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COUNCIL, 24 NOVEMBER 2016: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

W1 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many Cardiff council play centre centres were there in Cardiff on May 3rd 2012?

How many were there on November 3rd 2016?

Reply

In May 2012, there were 7 play centres (Adamsdown, Ely, Grangetown, Llanedeyrn, Llanrumney, Riverside and Splott).

The same number of play centres were in operation on 3rd November 2016, including Llanedeyrn Play Centre that was recently transferred to the 1st Pentwyn Scout Group.

W2 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Can you list the Cardiff Council play centres, youth centres and youth clubs in existence on May 3rd 2012 and those still existing on 03/11/16?

Reply

In terms of play centres, I would refer you to the answer provided to the previous Written Question.

As of 3rd November 2016, the Council supports 20 youth clubs/projects – either managing these directly or through a Youth Innovation Grant – and 6 youth centres as follows:

Youth Clubs/Projects

Secured open access provision by alternative providers via Youth Innovation Grant:

- Caerau Cardiff City Foundation
- Cathays Cathays Youth and Community Project
- Ely Cardiff City Foundation
- Fairwater/Pentrebane ACE
- Gabalfa Ministry of Life
- Grangetown SRCDC & Geirls and Boys Clubs of Wales

- Llanishen Cardiff City Foundation
- Llanrumney Full Circle
- Plasnewydd YMCA
- Radyr YMCA
- Riverside SRCDC & Girls and Boys Clubs of Wales
- Rumney Cardiff City Foundation
- Tremorfa Ministry of Life
- Whitchurch YMCA
- Welsh Medium Provision Urdd

Targeted inclusive youth support provided by the Council:

- Inclusive Youth Work provision Ely (Trelai)
- Inclusive Youth Work provision Cathays
- Inclusive Youth Work provision Gabalfa
- Young Carers provision
- Deaf Youth Club

Youth Centres/Youth Activity Centres

- Butetown Pavilion
- Eastmoors Youth Centre
- Grassroots
- North Ely Youth Centre
- Powerhouse, Llanedeyrn
- St Mellons Youth Centre

In addition, the Council provides:

- 6 area based street based/outreach youth work teams;
- Youth mentors who are engaged with all secondary schools in Cardiff; and
- 4 Youth Mentors working with post-16 young people not in education, employment of training.

The Council's Active Involvement Team also works closely with the Cardiff Youth Council in undertaking participative work within communities across the city.

Back in May 2012, the Council supported 3 part-time, one night a week youth clubs and 20 youth centres in Cardiff. Whilst we are no longer directly providing a service at the locations listed below, we are continuing to support youth provision through Youth Innovation Grants and working with partner organisations in most of these communities, as can be seen from the list of current youth clubs/projects provided above.

- Buzz Café, Grangetown
- Creigiau (part-time)
- Dusty Forge, Ely
- Fitzalan closed & transferred to Riverside Warehouse
- Gwaelod-y-Garth (part-time)
- Heol Hir Youth Centre
- Howardian Youth Centre
- Llanrumney Youth Centre
- Pentwyn Dome
- Rumney Youth Centre
- Radyr Youth Centre
- Riverside Warehouse
- Trelai Youth Centre
- Ty Celyn Centre
- Waterhall Youth Centre
- Whitchurch Youth Centre

W3 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many hours in Grangetown Play Centre were funded per week in May 2012 and now?

How many hours per week will be funded after April 2017?

Reply

In May 2012, Grangetown Play Centre would have been open for 20 hours per week and 30 hours per week during holiday periods, except for those weeks that included a bank holiday, which is the current situation now. It would be wrong of me to state how many hours will be funded after April 2017 as the centre will transfer to Grangetown Nursery School.

Together with the work of our Neighbourhood Play Team, play opportunities will continue to be delivered right across Grangetown, including at Grangetown Play Centre. They will also be funded to the same level in the Grangetown and Riverside areas as different venues will be used to provide a more comprehensive offer than at present.

EDUCATION (COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)

W4 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many Cardiff Council youth clubs and youth centres were there in Cardiff on May 3rd 2012?

How many were there on November 3rd 2016?

Reply

I would refer you to the answer provided previously to your second Written Question.

ENVIRONMENT (COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE)

W5 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

What is the council's currently policy on sweeping fallen leaves and unblocking drains which have become clogged with fallen leaves?

Reply

As I outlined in response to an oral question from your group colleague, Councillor Rea, at last month's Council meeting, the Council has a number of teams working together to ensure that appropriate resources are committed to clear the leaf fall from streets and pavements across the city.

There are three key elements to work to clear the leaf fall:

Firstly, tidal parking, where we ask residents or businesses along tree-lined streets to move their vehicles in order to facilitate access to kerb channels or gullies. This timetable started on 5th September and runs through to 13th December 2016.

Secondly, during the main leaf fall period from 10th October through to 23rd December, we publish a timetable of the areas in which resources are targeted and these main areas are blitzed on a regular basis.

And, thirdly, after the main leaf fall has happened, we will target hot spot areas at risk of surface water flooding, especially when bad weather is predicted in order to be used to be us

In general, the removal of leaves from the surface of a gully will allow the water to drain away; however, if any surface water remains following the removal of the leaf fall, then it is usually an indication that the gully has become blocked. The Council has drainage teams that undertake both scheduled drain cleansing and reactive works when any such instances are identified.

W6 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHAUNDY

While local authorities have no statutory duty to fund or maintain our public parks, will this council recognise the need to 'fully maintain our city parks' and give a commitment in the budget setting for 2017/18 sufficient funds for such maintenance in addition to supplementing community groups or organisations involvement?

Reply

The Council fully recognises the important role that its parks and public open space provision plays in the liveability of the city. Against the backdrop of unprecedented financial pressures, this Council has, as far as is possible, taken measures to protect the parks maintenance service while seeking to increase further the active engagement of local communities, Friends Groups and individual volunteers going forward. This has been taken into account in the draft budget proposals for 2017/18, which ensure that the support provided to these groups is maintained.

TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY (COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL)

W7 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON

Constituents have been enquiring about the proposed yellow box outside the entrance to Tesco on Ty'n y Parc Road. How long has it been since the box was added to the transport projects list and when the box will be painted?

Reply

I can confirm that a yellow box junction for facilitating access to the entrance of the Tesco Express store and petrol station on Ty'n Y Parc Road is on the Council's future programme and will be implemented by the end of the fier grancial year.

W8 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

Will the council consider introducing a scheme whereby developers are asked to make a bond payment when work starts on any development, which will only be returned when the work is complete and if the development has caused no damage to the public realm? There have been numerous recent examples of developers causing damage to the public realm, only for the cost of it to be met by the over-burdened council taxpayer.

Reply

Where work is carried out to existing highways or public open space, the relevant council service areas require bonds to be paid.

Bonds are required for works under section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 where a development requires alterations or improvements to be made to the adopted highway. However, this provision allows the Council to call upon the bond to complete any works if the developer defaults on their commitment, as set out in a legal agreement with the Council.

Damage to Council property by developers would be managed directly by officers and the Council would seek to ensure that the developer repairs any damaged property that is evidenced as being due to the developers' activities.

If damage is caused by unauthorised trespass, then damages can be recovered through the Courts.