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STATEMENT OF THE LEADER

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WLGA Delegation Visit to Brussels

I visited Brussels on 4-6 September 2016 as part of a Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) delegation in my role as the WLGA Spokesperson for European Affairs. It was a productive visit which included a number of meetings with key partners, including the Welsh Government, National Assembly for Wales, Welsh Higher Education, LGA, COSLA, Bristol and Greater Manchester. The WLGA delegation also met with a number of key network partners, including Eurocities and the European Network for Rural Development. The need for continued dialogue, engagement and cooperation were highlighted as key issues going forward as we develop new relationships with our European partners post-Brexit in order to ensure that we continue to exchange good practice, knowledge and experiences of dealing with common challenges and to maximise opportunities for developing common solutions.

Official Opening of the Tramshed

I attended the official opening of the Tramshed in Grangetown by the First Minister of Wales on 12 September 2016. This fantastic new cultural and arts venue was developed as a result of the Council using the former council tram depot very differently. The City Council took the decision to enter into a partnership with a local developer and the building has been transformed with various facilities, including a music/entertainment venue, café-bar and tech-hub. An art gallery, dance studios, 'live-work' apartments and office space are all also planned for the site, while a 40-seat cinema is set to open next month. This project has also created 300 long term job opportunities and will help to regenerate this part of the city and the wider community of Grangetown.

Launch of the Inclusive Growth Commission and Core Cities Cabinet Meeting

I attended the annual Core Cities Business Summit, which took place in London on 22 September 2016. The Summit focussed on 'Inclusive Growth', and considered – post-Brexit – how cities and places in the UK and internationally are grappling with how to deal with a sustained period of low growth and high inequality, and the distribution as well as the creation of growth. The interim findings of the [Inclusive Growth Commission](#), chaired by former BBC economics editor Stephanie Flanders, were launched at the Summit and build on the work of the RSA's City Growth Commission. The Inclusive Growth Commission is seeking to devise new models for place-based growth, which enable the widest range of people to participate fully in, and benefit from, the growth of their local area. Over the course of the summer, representatives of the Commission have visited Cardiff and received evidence from the Cardiff Capital Region.

The Core Cities Cabinet also launched their [Whole Place Leadership](#) prospectus, which gave practical examples across a wide range of areas of how cities are leading places and leading the reform of public services. The Cardiff Public Services Board and the [Education is Everybody's Business](#) initiative both featured as case studies.

Welsh Government European Advisory Group

I attended the first meeting of the Welsh Government European Advisory Group on 28 September 2016 in my role as the WLGA Spokesperson on European Affairs. The advisory group was established by the First Minister in response to the outcome of the EU referendum held in June 2016 in order to discuss the consequences of Brexit for Wales. The group is chaired by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government and comprises representatives from the public and private sector, as well as Wales' MEPs.

As the local government representative, I am keen to ensure that the voices of communities – from both 'Leave' and 'Remain' sides – are heard in the discussions. Although 60% of voters in Cardiff voted to remain in the EU, it is crucial that the views of 'Leave' voters are not ignored. By being in a position to bring the voice of real people to the discussions, local government brings a meaningful contribution to the table and is not just there to make up the numbers.

Growth and Competitiveness Commission

The Growth and Competitiveness Commission, which was launched in late June 2016, has also held a series of seminars across the Cardiff Capital Region in recent weeks, in addition to issuing a public call for evidence. The Commission is due to report its findings in November 2016.

Bilingual Cardiff: Five Year Strategy

The draft Bilingual Cardiff: 5 year strategy is due to be published shortly for consultation and will be available on the Council's website. This is a city-wide strategy which sets out the Council's priorities for promoting and developing the Welsh language in Cardiff. The strategy builds on our existing work and is one of the statutory requirements of the new Welsh Language Standards which were introduced earlier this year. It will include a target to increase the number of Welsh speakers within Cardiff over a five year period, as well as our priorities for facilitating the use of the language in line with the Welsh Government's Welsh Language Strategy.

The consultation exercise will give the public and elected members the opportunity to have their say on how we can promote and develop the Welsh language in Cardiff to support the Council's vision of a truly Bilingual Cardiff. Following the consultation, a detailed action plan will be developed with our partners to deliver on identified priorities.

EDUCATION & SKILLS

School Results

The results for the 2015-2016 academic year build on the improvements seen last year. They indicate that the actions of schools, the local authority and consortium combined have consolidated and further improved provision and outcomes for learners.

In the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 the rate of improvement over the last four years in Cardiff is greater than across Wales as a whole. Cardiff is now ahead of the national average in the two main indicators in the primary phase. In the Foundation Phase Outcome Indicator the difference is almost two percentage points (2 ppt), in the Core Subject Indicator (CSI) at Key Stage 2 the difference is nearly 1 ppt. At Key Stage 3 performance in the CSI is still improving and the rate of improvement has increased this year.

At Key Stage 4 outcomes improved in all the main indicators. In the level 2+ threshold Cardiff's performance rose by 3 ppt, making a 12 ppt improvement over the last three years. The wider level 2 measure continues to improve but the rate of improvement is too slow (2.8 ppt this year). Following the fall in the level 1 indicator in 2015, the currently available data on this measure shows an increase of 2.8 ppt to 94.9% which also represents an increase on that achieved in 2014. At Key Stage 5 the proportion of subject entries at A* or A fell slightly but the proportion achieving A*-C and A*-E increased. All measures compare favourably with the national averages.

Despite the strengthening picture across the board, outcomes at the end of Key Stage 4, particularly in the level 1 and level 2 thresholds, are not yet high enough. Whilst there was a notable 7.7 percentage point improvement in Level 2 + for eFSM pupils, attainment for this group is still notably below non FSM pupils.

Junior Apprenticeships

This innovative programme, jointly funded by Cardiff City Council, Cardiff schools and Cardiff and Vale College, offers a brand new route for young people to develop their skills for a future career. The aim is to make the young people employable and ready to progress onto a higher level course or apprenticeship in their chosen career at the age of 16. During Year 10 and 11 young people on a Junior Apprenticeship programme go to the College, instead of school, five days a week during term-time. They develop knowledge, skills and gain industry qualifications for their chosen future career. Alongside this

they will study English and Mathematics and continue to sit GCSE exams in these subjects.

The first cohort made up of 30 year 10 and 19 year 11 pupils started at the college in September 2016. They are following one of six pathways; automotive, construction, hospitality and catering, digital media, public services and hair and beauty.

School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP)

SHEP is a joint initiative between Education Catering, Cardiff and Vale UHB, Public Health Wales, Sports Cardiff and Food Cardiff and is delivered in partnership with schools and community settings in Community First areas of Cardiff. It provides good quality meals, nutrition skills and sports education to children living in areas of social deprivation in Cardiff.

This summer eleven Cardiff schools delivered the programme:

- Baden Powell Primary School
- Hywel Dda Primary School
- Meadowbank Primary School
- Millbank Primary School
- Moorland Primary School
- Ninian Park Primary School
- Riverbank Primary School
- Severn Primary School
- Ysgol Coed y Gof
- Ysgol Nant Caerau
- Fitzalan High School

A community initiative also operated in Albany Baptist Church, which was attended by pupils and families from Albany Primary School, Marlborough Primary School and Roath Park Primary School.

The programme ran from 9am until 3pm for 3 days a week for 4 weeks of the summer holidays. It included breakfast, lunch, nutrition skills education, sport and a programme of activities developed through the schools, Community First Teams and other agencies. The last day of each week featured a family lunch and activity afternoon.

Each school appointed a SHEP Co-ordinator, SHEP Assistants and SHEP Kitchen Manager. Staff leading the delivery of the programme in each school completed 'Making Every Contact Count' training and achieved 'Nutrition Skills for Life Level 1' certification.

SHEP schools were visited by:

Emma Williams, Deputy Director, Support for Learners, Welsh Government

Chris Jennings, Director of Sport, Cardiff Metropolitan University

Councillor Caro Wild

Councillor Peter Bradbury

Councillor Sarah Merry

Mark Drakeford AM

Nick Batchelar, Director of Education

Vaughan Gething AM

An evaluation framework has been developed in partnership with Decipher (Centre for the Development and Evaluation of Complex Interventions for Public Health Improvement) at Cardiff University and the programme was overseen by an Independent SHEP Advisory Board. It is anticipated that formal evaluation will be available early November 2016.

SHEP programmes have also run in four other local authorities this summer: Vale of Glamorgan, Neath Port Talbot, Denbighshire and Wrexham.

Cardiff 2020

A renewed vision for education and learning in Cardiff was launched on 29th June 2016 at City Hall at an event involving over 400 people including pupils, head teachers, business leaders, council members and officers, school governors and wider partners from across the city. Cardiff 2020 sets out 5 key goals for education and learning: Excellent outcomes for learners; A high quality workforce, 21st century learning environments; A self-improving school system and Schools and Cardiff in partnership.

Education Development Board

Cardiff's multi agency Education Development Board will maintain an overview of progress against the vision, goals and outcomes set out in Cardiff 2020 and will develop partnership working to deliver the ambitions that have been set out. A new Chair has been appointed to the Board. Mr Rod Alcott, a former Wales Audit Office manager and peer adviser to the Council will take up the Chair in October 2016.

New Headteachers – 1st September 2016

Twelve new Headteachers/Acting Headteachers took up post on 1st September 2016. Eight of these are new to headship.

There are currently eleven schools with Acting Headteachers in place and four schools with Interim Headteachers in place.

Four schools have Executive Headteacher arrangements in place. Three of these are a continuation existing arrangements and the fourth began on 1st September 2016.

School Organisation

The growing primary age population continues with an increased this year in the numbers of children entering Reception this September.

The number of children who enrolled in Reception in September 2016 was 4,322, those who are enrolled in Year 6 was 3,856, a difference of 466 more children per year entering the primary school system than leaving it to move on to secondary school.

The Council is responding to this by the creation of additional primary forms of entry across the City including this year the completion of an extension to Adamsdown Primary School, Coed Glas Primary and Ysgol Y Wern in Llanishen.

In addition, two new primary schools have recently opened: Howardian Primary in Penylan in 2015 and Ysgol Hamadryad, a welsh medium primary school in September this year.

A successful procurement exercise was undertaken this summer for three new primary school buildings. The first two will accommodate Howardian Primary and Ysgol Hamadryad, whilst the third will accommodate an enlarged Ysgol Glan Morfa in Splott.

The successful bid for the three new schools of £13.5m was made by Morgan Sindall, considerably below the tender level of £17m. The new community focussed primary schools are being designed in consultation with the schools and governing bodies to provide modern and flexible 21st Century learning environments.

The Eastern High School construction is now underway and a ground breaking ceremony is taking place on Friday the 30th September. The school has been designed to be open and flexible, with high standard sporting facilities. A digital flythrough of the design of the school and grounds has been prepared and this can be viewed on the following link <https://youtu.be/7dxu0Em2RI4>

Councillor Sarah Merry
Cabinet Member (Education & Skills)
28th September 2016

TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Cardiff Car Free Day

Cardiff's first 'Car Free Day' was held on Thursday 22nd September, when Cardiff's residents and visitors were encouraged to leave their cars at home and use alternative ways to travel into and out of Cardiff.

The event coincided with World Car Free Day which is held each year on 22nd September.

The event focused on Park Place, an important distributor road which is used by around 15,000 vehicles a day and is also a major bus route.

The closure of the street provided the opportunity to stage a Car Free Day Outdoor Sustainable Transport Exhibition in combination with a Street Party to celebrate Cardiff University Freshers Week.

Council officers worked closely with a large number of key partners over several months to plan for the event. We extend our thanks to all of the partners who took part in Car Free Day, including Cardiff University and Cardiff University Students' union, Nation Radio, bus companies and transport charities and social enterprises.

It was attended by 16 main exhibitors, Street Food vendors and entertainers and numerous Cardiff University Student Union societies and attracted large numbers of visitors throughout the day. Car Free Day received considerable coverage in local media including Nation Radio and ITV Wales as well as live updates throughout the day on Wales Online.

Park Place was closed to cars throughout Car Free Day, but special provision was made for access for people with disabilities and for users of Cardiff University's Crèche. The closure of Park Place was advertised through a formal Traffic Regulation Order, which had to be sealed to allow the closure to go ahead, and on Early Warning Signs and the Council's Variable Messaging System, to allow residents and commuters to prepare for the closure. We also worked closely with Nation Radio to promote the event through a campaign on this station.

The main objectives of this event were to spend one carefully planned day without cars, to study and observe the outcomes and to reflect and plan for the future of Car Free Day in Cardiff.

Media coverage of the event appears to have been largely positive. However, the Council is undertaking an internal review of the event which will involve

assessing the air quality data gathered, considering the impacts on traffic conditions on the day and feedback from exhibitors and stakeholders. We will publish further information once we have completed our work on this.

Moving forward, and recognising the calls that have come in response asking for a bigger event, we will carefully consider options for staging events of this kind in the future.

Questions and Answers

How much did it cost?

Car Free Day cost £20,000. This was used for radio marketing, holding the exhibition (e.g. providing the equipment for exhibitors) and implementing the road closure.

Why was only one street closed when more roads are regularly closed for sporting and other events?

Car Free Day 2016 was intended a 'pilot', to give the opportunity to observe and learn with the aim to grow for the future. Although only one road was closed for the event, Park Place is a key route into the city and for the major trip attractors of Cardiff University and the civic centre. Preparing for the closure and crucially, securing the support of the wide range of partners the Council worked with to hold this event, was vital in ensuring that the event ran successfully. The knowledge, experience and networks which have been developed will be invaluable for holding Car Free Days in future years. Events which require wider road closures (e.g. rugby internationals) often provide revenue for the Council because of the car parking/park and ride services which are required. This enables the road closures to be carried out at no, or little, cost to the local authority. This was not the case for Car Free Day, and the availability of funding for the event will be a factor in whether bigger – or more frequent – Car Free Days are held in the future.

Did it cause problems for drivers elsewhere in the city?

Early analysis has not revealed any wider problems on the city's network as a result of the closure.

Will more roads be closed next time?

We are considering options for holding more events of this kind in the future.

I didn't know the event was happening

Car Free Day was promoted widely through a campaign on Nation Radio, the Council's website and social media, exhibitor social media, websites and email marketing, press releases in local press and on Early Warning Signs and Variable Messaging Signs.

Councillor Ramesh Patel
Cabinet Member, Transport, Planning & Sustainability
28 September 2016

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL
ENTERPRISE**

1. STAR Hub Opening

Star Hub opened on 26th September to very positive comments from service users on the facilities available.

Trained staff will be on hand to help customers access a wide range of facilities and services including:

- State-of-the-art 25 metre, 5 lane swimming pool, with wheel-chair access.
- Modern and fully equipped gym, and dedicated spin area.
- A new junior leisure programme
- A range of fitness and martial arts classes
- Full library service, including children's area and public access PC's
- Housing, benefit and advice services
- Free phones to contact Council and other services
- Into Work advice and training courses
- IT Training Suite / Private interview rooms
- Partner organisations providing specialist help and advice
- Rooms for community meetings and events
- Modern Community Café Hub Opening Hours Active

Visitors to the Hub on the first day included children from Tremorfa Nursery and Twinkle Star Nursery who attended Story and Rhyme times in the Library; and attendees of the Ortega –Strength and Balance class, who were amongst the first to use the functional fitness equipment in the gym. Several customers took advantage of having a dip in the pool and enjoyed a drink from the community café.

The Hub has been busy all day with people coming in to use all the facilities. Leisure and Community staff were on hand to welcome them and show them around.

2. Roald Dahl Event

I am sure Members would wish to join me in congratulating the Wales Millennium Centre and the National Theatre Wales for the successful delivery of Road Dahl's City of the unexpected weekend - the biggest arts event ever staged in Cardiff to date.

In the language of Dahl himself, it was an unprecedented gloriumptious undertaking involving 5,000 volunteers and participants including 118 hula hoopers, 35 Members of the Ministry of the Predictable, 15 Roller Derby Rollerskaters, 8 Banquet Table Cyclists, 12 bands, 51 circus performers, 17 Fantastic Foxes an 800 strong choir, over 200 dancers and more than 400 performers, officers from South Wales Police & South Wales Fire and Rescue, an address from the First Minister and Leader of the City of Cardiff Council – one giant peach and an audience that could fill the Principality Stadium 3 times over.

And of course my personal appreciation to our very own Lord Mayor who wholeheartedly entered into the fun of the weekend by personally welcoming James his giant peach and its inhabitants on behalf of the people of Cardiff to Wales' Capital City.

The City of Cardiff Council was immensely proud of its role in facilitating this fitting tribute to Roald Dahl on the centenary of his birth and I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all officers involved in the planning and delivery of the event which saw over 300,000 people in the City Centre, 10,000 people join the wedding celebrations at City Hall and 25,000 people enjoy a giant pyjama picnic in Bute Park on Sunday - we are still picking up the feathers from the great pillow fight!

The Rondo BBC/Wales documentary 'Roald Dahl City of the Unexpected' was also very well received with BBC Wales reporting unprecedented viewing figures for an arts programme in Wales. Indeed, [over 200,000](#) have tuned in to watch the highlights programme to date alone and I would strongly recommend Members to take the opportunity to view the two half hour programmes on iplayer so you can enjoy the full scale of the undertaking and appreciate the efforts of all involved.

3. Summer Reading Challenge

This year's summer reading challenge has seen the most children **EVER** take part!

We are still counting but we have so far had over **6,350** children take part. **1,419** children have eaten over **£5,000** worth of ice-cream – Huge thanks to **Joe's Ice cream (Wellfield Road)** for supporting this event

We have identified pupils from 105 schools across Cardiff taking part. These include nurseries, SEN's, secondary and home and faith schooled children

Children have registered to take part in the challenge at every library and hub across the City and this includes registrations taking place at / from the Mobile Library.

The leading two libraries are Rhydypennau and Llanedynr. These two are neck and neck far ahead of third placed Penylan.

Pupils from one school in Splott have redeemed more ice-cream vouchers (as prizes for completion of the challenge) than children participating in the challenge from 9 different libraries

The top 5 schools feature from 5 different library catchment areas suggesting a strong, wide appeal. Supported by there being 9 libraries in the top 20 schools.

Final numbers will be available the 2nd week of October.

Councillor Peter Bradbury
Cabinet Member (Community Development, Co-operatives & Social Enterprise)

28 September 2016

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SKILLS, SAFETY, & ENGAGEMENT STATEMENT

Engaging Deaf People in Council Services

On Tuesday (29 September), Council officers visited Cardiff Deaf Centre on Newport Road for the second in a series of quarterly engagement events. Cardiff is seeking to achieve the BSL Charter, and this regular engagement will underpin our progress towards Charter status. Council and Police officers jointly engage members of Cardiff Deaf Club to help provide access to their services, and to identify solutions to any barriers to access they discover.

This week's meeting saw the Independent Living Service describe changes in access to health and social care emerging from the Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014, to enable Deaf people to access Information, Advice and Assistance. Communication and access to information remain the overarching theme to each event, and reflecting this the Council will publish a range of BSL videos on our website to widen access to Council services.

Black History Month Event

On 17 October the Council has agreed to host a combined Black History Month meeting of the Black and Minority Ethnic Employee Networks of several large employers in Wales, including the Council, Welsh Government, Gwent Police, Her Majesty's Passport Office, DVLA and more.

Our Chief Executive Paul Orders will sit on a high profile speaker panel including the Equality and Human rights Commissioner for Wales, the Chief Constable of Gwent, Britain's youngest female District Court judge and other managers, collectively exploring how large organisations can support the recruitment and development of minority ethnic people in their workforces, at a time when the Equality and Human Rights Commission has flagged up this issue as a significant cause for concern.

Good News from the Glamorgan Archives

The Glamorgan Archives has secured a number of successes in recent weeks.

First, the Archives won a prize at the 2016 International Council on Archives Congress in Seoul, Korea, in the category 'Best Film Portraying the Relevance and Importance of Archives'. The film saw members from self-advocacy group Cardiff People First tell their stories about Ely Hospital. Glamorgan Archives played a key role in their research, providing access and interpretation of old documents relating to Ely Hospital and the surrounding area. The jury said of the

film: 'There is so much heart and soul in this film, it's not possible to watch it without being touched'.

Secondly, the Archives have recently received the biggest Welcome Trust grant ever awarded in Wales, over £200,000 for a project to widen access to the National Coal Board records held in the Archive. Managers are interviewing this week to recruit staff to the project.

Ask Cardiff

Ask Cardiff – our annual consultation with residents – concluded on 11 September. This year we asked our residents questions pertaining to a variety of topics, including satisfaction with services, well-being, and questions around budgetary pressures and priorities designed to help inform the Council's final budget proposals. Over four thousand people responded to the survey, and we saw increases in response rates from some key hard-to-reach groups. We achieved statistical significance in responses from five of the city's six Neighbourhood Partnership Areas, the first time this has happened. Crucially, this includes Cardiff & City South (which has historically-low response rates,) although there is still more work to do in Cardiff East. There was also a significant increase in the percentage of respondents aged under 35, with just over twenty percent of respondents being within the 16-34 age range.

Analysis of the consultation results is ongoing but it is clear that the extent of the financial challenges the Council faces is recognised across all demographic groups.

Councillor Dan De'Ath
Cabinet Member for Skills, Safety & Engagement
28 September 2016

ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM: 14

Waste Management

The waste education officers have been working hard to welcome back our student community with outreach sessions, promotion of the new waste reminder sign up services and general door knocking to promote correct waste presentation for their year ahead

The City Council is aware of stories appearing on social media claiming that Wedal Road is set to close soon. We want to make absolutely clear that we are working to deliver three initiatives to help improve recycling rates across the city and these measures need to be in place before anything happens to Wedal Road.

We have always said that Wedal Road would be replaced by the new, enhanced Lamby Way HWRC when it opens. We also made clear last October that we would set up a new recycling/reuse facility in the city. This has always been the Council's position and that hasn't changed.

Work on the new Lamby way household recycling centre is now firmly underway.

I have been pleased to announce the launch of our new recycling and reuse service that will be available to all households free of charge in November. Items that can be reused or recycled will be collected free. This will run in parallel and complement our existing bulky charging service.

The unfortunate news is that the market place has not provided us with a strong reuse partner as yet, so we are having to go back out to the market to seek out a partner that can deliver the reuse vision for the future.

To ensure the Cabinet fully deliver all our commitments around reuse and HWRC facilities, the Wedal road site remains open until a suitable reuse facility is in place, as suitable alternative provision for residents is essential.

The timetable for the winter green waste collections is now available and we are promoting the changes well ahead of the changes. Following feed back we have moved the start of the winter green waste monthly collection service back two weeks. Although we are always at the mercy of mother nature and when the leaves will fall, but this should help accommodate the leaf fall period.

We have had great recognition for many of our activities in recent National awards this month. The excellent partnership with the NHS and our commercial waste team was shortlisted for a APSE award this month, along with our communication campaign “out of the black into the green” for the waste restricting changes. It is really good to see our work getting national recognition. In addition, our local community project “Keep Roath Tidy” has been shortlisted for a National Local Authority Recycling award.

Cardiff Dogs Home - Dog Food Sponsorship Deal with Burns Pet Food

A dog food sponsorship deal with Burns Pet Food has been put in place. As well as providing enough food for the animals housed at Cardiff Dogs Home the deal also means that everybody who gives a dog a home will receive a free 2kg bag of premium quality dog food. Last year the Council spent around £5,000 feeding the stray and homeless dogs it looks after. This new deal with Burns Pet Food will allow us to make important financial savings whilst ensuring that the dogs receive the healthy, balanced diet they need.

Cardiff Dogs Home has been awarded ‘gold’ in the Stray Dog Services strand of RSPCA Cymru’s Community Animal Welfare Footprints (CAWF)

This scheme which recognises good practice in relation to animal welfare and the dog’s home has been awarded this for the third year running. The award scheme covers four areas of work – stray dog services, housing, contingency planning and animal establishment licencing. Each footprint has three levels - gold, silver and bronze, each with increasingly demanding criteria.

Bereavement Services

APSE Award - Service Team of the Year in the Cemetery and Crematorium

The City of Cardiff’s Bereavement Services team have won two prestigious national awards.

The team, who carry out over 4500 funerals each year and deal with over 500,000 visitors to cemeteries across Cardiff won an Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Award for Service Team of the Year in the Cemetery and Crematorium category at the APSE event in Londonderry.

Good Funerals Award Crematorium of the Year

Thornhill Crematorium was named Crematorium of the Year at the Good Funeral Awards. The judging process for both awards looks at the whole service provided, with the Good Funeral Awards also including ‘mystery shopper’ visits and testimonials from service users. The Good Funeral Awards celebrates excellence throughout the whole funeral industry.

Judges for both awards praised the team’s commitment to addressing funeral poverty through the Cardiff Council Funeral Service which offers residents a

professional, dignified funeral service at a fixed low priced cost without any hidden extras.

Neighbourhood Services

I am pleased to confirm that Neighbourhood Services is moving forward at pace and improvements are being seen on our streets with the additional funding provided.

The Blitz team are working hard in the inner wards and are working on a rotating programme in the eight inner wards. An additional afternoon/evening cleansing team is working in the outer wards undertaking cleansing in district centres and identified hot spot areas.

The Neighbourhood Services approach is much more than cleansing. It is an approach that brings frontline services of cleansing, ground maintenance, highways maintenance operations and enforcement together. This approach supports improved working and allows services to work together to resolve more difficult issues. Through improved engagement Neighbourhood Services ensures 'the citizen is central to how we work'.

An example of the great work that is happening is that the Enforcement team have monitored the Splott area during the blitz and evidence has been found in black bags and they have issued 9 waste enquiries which could lead to a £80 fixed penalty being issued or a £100 fixed penalty being issued if they are under section 46 Notice. There has been 2 education actions where Officers spoke to the residents on how to dispose of additional waste and new resident was informed of correct waste presentation and there has been 10 incidents where they have searched and removed bags with no evidence found. There were two fly tipping incidents in the residential area which was removed but again no evidence was found to identify the person responsible.

I am aware that fly tipping is a problem and an example of this is the large fly tipping incident at Portmanmor Road industrial estate near unit 33. This caused major problems as the road was nearly blocked and traffic had to swerve around the waste. A large amount of plasterboard, tile and a bath were removed but no evidence was found.

These types of occurrences are happening regularly and are extremely disruptive to our services and upsetting to our citizens. I have asked the Neighbourhood Services team to make a concerted effort to see how they can make improvements. I have asked that an 'App' for fly tipping is developed to support reporting and that CCTV cameras are utilised in particular locations where fly tipping is virulent.

An encouraging aspect is that 'Love where you Live' and volunteering is having an influence on our citizens and thanks to our volunteer groups there has been some good partnership working in Cathays and Splott that will be taken forward into the other wards.

Parks, Sport & Harbour Authority

The Landmark Trust have formally responded to the approach from the Council and RSPB to support the partnership for Flat Holm Island, in terms of the built heritage. The Trust has, unfortunately at this time confirmed that they are not proposing to enter the partnership sighting sufficiency of buildings to provide the infrastructure and emergency support needed for staying visitors. Furthermore the Trust added that there would need to be a demonstrable improvement in confirmed transport and back up for them to make any further considerations. In view of this the Council will continue to manage the built heritage as an integral part of the partnership, the response from the Trust does not rule out partnership working in the future.

A new concession opportunity for the Secret Garden Café at Bute Park has been advertised and will close this week, the current concessionaire have advised that they will not be resubmitting.

Building on the Giving Nature a Home in Cardiff Project to date, the Council has been identified as a key partner, along with Buglife for a RSPB Cymru Big Lottery funding submission of circa 500k. If successful the project will operate through to 2022 and will continue to aim to encourage and enable communities across Cardiff to spend more time, more regularly outdoors experiencing and enjoying nature with others and enhancing their local environment for wildlife and people.

Rent Smart Wales

Activity Levels continue to rise with:

- 36,019 user account set up on the database:
- 22,777 completed registrations:
- 2,119 Licences issued
- 1977 licences in progress. We are now receiving approximately 300 applications / week.

Call volumes are now in excess of 550 calls on some days.

On the 23 November 2016 enforcement provisions will apply and offences will be committed where there is non-compliance. The marketing campaign has been stepped up to make sure that this is well understood. This includes a “count down the weeks” infographic on the Website and launch of the Rent Smart Wales facebook page.

In addition, we will be developing a press notice for the 8 weeks to go to the deadline (28 September) that we’ll share nationally and locally.

We’ve recently developed a poster and leaflet specifically for tenants that will be available on-line shortly.

We will also shortly be advertising on Heart FM North and South, also on trains and adverts are currently running on buses in Cardiff, Swansea, Newport, Bangor, Wrexham and Llanelli.

Councillor Bob Derbyshire
Cabinet Member (Environment)
28 September 2016

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HEALTH, HOUSING & WELLBEING STATEMENT

Significant Overall Improvement in Performance in Social Services

Along with my colleague Councillor Sue Lent, I am very pleased to advise Members that as measured by a basket of national indicators, the City of Cardiff Council's Social Services was the most improved in Wales during 2015-16. This follows the release this month of the all Wales performance data for 2015-16. This picture endorses the overall direction we have embarked upon in creating a new single Social Services Directorate during 2015-16 and in establishing a more effectively unified structure at Director and Assistant Director level. The results of both political leadership and more effective senior management grip are clearly beginning to bite; albeit we recognise that there remains much more to do, and there will be challenges in sustaining this step-change in performance going forward.

Encouraging Signs of a Shift in the Balance of Care for Older People

There are major challenges ahead as we face the pressure of meeting the complexity of needs that come with a population that is both increasing and growing older. Despite this we can see the signs of a strategic shift in the balance of care in relation to older people across the city. The number of older people with care and support needs that are being supported in the community is increasing whilst there are early signs of a declining trend of older people going into residential care. This is encouraging because, as we know, most people prefer to stay in their own homes, most do better when they remain at home, and support in the community is simply more cost-effective.

Collaborative Partnerships

Our relationship with regional partners, and with health in particular continues to strengthen, bringing with it a much stronger focus on prevention and the development of more effective community based approaches to mitigating care needs that are driven by health conditions.

This improved partnership with health has been underpinned by the establishment (under Part 9, Social Services and Well Being Act), in the final quarter of 2015/16, of a new Regional Partnership Board, with Councillor Sue Lent and the Director of Social Services as members and which I chair.

This partnership approach includes a joint commitment to deliver a Localities Pilot. The Localities initiative envisages a new model for meeting needs on the basis of discrete localities of the city; the pilot will test this concept in Llanishen. It will bring together day care, community groups, GP clusters and primary care services, housing and social services around a joined-up model of local

delivery. We have every reason to be excited that this new development will enable us to reshape health and social care delivery across the city over the longer term and improve outcomes for citizens.

Delivering a Dementia Friendly City

I am pleased to report that, as part of the wider multi-agency Cardiff and Vale Dementia Plan, a City Wide Dementia Delivery Plan has now been finalised. This will set out the specific actions, timescales and accountabilities for ensuring that the broader regional plan supports Cardiff in achieving Dementia Friendly City status, and more importantly that it improves the lives of those who suffer dementia and their carers.

A particularly interesting development in supporting those suffering Dementia is the use of “RemPods”. These pods in effect simulate a physical space from a previous era whether this be a home interior, pub, shop or street scene. Installing these pods in local centres or similar has proved highly effective in working with people suffering with dementia. Arrangements are being finalised for an event with day centre users at Fairwater Day Centre in October. This will be delivered in partnership with both library and day centre staff working together to engage in this ‘reminiscence’ work. We are also jointly planning an event for professionals to be held at the Central Library in early November to discuss and demonstrate the value of this style of work with people with dementia.

Housing

You will be pleased to know that good progress is being made on the Housing Partnership Programme following the appointment of Wates Living Space Homes as our partner Developer earlier this year.

The development of the first 11 sites forming ‘phase 1’ of the programme is well advanced with 5 sites are now in the planning process. We aim to achieve a start on site before December 2016 with the first completions following in late 2017. The remainder of the phase 1 sites will follow with the aim that the first 11 sites (almost 490 homes) will be completed within the next 3 years. Ward Councillor and resident consultation has taken place for every phase 1 site.

The need for new homes is never more apparent than when looking at the families and individuals we help through our homelessness support and prevention service. Since 1st April 2016 the Housing Options services have worked with 454 individuals to help prevent homelessness, of whom 224 were prevented from being homeless. The prevention methods included help to pay rent arrears and support to move into private rented sector, including the Housing Solutions Package that gives an all-round service of support to landlords who work with clients facing homelessness. I have seen the positive outcomes that this preventative approach can deliver and would encourage all members to visit the Housing Options Centre to arrange to see the service in action.

Welfare reform

Though impact of Welfare Reform continues to be an area of significant concern, the multi-agency response we have developed in Cardiff is extremely

well regarded, with effective results and a genuinely innovative approach. Since 1st March 2013 Cardiff Council and the Registered Social Landlords have made over 3000 offers of accommodation, with 818 tenants moving to smaller properties through the priority downsizing list or by way of an exchange.

Further changes to the benefits system will soon take effect. These can be expected to have a disproportionate impact some of our most vulnerable individuals and families. I therefore intend to run a workshop to ensure all-members are updated on this issue in the near future.

Member visits to the Smart House

Following an invite to all Members many have taken the opportunity over the last 12 months to visit the Smart House, based in Llanishen. Feedback on the facility and plans for its development have been very positive, with some Members very willing to try out the equipment.

Members also gave positive feedback on the work of the Preventative Services team. Case studies have now been developed by Independent Living Services to demonstrate the positive outcomes that Preventative Services deliver, ensuring people can remain at home independently for longer and reducing dependency on domiciliary support. The main themes emerging in the case studies include Income maximisation, assisting with mobility and social isolation which are issues that are very often inter-connected.

Syrian refugees

Over the past few months the Council has been able to make a significant difference a number of vulnerable refugees who arrived through the Syrian Resettlement Programme. Through careful planning and strong partnership working, we made sure that resources and robust systems were in place, before arrival, to identify and respond to the complex needs of this vulnerable group of displaced people.

The primary focus has been on integration, and I'm pleased to say that each family appears to have settled extremely well into their new community. In the past few weeks the children have started to attend school, and shown a real appetite for learning. Despite challenges caused by gaps in formal education and language barriers, the children have shown incredible resilience and are thriving with the strong support of the schools. Taff Housing, the contracted support provider, has continued to work intensively with each family to design bespoke support plans designed to increase independence. All adults are now receiving English language tuition, which will enable them to find work and improve their social and economic opportunities.

I am grateful to all public and third sector partners for their excellent work, and for the warmth and generosity of the people of Cardiff for their incredible support, donations and offers of help.

Councillor Susan Elsmore
Cabinet Member (Health, Housing & Wellbeing)
29 September 2016

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CORPORATE SERVICES & PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

Operational Property

The Strategic Estates Department has completed the assignment of Global Link to the Health Board. Cardiff Council no longer required Global Link having moved the staff into County Hall and other satellite offices whilst the Health Board had a requirement for new offices. The assignment of the leasehold interest has saved the council £2.8m in rent and running costs over the next four years. This is a great example of partnership and collaboration in the public sector.

Insole Court Community Asset Transfer has completed. The CAT is the largest in Wales, Big Lottery provided an initial grant of £3.74 million with a further £268k for some final emergency repairs in the main house and to preserve the historical finds of unique wallpaper and a hand painted ceiling. The Council has also spent £467k in repairs to make structures safe and repair the roof.

Building work started on the Stable Block in December 2014 and work is due to be completed on the main house by the end of December 2016. The Stable Block is a Community Hub with a community hall, 3 activity/learning spaces and a training suite for hire together with exhibition space, a visitor centre and tea rooms. The main house has ground floor spaces that can be hired for community groups / meetings and the 1st floor is a visitor attraction giving the history of Insole Court as well as story of the CAT and the rescue of the House.

ICT

New Ticket Handling System for ICT, Facilities Management and Business Administration

On Wednesday 21st September, ICT are launching their new ticket handling system, NetHelpDesk. This replaces QSM, which has been in use for 18 years but is no longer supported by its supplier.

The system manages the requests, purchases and incidents logged by council staff, schools and other supported organisations. NetHelpDesk introduces a number of new features designed to benefit both support staff and end users, hopefully leading to a better experience for all.

Facilities Management and Business Administration will also be adopting the system shortly afterwards.

Cardiff Manager Programme – Phase 2

Phase 2 of the Cardiff Manager Programme began in May primarily targeting those staff with Line Manager responsibility at Grade 7 and below. All training is now being delivered by staff from the City of Cardiff Council Academy with assistance on the Financial Training Sessions by staff from Financial Services.

The Cardiff Manager Programme contains four modules – Behaviours, Financial Skills, Problem Solving & Decision Making and Innovation & Change. Managers have the option of completing an ILM Level 3 Award. Since May, of the 340 Managers in scope, 147 have so far signed up to complete all 4 modules and of these, 85% have expressed an interest in pursuing the ILM qualification.

C2C

During August C2C received 12 customer compliments and recorded a Customer Satisfaction result of 95%.

The contact centre performance has been very positive going into the new month achieved Answer Rate target every day throughout September so far.

C2C hosted a Health and Wellbeing Awareness day on behalf of Communities directorate aimed at promoting the help and assistance available to all council employees as we work towards achieving the Bronze Award for the Corporate Health Standard but also offering practical tips on taking steps to make changes in your everyday life. On site was a personal fitness instructor offering free health checks, holistic therapists offering free taster treatments and staff were also encouraged to take 10 minute stints on a rowing machine or exercise bike with a donation going to charity for every participant.

The Alarm Receiving Centre (ARC) Website went live this month as part of the move towards the commercialisation of the services offered by the Centre.

Procurement Awards Finalists

I am delighted that the City of Cardiff Council's Commissioning and Procurement Team has been nominated as finalists in the following four categories at the inaugural Government Opportunities (GO) Excellence in Public Procurement Awards Wales 2016/17:

- Establishing a Local Authority Trading Company to deliver procurement and commercial services has been Shortlisted in two categories **Innovation or Initiative of the Year Category** and **Procurement Leadership of the Year Category**.
- Supported Living Service procurement has been shortlisted in the **Collaboration Category**,
- Commissioning and Procurement Team has been shortlisted in the **Procurement Team Category**.

The level of competition for these Awards has been extremely high. It's great to see our procurement activity acknowledged and commended and we look forward

to finding out whom the winners are at the ceremony on Thursday 6 October 2016 at the Marriott Hotel in Cardiff.

Living Wage

Cardiff became the first Council in Wales to pay its entire workforce the Living Wage in September 2012 and since April 2015, all agency staff employed by the Council have also been paid the Living Wage.

In November 2015, the Council successfully gained Living Wage accreditation during the annual Living Wage Week. I have recently sent all the Council's main suppliers and contractors a leaflet about the Living Wage, setting out the differences between the Living Wage and National Living Wage (minimum wage), highlighting out some of the benefits of paying the Living Wage and encouraging them to also consider paying the Living Wage to all their employees.

Employee Engagement

The Council's workforce is what makes this organisation tick. Day-in, day-out thousands of individuals come into work and strive to do their very best for the citizens of Cardiff to deliver over 700 different services across the city.

Keeping a workforce the size of City of Cardiff Council's informed and engaged can be challenging with many of the staff not being based in an office, with access to a work computer or work at one specific site. However, this does not deter us in trying to achieve an excellent internal staff communications and engagement service for all our staff. It's vital that our staff know what's going on so that they feel valued and have an opportunity to get involved.

We were overwhelmed with the response to last year's Employee Survey, which saw over 51.6% of staff taking the time to tell us what they think. We asked staff what good communication looks like to them and what they told us has been invaluable. We have listened to their feedback and used their ideas and input to create a brand new staff App, which we have created with our technology partners, TATA Consultancy Services (TCS) .

This is a very exciting development which we will be launching to all staff from next month, the App will allow more staff than ever before to receive important information about their employment and pay plus staff communications in an instance via their personal mobile phones.

With much of our lives becoming digital and accessible 24/7, it makes complete sense to ensure staff communications moves with the times to meet the needs of the staff. A programme of staff engagement will take place to coincide with the launch, which will include working with trade union learning reps and staff Ambassadors to make sure all staff have the available support to access the new digital tool.

Feedback from the Wales Audit Office follow on report confirmed that we had made good progress in engaging the workforce. With a comprehensive programme of activity in place and an established staff brand development of Make the Difference for staff to get behind well received, the App will go a long

way in making further strides forward to strengthen our overall internal service for the staff.

I am confident that we will get this roll out right, it will completely revolutionise how we communicate with staff going forward – delivering a much fairer, timely and cost effective solution to keeping staff up to date.

The App will be available bilingually to meet the Welsh Language Standards.

Treasury Management Strategy

As part of the Council's Treasury Management Policy, Full Council receives three reports on its Treasury Management activities during a year. A strategy at the start of the financial year, a mid-year report and an annual report at the end of the year. Council is requested to Note the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2015/16 which highlights the position statement for Council investments and borrowing as at 31 March 2016 and compliance with prudential indicators set for 2015/16.

As expected and as previously reported to Council, borrowing increased significantly during the year following the settlement payment made to WG to exit the Housing subsidy system.

Councillor Graham Hinchey
Cabinet Member (Corporate Services & Performance)
29 September 2016

EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Significant Overall Improvement in Performance

Along with my Cabinet colleague Councillor Susan Elsmore, I am very pleased to advise members that, as measured by a basket of national performance indicators, the City of Cardiff Council's Social Services was the most improved in Wales during 2015-16, having improved by 68% overall. This follows the release earlier this month of the all Wales performance data for 2015-16.

This picture endorses the overall direction we have embarked upon in creating a new single Social Services Directorate during 2015-16 and in resolving a more effectively unified structure at Director and Assistant Director level. The results of more effective senior management grip are clearly beginning to bite, albeit we recognise that there remains much more to do and that there are challenges in sustaining this step-change in performance going forward.

Increases in the Looked After Population

The number of children in the looked after system has continued to increase in Cardiff. This reflects national patterns across England Wales which stem principally from a significant growth in the number of court proceedings, particularly relating to infants and the growing complexity of cases where children have been abused. In Cardiff the judiciary has confirmed that the city presents additional challenges associated with greater diversity and population turnover. In addition, more children who are at risk of sexual exploitation have been the subject of proceedings as a result of our successful Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy.

In June and July 2016 alone, the service admitted an unprecedented 39 children, many not previously known to the service and all at the high end of the complexity spectrum. This has obvious consequences for expenditure and although it is believed that this represented a 'spike' rather than a 'step' in the rate of admission it remains the case that this kind of cost is inescapable once all measures to mitigate admission have been exhausted. Until recently, Cardiff's Looked After Population has been significantly below what would be expected in relation to demography and deprivation; the recent rise has meant that the number of children in the system is now closer to what would be expected, but I am clear that we should not allow this to grow further and that we can do more to reduce the need for admission by substantially enhancing prevention. New developments towards this end are highlighted below.

Collaborative Partnerships

Our relationship with regional partners and with health in particular continues to strengthen, bringing with it a much stronger focus on prevention; in relation to children this is particularly significant in terms of the new approach to support children with emotional and mental health difficulties. Members will be aware that Part 9 of the Social Services and Well Being Act established a new Regional Partnership Board in the final quarter of 2015-16. This Board is chaired by the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing & Wellbeing, Councillor Susan Elsmore, and I am also a member along with the Director of Social Services. The advent of this new board, allied to stronger Directorate leadership, has played a significant part in this improvement in our partnership with health and we look to similar strengthening of our relationships with third sector colleagues and with education.

Other Developments

- **Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** – this is now up and running on a full joint agency basis and leading already to significantly enhanced partnership in information sharing and in ensuring timely intervention.
- **Preventative Strategy**
 - **Early Help Strategy** – continues to be effectively progressed in partnership with pilot schools, health and the third sector.
 - **Remodelling of Social Work/Signs of Safety** – a substantial programme of development and implementation has now commenced with good support from the Organisational Development Programme. I am very pleased to see this new strategy and approach to practice being rolled out since it will enable us to ensure that social workers can spend much more time with families and support more children to remain with their families.
 - **Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy** – this highly effective strategy goes from strength to strength under the ‘**Not in Our City. Not to Our Children**’ banner with much greater community awareness building very effectively and more children being protected than previously.
- **Agile and Mobile Working** – social work staff in children’s services were the first large group of staff in the Council to implement agile and mobile working. With access to high quality equipment, this has transformed their working patterns to enable much better use of scarce social work hours and support more flexible time management.

Councillor Sue Lent

Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member (Early Years, Children & Families)

28 September 2016

CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL

29 SEPTEMBER 2016

AMENDMENT 1 TO NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by: Councillor Neil McEvoy

Seconded by Councillor Gretta Marsahll

Line 1 of the 2nd paragraph insert after Liberal Democrat " - *Plaid Cymru Coalition*"
and delete the word "*Led*"

The Notice of motion would then read

This Council expresses deep concern about the appalling state of the surfaces of Cardiff's roads and pavements, and notes that these problems affect both urban and rural parts of the city.

This Council notes that the previous Liberal Democrat-Plaid Cymru Coalition administration introduced a 3 year Highways Asset Management Plan worth £20 million in 2012, resurfacing roads and pavements across our city. In contrast the 2015/16 budget included approximately £8 million for highway improvements over the next 3 years, but cut back street cleaning, weed removal and grass cutting, undermining the infrastructure of our city.

The Council notes the South Wales Echo article of 4th August, 2016 revealing the short list of roads to be repaired this year, with some wards having no resurfacing work at all.

This Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet to look to bring forward a bold infrastructure plan in next year's budget to bring the city's roads up to the standard of a modern international city.

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AMENDMENT 2 TO NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by: Councillor Paul Mitchell

Seconded by Councillor Sam Knight

Delete para 1 and 2 and replace with:

This Council notes that in 2012 a three year £20M HMAP was proposed which included £15M from the Labour-led Assembly as part of their LGBTI funding programme and it was this value that made up the majority of the available finance for 2012 to 2015 whereby the Council had to maintain ongoing levels of investment over those years.

Add in new paragraph 2

This Council notes that 527 resurfacing programs were carried out during the current Labour administration compared to 215 during the previous Lim-Dem-Plaid administration.

Amend paragraph 3 by deleting 'with some wards having no resurfacing work at all' and replace with '*prioritising the highways repairs and resurfacings on a needs basis.*'

Add in new paragraph 4:

The Council notes the Neighbourhood Services approach developed by this administration and the additional funding invested in both the street cleansing, highway drainage and enforcement services such as:

- *£220k revenue for additional street cleansing teams for the inner city wards*
- *£75k revenue to provide an additional gully emptying gang;*
- *£65k capital for the procurement of a new street washing machine for the city centre;*
- *£100k to kick-start a new Enforcement Team.*

Amend original paragraph 4 to delete all after This Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet to ... and replace with '*continue to improve our highways despite the ongoing austerity cuts from the Conservative UK Government*'

The Motion will then read:

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This Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet to continue to improve our highways despite the ongoing austerity cuts from the Conservative UK Government.

COUNCIL, 29 SEPTEMBER 2016 – ORAL QUESTIONS

1	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR REA</u></p> <p>Please set out the details (location, facilities etc) of the promised new household waste recycling centre which will serve the north and centre of the city.</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></p> <p>What strategy is in place before Wedal Road HWRC closes and how does a re-use/recycling centre fit into this?</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL</u></p> <p>What has been done with the soft play equipment from the STAR Centre?</p>
4	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON</u></p> <p>Are the Civil Enforcement Officers working to a target number of parking fines to serve in a certain period?</p>
5	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR REA</u></p> <p>What recent discussions have been held involving the council about plans to bring the Gaiety Cinema on City Road back into use?</p>

6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></p> <p>What is the latest situation on Wedal Road?</p>
7	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member give a breakdown of sporting facilities in Cardiff which the physically disabled can use?</p>
8	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON</u></p> <p>How much has the Council received for this month long event in Sophia Gardens?</p>
9	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR REA</u></p> <p>Is the council satisfied that the choice of new partner for leisure provision will not lead to a loss or denigration of services to Cardiff citizens?</p>
10	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></p> <p>Can you outline the projected expenditure for the whole Caerphilly Road Regeneration project?</p>

11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member give an update on what has been done over the last 12 months to create safer ways to school?</p>
12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL</u></p> <p>Given the recent electrical problems in A block at Cantonian that necessitated the closure of the block, can the Cabinet Member update me as to the measures taken thus far and what proposals are in place to minimise any further disruption to Cantonian pupils and their parents?</p>
13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN</u></p> <p>With increased pressure for places in Cardiff's schools, and more children arriving in Cardiff who need to be educated, can you tell me what additional measures have been put in place within the Council's Admissions Team to enable both parents & schools to access vacancies and place children quickly?</p>
14	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDERS</u></p> <p>What advice, support and guidance is given to young people who have taken GCSE equivalent qualifications (such as BTEC) who wish to then return to college or sixth form to continue their education?</p>
15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES</u></p> <p>Do street cleansing teams have routine access to keys for gated lanes when they are out on their normal rounds?</p>

16	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS</u></p> <p>What tonnage of collected recyclable waste was rejected in 2015?</p>
17	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KNIGHT</u></p> <p>What is the current waste strategy for events days in the city centre?</p>
18	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LLOYD</u></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member please advise what is happening in relation to the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme within our schools and youth centres in north Cardiff?</p>
19	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE</u></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member update us on the future of Grangetown Play Centre?</p>
20	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE</u></p> <p>What progress has been made on redrawing high school catchment areas in the east of the city since undertakings were given to Council in March?</p>

21	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE</u></p> <p>Is the cabinet member aware of the recent unexplained claim by Plaid Cymru that Channel View Leisure Centre is under threat of closure and will he confirm the current and future status of this important local facility and will he outline the council's future plans for the centre?</p>
22	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER</u></p> <p>The 'blitz' cleaning rotation started in Cathays in September. Can the cabinet member say how many streets Council teams were able to deep clean?</p>
23	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER</u></p> <p>Tradespeople need to be able to park when working on properties, but there are many incidents where multiple vans and vehicles – along with skips – are parked in residents parking bays to work on one house. Will the Cabinet Member look at introducing a permit scheme for tradespeople to use residents parking, so that this can be more easily controlled and parking rules enforced?</p>
24	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALI</u></p> <p>What support has the UK Government provided to the City Council to progress the urgent need for a major redevelopment of Cardiff Central Train Station?</p>

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**QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE
(ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)**

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALI AHMED

Can you please confirm your success on the recycling target as we had issues with large and smaller bins?