales Police can no longer book people for being parked within 10m of a junction (despite it being against the Highway Code) as junction parking now falls within the council's remit, but Cardiff Council officials cannot enforce the offence either unless there are double yellow lines.

Reply

The following parking offence is enforceable only by the Police: Page 27

 Obstruction – this would include parking dangerously at junctions and on pavements even in the absence of yellow lines. What constitutes an obstruction is down to the discretion of the attending Police Officer/PCSO; however, parking within 10 metres of a junction is not in itself illegal. The Police may enforce parking within 10 metres of a junction on the basis of safety concerns.

The traffic contraventions that are enforced currently by both the Police and the Council are:

- Stopping on a pedestrian crossing or zig-zags at a pedestrian crossing
- Stopping in a restricted area outside a school when prohibited by Keep Clear Zones
- Being in a bus lane
- Stopping in a box junction when prohibited
- Performing a prohibited turn (no left/right/u-turn)
- Parking adjacent to a dropped footway, cycle track or verge including H-bar markings.

The parking contraventions that are enforced currently by the Council are:

- Parking in a restricted street during prescribed hours (yellow lines)
- Parking or loading/unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading/unloading restrictions are in force (yellow lines with yellow kerb markings)
- Parking after expiry time on pay and display ticket
- Parking without clearly displaying a pay and display ticket
- Parking with payment made to extend the stay beyond initial time (meter-feeding)
- Parking in a resident permit bay without a valid permit or with an invalid permit
- Parking in a suspended bay
- Re-parking in the same parking place when prohibited return parking restrictions.
- Parking in a place not designated for that class of vehicle
- Not parking correctly within the markings of the bay or space
- Parking in a loading place during restricted hours without loading
- Parking more than 50cm away from the kerbline
- Parking for longer than permitted
- Parking in a disabled persons' parking place without displaying a blue badge
- Stopping on a taxi rank

- Stopping on a bus stop
- Parking partially or wholly on a cycle lane
- Stopping in a restricted area outside a school when prohibited

The parking contraventions that are enforced currently by the Council, which do not require road markings, are:

- Parking more than 50cm away from the kerbline
- Parking adjacent to a dropped footway, cycle track or verge.

