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## **STATEMENT OF THE LEADER**

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### **Visit of the Ukrainian Ambassador to the UK**

I met with Her Excellency Mrs Natalia Galibarenko, the Ukrainian Ambassador to the UK, on 27 January 2017 in advance of the Wales Holocaust Memorial Day Service. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss a number of matters with the Ambassador, including the role of 'Smart Cities' in leading national economies through the use of new technologies and a zero carbon approach to sustainable development. There are potential opportunities for the City of Cardiff Council to share its knowledge with local government in Ukraine on issues such as urban regeneration and waste management. I am also committed to reconnecting Cardiff's historic links with the city of Luhansk in partnership with Cardiff University.

### **Cardiff Capital Region City Deal**

I attended the signing of the £1.2 billion Cardiff Capital Region City Deal on St David's Day, 1 March 2017, at Cardiff Airport. The leaders of the 10 local authorities within the Cardiff Capital Region signed the City Deal document following agreement by each of the 10 councils involved (Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Newport, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Torfaen and Vale of Glamorgan). The signing also means that the Cardiff Capital Region Joint Cabinet of the 10 Council leaders has ceased to operate in shadow and met formally in public for the first time on 17 March 2017.

The City Deal has now entered into a transition phase and a transition plan will be developed that will detail key activity to be undertaken, including the establishment of a regional office to support the delivery of the Joint Cabinet's future work programme. The transition phase will also see the creation and development of three advisory bodies to the Joint Cabinet – the Cardiff Capital Region Economic Growth Partnership, Employment & Skills Board and Regional Transport Authority.

### **Local Shopping Centre Regeneration**

Earlier this month, I visited the Wentloog Road shopping area in Rumney to see for myself the improvements that have been made there as part of the Council's Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes programme. These include the provision of new paving, bollards, cycle stands and litter bins. A wider parking bay and new zebra pedestrian crossing have also been provided following the removal of a former road narrowing. In addition, the road has been resurfaced and a new tree has been planted on the street.

These improvements aim to make the shopping parade a better, safer and more attractive place for shoppers, traders and residents, as well as for children walking to/from the nearby primary school and people accessing local community facilities. The improvements have been welcomed by both traders and shoppers.

### **Great Western Cities**

On 21 March 2017, I met with the Mayor of Bristol, Marvin Rees, and Councillor Debbie Wilcox, the Leader of Newport City Council to discuss and agree the next steps for the Great Western Cities partnership. We agreed that this is an important and complimentary partnership to our respective city regional arrangements, City Deals and Devolution Deals. The partnership is also crucial in improving connectivity between our three cities, making the most of the renewable energy potential of the Severn Estuary and in collaborating on place marketing and investment in markets, like China, where no one city has the scale to make an impact by themselves.

We agreed to develop a forward work programme to progress these issues, including commissioning research to look at the feasibility of reducing rail journey times between Cardiff and Bristol to 30 minutes, down from around 50 minutes at present. We also discussed the opportunities arising from the Great Western Cities' involvement in the UK and Chinese Governments' developing work on linking city-clusters. This initiative would see us working alongside colleagues from Government and the other UK city clusters such as the 'Northern Powerhouse' and the 'Midlands Engine'.

### **Cardiff Public Services Board**

I chaired a meeting of the Cardiff Public Services Board on 21 March 2017, which approved the Local Well-being Assessment, for which the Cardiff Liveable City Report acts as an Executive Summary. This is a statutory requirement for Public Services Boards under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The Cardiff Public Services Board also approved a report for publication, entitled 'Brexit – Implications for Cardiff'. The report sets out the implications and challenges for public services and other organisations in the city following the UK's decision to leave the European Union and a number of recommendations to support local communities, protect the Cardiff economy and safeguard public services. Copies of the report have been circulated to Members for information.

### **Cardiff Commitment**

The Cardiff Commitment seeks to ensure that all young people in the city are supported to secure a job or progress into further education or training by connecting young people, schools and wider educational institutions with business and employers. By working in partnership, the Council is seeking to create a coalition for change that can make a real difference to young people's lives whilst supporting the city's economy. The Cardiff Public Services Board endorsed the Cardiff Commitment at its meeting on 21 March 2017 and will support the Council in further strengthening and launching the Cardiff Commitment.

## **Living Wage City**

I recently wrote to all business ratepayers in Cardiff to make them aware of the support on offer from the Council for becoming a 'Living Wage' employer. There are an increasing number of employers in Cardiff who recognise the benefits to their business of paying the 'real' Living Wage, over and above the mandatory National Living Wage set by the UK Government. The City of Cardiff Council became the first 'Living Wage' Council in Wales back in 2012 and is also an accredited Living Wage employer.

Any business that is interested in becoming a Living Wage employer should contact the Council's Commissioning & Procurement Team (e-mail: [procurement@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@cardiff.gov.uk)) for further information on the Living Wage and the financial assistance that is available from the Council in 2017/18 to local businesses seeking accreditation that employ up to 250 staff.

**Councillor Phil Bale**  
**Leader of the City Council**  
22 March 2017

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## **SKILLS, SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT STATEMENT**

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### **Child Friendly City**

Cardiff's ambition to become a child-friendly city has taken a significant step forward after the Cabinet agreed a three-year partnership with Unicef UK. The partnership will see the City Council work with the world-leading humanitarian agency to deliver a 'Child Rights Partners Programme' in Cardiff which will embed children's rights throughout the authority and across the city. After the Cabinet agreed to the partnership at its meeting on 16 March 2017, the City Council will now undertake the following steps to make Cardiff a child-friendly city:

- Strengthen the voice of looked after children;
- Ensure young people and children have a voice in policy decisions and major consultations;
- Consider the rights of children when developing and delivering services;
- Give young people and children the opportunity to take part in shaping developments (e.g. the physical design of public spaces);
- Work intensively in selected areas of the city to pilot the integration of services for children which are delivered by different agencies across the public and voluntary sectors.

### **Domestic Violence Services**

I am pleased to announce that the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board has agreed in principle to work with us to accommodate a one-stop-shop for Violence Against Women services at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary. As part of the budget, the Council has agreed the capital funding to deliver this project and the creation of this facility will enable Cardiff to meet its requirements under the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015. This is a good example of the maturing partnership working in Cardiff, utilising the opportunity to put supplementary services into the Cardiff Royal Infirmary, which has been identified by the UHB as a key Health and Wellbeing Centre and is to undergo a major programme of investment.

## **Adult Community Learning**

Adult Community Learning in Cardiff continues to provide an important service for a number of residents and has achieved some significant accomplishments over the past two years. Some significant milestones include:

- The complete redesign of the service undertaken during 2013/14 which created three distinct strands – Learning for Work, Learning for Life and Disability Inclusion in Community Education (DICE).
- Achieving substantial cost savings for the Learning for Life Programme, which is projected to be fully cost neutral moving forward.
- A significantly improved Estyn Monitoring report following a visit in 2015. The inspectorate noted that ‘strong or very good progress’ was being made against all the recommendations for service improvement.
- The Learning for Work Program recording year-on-year improvement:

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Success</b>
2010/11	47%
2011/12	57%
2012/13	61%
2013/14	72%
2014/15	87%
2015/16	94%

## **Into Work Advice Services**

The Into Work Service has been expanded across the city to better meet individual needs. The service is now accessible from various community buildings, including libraries and Hubs across Cardiff. Since 2014, the service has provided invaluable support for residents and ensured that:

- 139,649 people received Into Work Advice
- 2,185 people were assisted into employment
- 6,718 people attended accredited training
- 1,913 employers were assisted with their recruitment needs
- 541 people received support with Universal Credit since April 2016
- 98% of people felt ‘more job ready’ as a result of attending a work preparation course.

Funding has also been secured for a new outreach service to help some of the city’s most vulnerable citizens to deal with their finances, as well as support to help people to get back to work. Many of Cardiff’s most vulnerable citizens don’t seek the help they need to deal with their finances and fail to claim the benefits they are entitled to because of difficulties completing forms or a lack of awareness of their entitlements. As well as benefit advice the team outreach service will help with putting together CVs, assist with Universal Credit Job Match, identifying training opportunities and will book clients on courses. The service is expected to start in May 2017.

## **Regulatory Services**

Regulatory Services in Cardiff play an important role in preventing and protecting the public. Establishing a Shared Regulatory Service (SRS) between the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Bridgend County Borough Council and the City of Cardiff Council has provided an opportunity to ensure the service is efficient, effective and sustainable. This commitment to collaboration involved a fundamental reorganisation of a range of statutory services, critical to maintaining the health, safety and economic wellbeing of local communities. It is also a clear demonstration that councils can work together across boundaries and adopt new ways of working to deliver vital services at reduced costs.

Delivering a programme on this scale, demanding rapid change and set against a backdrop of diminishing public service funding, presented many challenges. The success of the programme, and the fantastic response of officers, is without doubt a great achievement and testament to the ability of officers to deliver and the Council to lead on innovative approaches to change. The new operating model is delivering positive, tangible results to challenging situations. In 2015/16, the service delivered the savings set out in the business case and is on target to deliver the savings set for 2016/17.

## **Equalities**

The City of Cardiff Council continues to reach out to engage its diverse communities, particularly those who may be under-represented or described as “hard to reach”. On 20 February 2017, the Leader and I were pleased to welcome the Chair of the British Deaf Association Dr Terry Riley, along with some 30 trustees and members of Cardiff Deaf Centre to County Hall to witness Cardiff becoming only the second local authority in Wales to sign the British Deaf Association’s British Sign Language (BSL) Charter.

As part of this commitment, the Council will regularly consult with the deaf community of Cardiff, learning first-hand what their most important issues are, and working towards solutions to remove any barriers to their accessing services. We believe that as a human right people should be able to converse in their preferred language. We must not forget that for many deaf people, BSL is an essential tool to getting through everyday life.

I was also pleased to attend the “Co-creating Healthy Change” event, jointly hosted by the Council with Diverse Cymru at County Hall, to highlight good practice in engaging and working with under-represented communities. The event was also an opportunity for the Council to underline its commitment to working inclusively, in line with the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

The Council will also be hosting an event for Stonewall Cymru, who are launching a leadership programme for LGBT people who identify with an ethnic minority heritage. This will help build the capacity and confidence of a group of 20 people, including Council employees, who will be able to act as positive role models in their workplaces. Through our partnership in events like these, the Council is demonstrating its commitment to diversity and equality.

**Councillor Dan De’Ath**  
**Cabinet Member for Skills, Safety & Engagement**  
23 March 2017

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**TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT**

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**Planning**

Having demonstrated the issues associated with an abundance of letting boards (April 2015), the Council successfully obtained the powers from the Welsh Government to remove traditional, large style letting boards in the Cathays and Plasnewydd wards. Considerable efforts were made over the summer of 2015 to ensure the letting agent and landlord community were fully aware of the imminent changes and new guidance, which would see the removal of boards that did not accord with guidance that limited the visual impact and number of letting boards. This came into force on 1 October 2015. The impact was an immediate success, with around 95% of boards being removed in the first week. After an initial round of enforcement, it is estimated that more than 1,400 boards have been removed from Cathays and Plasnewydd. The number of traditional style letting boards is now close to zero and the response from the public has been overwhelmingly positive.

**Sustainability**

We have installed energy efficiency measures, such as LED lighting, heating upgrades, insulation and better energy management to a wide range of Council properties which together have contributed to a reduction in energy bills of over £1m. They've also helped to reduced carbon emissions in the Council's estate by 6% in 2015/16 alone. We've also delivered 1.6MW of renewable energy generation capacity, including a range of solar panel schemes and the Radyr Weir hydro generation project. Together these produce enough clean, renewable energy to power the equivalent of around 1,600 homes.

In addition, we've installed energy efficiency measures to over 1,700 homes in a programme that has brought in over £10m of external funding and is targeted at deprived areas. Our Cyd Cymru collective energy switching scheme also helped 4,000 household to switch to lower energy tariffs and facilitated savings of almost £1m across Wales.

Alongside this work, we've also hosted 7 first-of-a-kind innovation projects for energy, bringing in almost £2m of external funding to the Council and partnering with over 30 organisations across Europe. These schemes, including new energy efficiency products for historic buildings, portable solar panel equipment, and a new ground source heating system, were showcased in our well attended Cardiff Energy Innovation conference last year.

In partnership with Public Health Wales, we also successfully established the Food Cardiff initiative, the city's local partnership on sustainable food issues. Cardiff currently has Bronze Sustainable Food City status and is working towards Silver status.

## **Highways**

### **LED Street Lighting:**

Work has commenced on the delivery of £4.5M LED street lighting on the strategic road network across Cardiff. 2000 of 13,600 LED lanterns have been completed to date, with work taking place in Pentwyn, Whitchurch, Ely, Trowbridge and on major routes such as North Road and Manor Way.

Cardiff is now the only city in the UK recognised by the International Dark-Sky Association. This recognises that the Authority has considered the importance of responsible lighting and has taken action to provide their constituents with safe, cost effective, environmentally friendly street lighting.

### **Road Patching:**

£750,000 has been spent this financial year on patching our roads. This strategic change in approach for dealing with small areas of localised failures has made high standard improvements across the city's road infrastructure. The money has delivered 25,000m<sup>2</sup> of improvements that equates to 3.5 football pitches. In addition, £2.3M of additional road improvements (reconstruction, resurfacing and surface treatments) have been made to the road infrastructure across the city this year.

### **Road Safety and Enforcement:**

The Civil Enforcement Team is now operating a new enforcement vehicle with a mast. The vehicle will operate outside schools and on locations of banned movements where static cameras are not in operation. The vehicle will provide effective and efficient enforcement; as demonstrated by the 60 vehicles in Lawrenny Avenue that were issued with penalty fines recently outside Ysgol Gymraeg Pwll Coch and Fitzalan High School.

## **Transport**

### **Parking Strategy:**

A new Parking Strategy for Cardiff was developed, consulted on and published in 2016. The review of the Council's Parking Strategy and policies was undertaken to align the approach to managing parking with the Council's vision to become Europe's most liveable capital city. The new strategy looks to the future, take account of how Cardiff is developing and growing as a city and how technology can contribute to making sure that the city is people friendly and an attractive place to live. The strategy includes changes to the way residential parking is considered in delivering more liveability for local people, and taking into account impacts from the wider area.

The new Parking Strategy has also delivered the first city wide deployment of a sensor parking system in Europe. This demonstrates the Council's commitment to embracing new technology in delivering tangible improvements to the way people live their lives. The system provides real time information to motorists via

a free to use App, enabling parking to be found more quickly and easily. This will have a number of benefits, notably helping in our aim to reduce congestion and improve air quality levels in the city centre.

**20mph scheme:**

The City Council's primary focus is to encourage public transport, cycling and walking and encouraging people to leave their cars at home. In support of this focus, the City of Cardiff Council has taken the first steps in rolling out 20mph limit areas to the city as part of our vision to have 20mph limits in residential areas in Riverside, Canton, Gabalfa, Grangetown, Plasnewydd, Adamsdown, Penylan, Splott, Butetown and further upgrade the scheme in Cathays. A programme has already begun in Riverside and Canton this year, and will continue to develop incrementally over the next 3 years.

**Cycling Strategy:**

City of Cardiff Council has set out an ambitious vision to double the levels of cycling by 2026 in the Cardiff Cycling Strategy, which sets out an action plan to achieve this vision including a 3-year programme to develop two new Primary Routes connecting existing communities with major destinations and strategic development sites and a programme of activities to enhance the impact of infrastructure provision by working with key partners at schools, workplaces, and retailers to promote cycling for shorter journeys.

**Councillor Ramesh Patel**

**Cabinet Member, Transport, Planning & Sustainability**

23 March 2017

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## **HEALTH, HOUSING & WELLBEING STATEMENT**

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I am pleased and privileged to make this statement at the conclusion of the administration in relation to my Cabinet responsibilities, not least because it is a diverse portfolio responsible for some of the Council's most highly valued services. I am also particularly pleased that, at the end of 2016-17, Adult Social Services is now much better placed after a period of clear and demonstrable improvement, whilst the Council's housing and wellbeing service has responded effectively to a number of critical challenges.

### **Adult Social Services**

Social Services in Cardiff were diagnosed previously as being in poor health, and an external independent assessment in relation to Adult Services found that:

1. *“Professional leadership arrangements have been under-powered.*
2. *Adult Social Care lacks a clear and compelling narrative for its current and future purpose and outcomes.*
3. *There is no clear approach to measuring performance in the service.*
4. *You do not compare well with rest of Wales in a number of key areas.*
5. *Partnerships are good but appear passive.*
6. *Common issues across social services need attention.*
7. *A more systematic approach to improvement is required in Adult Social Care.”*

The transformation is significant. Supported by the professional leadership of a single Statutory Director, the performance of Cardiff Social Services is now the most improved in Wales, with measures of progress now either good or very good in comparative terms. For Adult Social Services specifically, Cardiff has:

- Additional investment of over £9 million - through the Council's 2017/18 budget - to enable change and improvement going forward
- A highly effective and close working relationship with the Communities and Housing directorate to ensure collaboration across critical areas
- Highly positive inspection outcomes for Learning Disability services, Domiciliary Care and Community Rehabilitation Teams
- A coherent and strong partnership with Health, recognised by the Wales Audit Office, which has resulted in a significantly improved Delayed Transfer of Care position

- Broken new ground in locality working in terms of reaching out to those living with dementia, through the implementation of our new Day Opportunities Strategy. The capital investment allocated for 2017/18 will enable our day centre facilities to be reshaped to meet high level needs much more effectively.

In addition, the Council has led on key regional developments to support the effective implementation of the Social Services and Well Being Act 2014. This has included:

- Establishing the Regional Partnership Board, which I am pleased to chair;
- Establishing the Regional Workforce Board for Social Care, chaired by Cardiff's Director of Social Services;
- A newly focused Safeguarding Adults Regional Board, chaired by Cardiff's Director of Social Services;
- Establishing the Regional Locality Pilot, led by Cardiff's Director of Communities and Housing;
- The development of the Regional Disability Futures Programme, led by Cardiff and
- Adopting the new National Autism Service.

The stark reality, however, is that the transformation is dwarfed by the continued financial challenges, which will grow beyond the scope of any single Council, or partner organisation, to address without major government investment and policy change. In that regard, Cardiff has played a full part in shaping the national social services agenda. As the WLGA Deputy Spokesperson for Social Services, I have also been promoting the need to address key funding deficits across a range of key areas, especially in relation to domiciliary care.

Despite the major challenges facing social care across the UK, I am confident that Cardiff is as well positioned as it can be at the conclusion of this administration, to meet these challenges effectively and to play the role that a Capital City should play in shaping the agenda upon which our citizens depend.

## **Communities and Housing**

### **Welfare Reform**

The Council's housing and benefits services plays an invaluable role assisting people in the city who are in need of support, and never was this more apparent than in responding to Welfare Reform.

The City of Cardiff Council has worked closely with a wide range of partners to manage and mitigate the impact of the UK Government's welfare reform agenda on Cardiff residents, particularly in relation to the under occupancy charge. The Council took a proactive approach, identifying those people in the

city who might be affected, to help target support to those who would experience the greatest hardship. Some of the interventions we have undertaken include:

- Using Discretionary Housing Payments to support foster carers and disabled people who need an extra room, tenants who want to move, and individuals affected engaged with the Into Work Advice Service
- Making 3,208 offers of social housing to those affected
- Transferring or exchanging 850 housing occupants who have been affected by the charge
- Co-ordinating the multi-agency advice service delivered across Cardiff through the Hubs, and additional outreach service

Since 2014 the Council has provided advice to almost 350,000 people; helped residents claim an additional £25.7 million in weekly benefits; whilst the money advice team helped citizens save over £1 million through single person's Council tax discount, back-dated benefits, or energy schemes such as the Warm Home and Welsh Water discounts.

### **Supporting Refugees**

We took the decision in September 2015 that we would work regionally to provide support through the Syrian Resettlement programme. That decision led to the establishment of the multi-agency leadership group, which I am delighted to chair. This board has made great progress, and our initial regional target for resettlement in the first 12 months has been achieved, with excellent support services in place that will serve the region well for the term of the programme.

### **Housing**

As housing is at the heart of well-being, I am pleased that the Council has committed to delivering high quality, sustainable and affordable homes, particularly for those in most need. This has involved increasing the number of homes available for Council tenants, whilst achieving and maintaining 100% compliance with the Welsh Housing Quality Standard.

Key developments and achievements include:

- Supporting the buy out from the HRA Subsidy System which facilitated the Council housing building programme
- The appointment of Wates to deliver 1,500 mixed tenure homes across Cardiff, with 600 (40%) being affordable housing through our Council house building programme
- Creating a second programme of council housing development, whereby a further 150 new council homes will be delivered across 8 sites
- Reviewing the Common Housing Waiting List to ensure that those in most need are given priority. All prospective applicants now meet with the Housing Solutions Team in order that individual circumstances and

housing options are discussed. This has reduced the number of people on the waiting list from over 11,000 to 8,000

- Improving the time taken to turnaround vacant stock. At the end of January 2017, only 134 properties were vacant, which is less than 1% of our total stock
- Suspending the Right to Buy to retain our valuable resource of council homes
- For the tenth year running maintaining the no-use of B&B accommodation, against a backdrop of increasing pressures
- Improving tenant participation by employing 5 dedicated members of staff; undertaking an Annual Tenants Bus Tour; hosting tenants' conferences, and tenants voice meetings, as well as Estate Action Days
- Creating the Category 1 Alarm Receiving Centre in Willcox House to improve the security at high-rise accommodation, and to challenge anti-social behaviour. In addition, the service has been commercialised to achieve additional income targets for 2016/17 totalling £550,000
- Creating a young person's gateway, assisting young people facing homelessness
- Finally, the Rough Sleepers Strategy for 2017/20 was approved at Cabinet last week. This is our vision to end rough sleeping in Cardiff by extending the excellent partnership arrangements already in place.

### **Supporting Independent Living**

We have also made significant strides in helping people to live independently. This has allowed a number of potentially vulnerable people to develop the skills they need to live on their own, either by supporting reasonable home adaptations or by providing more preventative services before levels of need become critical.

Key to this has been the Council's Telecare care offer, which now has 4,394 users. Since April 2014, the service has received over 500,000 calls, with 14,000 callers receiving mobile warden assistance. In January 2017, the percentage of these calls requiring an ambulance was down to 6%.

The creation of the Independent Living Service has also been crucial in supporting the Preventative Agenda. As part of this approach the First Point of Contact was launched in October 2015, which has seen Independent Living Officers make 1,636 holistic visits resulting in:

- 904 customers having incomes maximised, equivalent to an additional £4.9 million in welfare benefits
- 476 customers being referred for a preventative intervention to reduce slips, trips and falls

- 358 people referred for Assistive Technology
- 302 people assisted with social isolation.

The Housing Resettlement Officers also directly assisted the discharge of 248 patients from hospital into step down accommodation that we have been created. This has resulted in 1,369 bed days being saved since April 2015; 53 people assisted, 37 of which were delayed transfers of care.

### **Transforming Service Delivery**

The Council has also invested in new technology to drive down costs and improve the level of service available to residents. Mobile working and scheduling, implemented within Housing Repairs, combined with a workforce strategy including the apprentice scheme, has enabled more work to be delivered in-house. This has reduced costs and improved the service to our tenants, which is clearly demonstrated by a significantly reduced number of complaints, and better performance.

Equally, the implementation of a new Day Opportunities Strategy, which involved investment to modernise buildings, has also helped meet individual needs. Alongside the retention, and planned expansion, of the Meals on Wheels service, the Council has invested in, transformed and repurposed key services to ensure that they remain sustainable and accessible to some of the neediest residents in Cardiff.

**Councillor Susan Elsmore**  
**Cabinet Member (Health, Housing & Wellbeing)**  
23 March 2017

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## **EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN & FAMILIES STATEMENT**

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It gives me great pleasure to be able to make this statement at the conclusion of the administration in relation to my Children's Services cabinet responsibilities, particularly because I am able to state with confidence that Children's Services at the end of 2016-17 is much better placed than it was at the beginning of the administration.

The scale and depth of the challenges facing the service at that time are well known to everyone - this was a service close to intervention. As assessed by the Director of Social Services, Tony Young, the service was struggling on many levels:

1. Inconsistent leadership arrangements and an unstable senior management team.
2. A lack of strategy for direction.
3. There was no clear approach to measuring performance.
4. Key performance indicators were poor.
5. Children experienced poor care planning and drift.
6. Partnership arrangements were poor.
7. Poor recruitment and retention of social workers.

By contrast, we are now in a very different place. One in which Social Services, supported by the professional leadership of a single Statutory Director in Cardiff last year, was the most improved in Wales and performance on most measures is good or very good in comparative terms. For children's services specifically:

- A positive inspection for Children's Services and the Youth Offending Service (January 2016)
- A wholesale three phase restructure
- The introduction of MASH in what is recognised as a very short period
- The development of a comprehensive Early Help Strategy that is embraced by all partners and integrated with the wider CS change programme
- A re-boot of partnership working which has placed Children's Services at the leadership centre for the first time
- The pioneering of agile and mobile working in a very short timeframe and at scale within the Council
- A relocation of staff in under 12 months
- The development of an integrated multi-agency Corporate Parenting Strategy
- Prepare the service for the implementation of The Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014; (April 2015)

- Kick-start a wholesale re-modelling of social work delivery and practice
- Leading a regional partnership programme of service re-engineering for children and adults with complex needs
- The development and launch of a high impact CSE Strategy;
- A range of asset disposals and re-provision across several service areas
- The implementation and refresh of a successful recruitment and retention strategy
- Launch of a new fostering campaign.

It is accepted that all of this work and more has been conducted within this administration and more importantly widely welcomed by partners and staff.

The challenges, particularly in financial terms continue to grow beyond the scope of any single council or organisation to remedy without major government investment and policy change. In that regard, Cardiff has also been able to play a fuller part on the national social services policy stage where previously it was invisible both in officer and member terms.

Much as the future looks worrying for children's services across the UK, I am confident that in light of the substantial investment (31 new posts) in children's services, Cardiff is as well placed as it can be, at the conclusion of this administration, to protect children and support vulnerable families more effectively than ever before.

**Councillor Sue Lent**  
**Cabinet Member, Early Years, Children & Families**  
23 March 2017



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**EDUCATION STATEMENT**

**AGENDA ITEM: 12**

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**Admissions**

At Cabinet last week it was agreed to pilot a co-ordinated admissions arrangement for Cardiff Secondary schools 2018-20. Bishop of Llandaff CW High School and Mary Immaculate High School will not be part of the pilot but have indicated their intention to review their position as the pilot is progressed. It is hoped that a co-ordinated admissions arrangement will significantly reduce the uncertainty for parents and that more children will be allocated their first choice of school at the end of the first round of allocations. Cardiff will be the first local authority in Wales to trial a co-ordinated admissions process.

The admissions policy for the year 2018-19 was agreed, broadly in line with previous years. Additionally it was agreed that officers be mandated to undertake further research regarding the criteria applied by other LA admissions bodies in order to consider the potential benefits these could have in the Cardiff context given the population dynamics in the city and the growing pressure for places in some areas.

The following statistics exclude faith and foundation schools:

- **Total number of applications received by the deadline has increased from 2358 in 2016 to 2620 in 2017**
- **Total of online applications increased by over 21% compared to 2016.**
- **Total number of places allocated has increased from 2113 in 2016 to 2315 in 2017**

**SOP Stakeholder Reference Group**

Welsh Government have requested that the Council consider its priorities for the next phase of the 21st Century Schools programme funding, Band B, which is due to commence in the Spring of 2019. A Stakeholder Reference Group has been established to look at needs analysis and prioritisation criteria to assist in the development of the Councils Band B proposals. This group is comprised of Head teachers from all sectors of the City, including primary, secondary and special and also covering English, Welsh, faith and foundation establishments as well as a Governor representative. It is chaired by Professor Chris Taylor from Cardiff University. The first meeting of the group was held on 2 March 2017 at City Hall and a further 4 meetings will be held up until early May, when the data and needs analysis gathered from the group will be used to prioritise the investment

programme. It is anticipated that the submission will be complete by this Autumn for Cabinet approval and then submission to Welsh Government for their approval of the funding envelope.

### **Junior Apprenticeship Programme**

The Junior Apprentice programme has been running at Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) since September 2016. This programme was set up to help address the high numbers of young people who were identified as ‘at risk’ of not making a successful transition into education, employment or training across schools in the Cardiff region.

The programme has been designed for year 10 pupils to be delivered over the two years of key stage 4. There are 6 different vocational pathways: Automotive, Construction, Hair & Beauty, Public Services, Hospitality & Catering and Digital Media.

43 Cardiff learners are currently enrolled and study a Level 2 vocational programme in their chosen junior apprenticeship pathway (equivalent to 2 GCSEs), plus GCSE English, Mathematics and Numeracy. There is also a Programme of work related education which includes CV building and work experience with a network of employers in the region.

I visited the Junior Apprentices at CAVC and spoke to several of them who were all very enthusiastic about the scheme. One of whom described it as “the best thing ever”. The apprentices spoke of the benefits which included the change of environment, very small classes for English and maths (around 12) and a clear pathway to an apprenticeship.

### **Update on Estyn Inspections**

Since the start of the 2016-2017 academic year four primary schools and two secondary schools have been inspected under the current framework and their reports published.

School	Date of Inspection	Current Standards	Prospects for Improvement
St. Mellons CIW	Oct -16	Excellent	Good
Tredegarville	Nov-16	Good	Good
Danescourt	Nov-16	Good	Good
Stacey Primary	Nov-16	Good	Good
Michaelston CC	Oct-16	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Glyn Derw	Oct-16	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory

In addition Ninian Park Primary School was used to pilot an inspection under the 2017 proposed framework.

	Date of Inspection	Standards	Wellbeing and Attitudes to Learning	Teaching and learning experiences	Care support and guidance	Leadership and Management
Ninian Park	Nov -16	Good	Good	Adequate	Good	Good

Four other schools have been inspected but their results have not been published, Ysgol Glan Morfa, St. Cadocs, Ysgol Pencae, Fitzalan High.

St. Cadocs RC primary is being inspected week beginning 27 March 2017.

### **Estyn**

On the 9th March, Estyn is hosting an awards evening recognising excellence in education and training in Wales, in particular the work of providers who received an overall inspection judgement of 'excellent' in the academic year 2015-2016. I am pleased to say that this includes Birchgrove Primary School, Kitchener Primary School and Severn Primary School.

Representatives from these providers will be presented with a framed certificate recognising the hard work and commitment that lies behind achieving an 'excellent' inspection judgement and will be congratulated by Meilyr Rowlands, Her Majesty's Chief Inspectors, and Kirsty Williams, Cabinet Secretary for Education.

### **Managing Director of Central South Consortium**

The current Managing Director, Hannah Woodhouse, is leaving at the end of March to take up a new post in England. Following a recruitment process Mike Glavin, currently Assistant Director has been appointed to succeed her in the role.

### **Cardiff Junior Rugby Winners in Ireland**

Cardiff Schools Under 11 Rugby squad is a team of 32 more able and talented children who are selected for the talents from primary schools in Cardiff. We have over 20 schools represented at the moment. The squad changes annually and children are usually 10/11 yrs old.

4 Cardiff teachers volunteer to coach the team during a weekly after school session.. The games are against teams from across Wales. We lost 2 games at the beginning of the season, but have now won 11 in a row.

We have secured 13 local business sponsors who are keen to support team work, fitness, healthy lifestyles and skills development.

During February half term the squad toured Terenure, Dublin. This is a tour that has been running for 36 years. We rarely win out in Dublin! We returned home with the 'Mike Rein' trophy after winning our games this year..

We now move on to a semi-final against The Vale Schools in a couple of weeks. If we make the final, it will be played at Cardiff Arms Park on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fingers crossed.

Cardiff 2020 vision certainly brought to life - learners, parents, schools, teachers, businesses, the community all working together to achieve excellence.

We are now looking to select the team for next year. We have over 100+ year 5 children joining an Easter rugby camp, based at Greenway Primary.

We look forward to sharing more success as the season draws to an end.

### **Soft Drinks Levy**

I have written to Kirsty Williams AM asking her to consider whether the Welsh Government's could consider utilising the consequential funding that Wales will receive, via the Barnett Formula, from the proceeds of the new Soft Drinks Industry Levy to provide continued financial assistance to support the successful SHEP scheme.

### **Schools in Their Communities**

Recent school developments have built on the existing strong commitment to ensuring that all Cardiff schools are "community focussed". The new Eastern High School, for example, will offer extensive opportunities for community use for learning, sports and leisure outside school hours. The council has engaged a leading headteacher, Sir Alasdair Macdonald, to work on this aspect of our education improvement programme as we develop our plans for the school estate over the next 10 years.

### **The Big Pedal**

I would like to congratulate the 15 Cardiff schools taking part in the "Big Pedal" with Sustrans to encourage children to bike school with daily updates on the winners. You can follow the schools progress here:

<http://bigpedal.org.uk/schools/rankings/stage/1/5>

The schools are: Baden Powell Primary, Bishop Childs C.I.W. Primary School, Bryn Hafod Primary School, Coryton Primary School, Danescourt Primary School, Howardian Primary School, Llandaff City C.I.W. Primary School, Pentrebane Primary School, Rhydypenau Primary School, St Monica's C.I.W. Primary School, Whitchurch Primary, Willowbrook Primary School, Ysgol Gymraeg Melin Gruffydd, Ysgol Mynydd Bychan, Ysgol Y Berllan Deg

**Councillor Sarah Merry**  
**Cabinet Member for Education**

23 March 2017

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## **ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT**

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### **Dogs Home**

It was my pleasure to visit Cardiff Dogs Home on St David's Day to meet with the staff, trainees, apprenticeships, volunteers and of course the dogs!

I am pleased to report that there are plans to make some changes to the Dogs Home to improve the customer experience. There are around 2500 visitors to the Dogs Home every month plus over 1,000 volunteer hours and the improvements will provide a larger reception area with easy access to a toilet and refreshments as well as a waiting area where customers can keep dry and warm. There are also plans in place to improve the staff facilities by creating a staff room, something that has never been available at the Dogs Home. Staff have also secured the provision of refreshments and high level disinfectant free for the next two years which will reduce expenditure.

I can also advise that the area around the side of the Dogs Home has been landscaped and has been transformed. This will also add to the customer experience as well as creating space for dogs to meet prospective re-homers and have short walks on site.

These are small but exciting developments and will make a difference to all the people associated with the Dogs Home.

### **Bereavement Services**

The annual Palm Sunday Memorial Service will take place on Sunday 9 April 2017 at 2:00pm in the Wenallt Chapel at Thornhill. This year, Bereavement Services' chosen charity is Ty Hafan.

I am able to advise that Cardiff will no longer charge cremation or burial fees for any child under the age of 17.

### **Registration**

The Registration Service, has moved their offices, within City Hall and the team are now sited together, offering staff better support in less cramped, open plan accommodation. The move has been positively received by the staff and now offers clearly defined and separate back office and public facing areas.

In addition to the above, 1 April 2017 will see us offering a new ceremony room called the St Dwynwen's Room, based in City Hall to accommodate more

intimate weddings of up to 10 guests and small private citizenship ceremonies. The new “St David’s Suite” (rooms 102,103 and 104) incorporates two ceremony rooms and a large waiting room, will offer our citizens greater choice for their ceremonies and should in turn generate more income for the Authority.

### **Parks & Harbour Authority**

I am delighted to report that the RSPB have been successful with their Big Lottery submission for which Cardiff Council are a partner organisation. A grant award of 500k will ensure the continuation of the Giving Nature a Home in Cardiff Project for a further five years, up until 2022. To date the project has resulted in the generation of circa 3,600 volunteer hours, engaged with 65% of primary schools in Cardiff and has resulted in excess of 24,000 children being connected with nature.

Next month will see the launch of two new Apprenticeship Schemes within the Parks Service. The Arboricultural Apprenticeship Scheme will provide two opportunities for individuals, over a three year term and will comprise of a comprehensive programme of practical experience, working towards the Craftsmans Certificate in Arboriculture and the attainment of National Proficiency Test Council Certificates in Arboricultural Operations. The second scheme and whereby one opportunity is being offered is the establishment of a Playground Management Apprenticeship, over a four year term. Again a comprehensive programme of practical experience will be provided with the participant working towards accreditation under the Register of International Play Inspectors. The creation of these schemes demonstrates the Council’s commitment to increasing the number of apprenticeship and trainee posts on offer, the posts also contribute to the services succession plan.

The Into the Garden and Beyond, Heritage Lottery funded project at Parc Cefn Onn will commence with a series of Health Walks next month which sees the Council partnering with the North Cardiff Medical Centre and the Walking for Health Initiative. A notice board publicising the project and proposed work packages will also be installed on site in April 2017.

On allotment matters, I can also confirm that two further Allotment Site Associations will shortly sign up to local management agreements, these being the Allensbank Site and Elgar Crescent. This will increase the uptake on local management agreements to 12 from 28 sites. The local management agreement provides greater autonomy for site associations with increased decision making powers.

Cardiff Harbour Authority is working with the Wales Millennium Centre and in respect of an exciting new Project called Skills for Life. This opportunity is linked with the upcoming Centre production, Tiger Bay the Musical. As part of the celebration of the area of Tiger Bay, and to run alongside the mainstage production, Cardiff Harbour Authority (CHA) will be working on an event called *An Evening with Tiger Bay*; a production that provides a platform to local artists. The Skills for Life project will see 10-12 young people, with a focus on NEETs from the local Tiger Bay community; take part in the above mentioned project linking to their local heritage and development of Tiger/Cardiff Bay, culminating in them using their newly developed skills to operate the production.

Participants will learn skills in production management, heritage, and will gain personal development for future employment. Participants will be secured through local community organisations with which CHA has existing relationships.

The Parks Service has been successful in securing supply and maintenance arrangements, for the provision of floral displays in the City and Civic Centre areas and following a procurement exercise undertaken by the Business Improvement District. The arrangements will see the introduction of up to 400 individual floral units comprising of baskets and containers sited at key locations, installed prior to the Champions League Final in June 2017. The Council's Plant Production nursery in Bute Park will be responsible for the production of the plant material and aftercare once in situ.

I'm also pleased to confirm that an exciting partnership project is also being developed at the plant production nursery involving a community interest company cultivating salad crops. The project will benefit some of Cardiff's most vulnerable citizens creating a space for refugees and asylum seekers to seek positive mental well-being associated with growing and horticultural activities. The project aims to help individuals gain skills; grow in confidence and work together to grow high quality local produce for sale across the city. The project which I anticipate commencing in April has the potential to create a sustainable social enterprise model over time.

I can confirm that dialogue has commenced between Officers and funding partners in respect of improvements to Roath Park and its environs, discussions are at an early stage and opportunities exist for match funding, combining the use of Section 106 funding and part of the capital receipt from the sale of the YHA building on Wedal Road. Improvements have the potential to extend to, the Recreation Ground, Pleasure Gardens, the Conservatory and also Roath Park House where alternative uses are currently under consideration.

### **Neighbourhood Services**

I am pleased to report that since the blitz work began in the inner wards the additional resource has achieved the following:

- 639 streets have been deep cleaned
- 88.5 tonnes of additional waste has been removed
- 493 pavement defects have been repaired
- 5524 gullies have been cleansed
- Community groups have given over 450 hours of their time to help.

This was achieved as a result of the extra funding in the 2016/17 budget. I can confirm that the blitz work will commence next week in the outer wards starting in the Pentyrch Ward. Neighbourhood Services to spend 2 days in each of the 21 outer wards until May 2017. This work will relate to deep cleansing and the cleansing of drainage gullies in a targeted area. The Neighbourhood Services team will work with the local Members to identify the areas of concern in their wards to establish where this work will take place.

In addition to the above, Neighbourhood Services Enforcement is continuing to work with the University and have delivered education to Cathays and to the phase 2 area of Plasnewydd dealing with students in multiple occupancy properties. The positive taken from this work is that people are adhering to the education provided – there has been a 214% increase in education but only a 130% increase in Fixed Penalty Notices compared to previous the previous year. Education and enforcement will reduce the number of ongoing offences through ‘word of mouth’ and a culture of having improved behaviours.

### **Cardiff Coastal Project**

I am able to advise that the Rover Way foreshore through to the Rhymney River estuary is an area in danger of coastal flooding. There is significant erosion of the coastline, which if not addressed, will cause defence failure and flood related damage running to millions of pounds within Cardiff.

Through an initial assessment, the Flood & Water Management team have determined the scale of the problem and successfully bid to Welsh Government for £400k financial assistance through the Coastal Risk Management Programme grant.

A programme to deliver a structured approach to managing the issue going forwards is now in place. Through a successful tendering exercise, JBA Consultants are completing a Project Appraisal Report based on the findings of detailed investigation and analysis that will provide an outline design of a recommended way forward.

In addition to the above, a Project Appraisal Report will be available at the end of April 2017 and this will be utilised to consider how the Council proceeds. The estimate is £4-5M coastal improvement work is required to remove the inherent risk of flooding. Any further funding by the Welsh Government would be limited at 75% of the total cost.

I recognise that coastal flooding is a risk to Cardiff and I am therefore pleased to see this programme moving forward.

### **Waste Management**

It's been a busy month as we focus on our in house delivery commitments to reshaping and commercialising services. The team have held proactive workshops on essential skills and recruitment support which were well attended. This will encourage career development in our frontline staff and aims to dispel fears over recruitment. The two apprentice posts that have been created in waste management are being recruited and will start soon.

On service delivery, I am pleased to announce that commercial services have won another large contract this year and have now added the Motorpoint Arena to our growing portfolio of customers and an ever improving net income position for the year.



With sustainable services high on our agenda, we are also procuring new electric powered vans for our supervisors, thereby reducing our carbon emissions.

**Councillor Bob Derbyshire**  
**Cabinet Member (Environment)**  
23 March 2017

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## **CORPORATE SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT**

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### **C2C**

- C2C won the Welsh Contact Centre award for People Engagement for 2016, which recognises best practice in the principles of People Management and Development, in line with the corporate staff engagement programme including the Health & Wellbeing agenda.
- The C2C service handled their 6,000,000th call since the opening of the contact centre in September 2001. C2C have handled 33,348 emails (so far in 2016-17 at January 2017) answered well inside the 48 hour target.
- C2C have successfully maintained a high customer satisfaction rate, despite growing continuing high call volumes 97% of customers surveyed are satisfied with the service (since April 2015)

### **Web**

Cardiff.gov.uk/Caerdydd.gov.uk, the Council website was part of the Ask Cardiff survey and 9 out of 10 users who visited the site seeking information were successful in this task. 85% of respondents rated the website as Very or fairly good for the quality of information with 80.1% rated the ease of use as Very or Fairly good. The website saw significant traffic for parking permit applications, with 66% of all applications made in 2016 made online.

### **Commissioning & Procurement**

The Council's Commissioning & Procurement Team have been shortlisted for a number of prestigious national awards:

- **Public Finance Innovation Award 2017** – the Team have been shortlisted in the Finance Team of the Year and Alternative Service Delivery Model of the Year categories. The winners will be announced on 20<sup>th</sup> April
- **World Procurement Awards 2017** – the Team have been shortlisted in Innovation Category at the 11th World Procurement Awards in London on 17<sup>th</sup> May. This year saw a record number of entries from “*some of the most influential companies across 36 countries*”. We are the only Council to make any of the shortlists at these awards.

### **Atebion Solutions**

Further to the Cabinet decision of 16 June 2016 to establish a Commissioning and Procurement Local Authority Trading Company, I am pleased to inform you that Atebion Solutions is now operating. Atebion Solutions will focus on providing a broad range of procurement and commercial services to the public sector and has already won its first contract with more in the pipeline. For more information, please visit [www.atebionsolutions.co.uk](http://www.atebionsolutions.co.uk)

Cabinet agreed the Procurement Strategy 2017-2020 last week. The Strategy sets out the key procurement priorities to 2020 and the role procurement will play in supporting the Council to meet the challenges that it faces. The Strategy places an increased emphasis on delivering social value through Council contracts whilst ensuring that the Council achieves value for money and continues to innovate.

Cabinet also agreed the Code of Practice – Ethical Employment in Supply Chains last week. The City of Cardiff Council is the first Council in Wales to sign up to the Code, which covers the following employment issues:

- Modern Slavery and human rights abuses;
- Blacklisting;
- False self-employment;
- Unfair use of umbrella schemes and zero hours contracts; and
- Paying the Living Wage

## **Health and Safety**

The new health and safety training programme being offered by the Academy, as a result of the Council's relationship with Caerphilly Council is nationally accredited training being provided at a low cost to the Council. The programme started in October 2016 and demand has steadily increased each month. All health and safety training is now being delivered via the Academy.

## **Corporate Health Standard**

As you are aware, the Council, as part of the Health & Well-being Project, has been working towards the Bronze Corporate Health Standard. Employers who adopt good working practices will have happier, healthier and a more productive workforce.

The assessment took place on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 and involved the assessors:

- meeting the project team and going through completed action plan and the associated documents;
- meeting the Chief Executive and the Corporate Director (Resources) to discuss the senior level commitment of the organisation; and
- visiting Willcox House and Brindley Road to talk to managers and employees at the sites to gain an understanding of how the organisation deals with health and well-being.

I am pleased to announce that we attained the Bronze Award and many of the areas for the Bronze Award were exceeded; this puts the Council in a good position to attain the Silver Award. The Health & Well-being Project Group are now

working on the evidence for the Silver Award criteria with a view to the Assessment taking place in late Autumn 2017.

**Councillor Graham Hinchey**  
**Cabinet Member (Corporate Services & Performance)**  
23 March 2017

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

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**Libraries & Community Hubs**

Key achievements include:

- Successful implementation of key council policy to deliver joined-up council and partner services from a Hub.
- Following pilots to create Hubs in Llanrumney and St Mellons we have opened Community Hubs in;
  - Butetown Hub 2012
  - Ely / Caerau Hub June 2014,
  - Rumney Partnership Hub November 2015,
  - Grangetown Hub January 2016,
  - Fairwater May 2016.
  - Star Hub September 2016
  - Llandaff North January 2017
- The next hub to be opened from the Council's successful Hubs Programme is the Powerhouse Extension at Llanedeyrn Hub in May 2017. This extension will bring additional services and activities into a larger and more sustainable community building and is part of the wider Maelfa redevelopment scheme.
- This will be followed by the new Llanishen Hub, which will be created through the refurbishment of existing facilities at Llanishen Police Station and is a positive example of partnership working between the Council and the Police in utilising building assets to the benefit of the local community.
- A major extension has also been agreed to the existing hub at St Mellons. This extension will include a community hall, youth den, changing facilities, multi-use rooms, Flying Start provision and a café area.
- Creation of Central Library Hub June 2015 – to facilitate the closure of Marland House, create a new teenage library and digital floor, realise £340,000 savings in building costs and better utilise an iconic city centre building.
- Successful performance against the Welsh Public Library Standards with all Core Entitlements met.

- Over 3 million visitors to libraries and Hubs every year. The below table shows the increase of visits to library & Hubs for April to December (note some libraries footfall is only added at year-end)

Year	Footfall
2013/14	1,505,425
2014/15	1,493,323
2015/16	1,586,139
2016/17	1,825,560

- Increasing library membership

Year	New users
2014/15	20,117
2015/16	20,822
2016/17 (up to February)	21,977

- Good performance from a range of indicators against the Core Cities, including book issues per population higher than every other city.
- Impressive year on year Summer Reading Challenge performance results including for 2016/17 6,427 children participating and issuing over 130,000 children's stock.

## **Outdoor Sport**

I am pleased to report that approximately £1.3 Million is being invested in outdoor sport facilities including new 3G pitches at The Marl and Trelai Park, Upgraded Tennis Courts and Floodlighting at Heath Park, changing Room and infrastructure upgrades and the Council are continuing to support Children's sport free of charge. I can also advise that the new operating models at Roath Park Boat Stage and Heath Park in partnership with Parkwood Outdoors have seen an increase in footfall and investment at both facilities.

In addition to the above, I am currently discussing, with officers an 8-year partnership deal with British Cycling and HSBC to invest £500,000 per annum from 2017–2025.

## **Sports Development**

The Sports Development partnership with Cardiff Met has seen an increase in participation which includes:

- 47% of young people in Cardiff "Hooked on Sport"
- £50,000 worth of volunteer hours
- The most successful Disability Sport Inclusion programme in Wales achieving a Bronze National Award
- The launch of the new Girls Together initiative to get more women and girls involved in Sport and Physical activity
- An award winning Children's Sport and Nutrition holiday scheme



- Over 100 Students deployed into children's sport programmes
- The Cardiff Games continues to grow as our 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Legacy with 97 schools regularly taking part

### **Arts & Culture ADM**

Last month, we took the positive step to terminate the Arts & Culture Alternative Delivery Model process, which means that we have stopped the process of looking for an external provider and will keep the running of St David's Hall and New Theatre in-house and investing in our current workforce.

In the long-term, we will also seek to bring forward options for the modernisation of both venues to help increase income and ensure that they can compete in the marketplace. We will also look at options for a not for profit model for the future of both venues.

**Councillor Peter Bradbury**  
**Cabinet Member (Community Development, Co-operatives & Social Enterprise)**  
23 March 2017

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**CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL  
23 MARCH 2017**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**MOTION 2**

Proposed by: Councillor David Walker

Seconded by: Councillor Rod McKerlich

Delete paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and replace with:

*This Council notes that this Labour administration has totally failed to comprehend how local government financing in Wales and the devolved administrations works. This has resulted in a flawed tendency to blame national government for the decisions made by the Welsh Government.*

*It further notes that Wales has benefitted greatly, since the 1970s, from the Barnett Formula. This formula has enabled Wales to receive around £1.10 from central taxation for every £1 received in England. This formula has survived in spite of claims of its unfairness by some English Local Authorities.*

*This Council also accepts the reality that The UK Government has, over recent years, forwarded several large payments to the Welsh Government to supplement Local Government spending and allow reductions in Council Tax. It regrets that WG chose not to pass on this money to Local Government for the benefit of council taxpayers.*

Paragraph 4 - delete all after 'their hard work'.

Paragraph 6 - delete and replace with

*Finally, this Council recognises that, whilst reducing expenditure in some areas due to lower WG settlements, the Council's key services continue to function, in spite of this administration's awareness of key inefficiencies but failure to tackle them and make available savings. A future cabinet will need to resolve that shortcoming and carry out a full modernisation programme as a matter of urgency.'*

The Substantive motion will read:

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**It further notes that Wales has benefitted greatly, since the 1970s, from the Barnett Formula. This formula has enabled Wales to receive around £1.10 from central taxation for every £1 received in England. This formula has survived in spite of claims of its unfairness by some English Local Authorities.**

**This Council also accepts the reality that the UK Government has, over recent years, forwarded several large payments to the Welsh Government to supplement Local Government spending and allow reductions in Council Tax. It regrets that WG chose not to pass on this money to Local Government for the benefit of council taxpayers.**

**This Council thanks its employees for the resolve and resilience they have shown in the face of unprecedented austerity, and congratulates all Council staff for their hard work.**

**It resolves to continue supporting our staff by remaining a living wage employer, by ensuring that each member of staff is always treated with respect, and by continuing to prioritise front line services.**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**MOTION 2 - AMENDMENT 2**

Proposed by: Councillor Joe Boyle

Seconded by: Councillor Nigel Howells

Deletion of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.

In 4th paragraph - the deletion of all words after *shown...*

Deletion of paragraph 6.

The Substantive motion would read:

**This Council:**

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**CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL  
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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**MOTION 3: AMENDMENT 1**

Proposed by: Councillor Ramesh Patel

Seconded by: Councillor Paul Mitchell

Deletion of all after first bullet point and replace with

- *The proportion of those travelling to work by walking, cycling and public transport in Cardiff has increased by 27% between 2006 and 2016. The proportion travelling to work by public transport (both bus and rail combined) has increased by 42% (Bus +10%, Rail +133%). Those travelling to work by private car has reduced by 16%.*
- *The Park and Ride at Junction 33 of the M4 Motorway has also been secured through planning approval.*
- *From 2012, in relation to the Transport Interchange, the Labour Administration:  
Has unlocked and acquired the preferred development site  
Has procured a world-class design from Fosters + Partners  
Has demolished Marland House  
Is in the process of demolishing the NCP car park  
Has secured planning permission  
Has a fully-funded plan*

*This Council therefore calls upon partners, including Welsh Government:*

- *To support Phase 2 of the Metro project, which includes plans to make improvements at key railway stations, including Llandaff and Radyr.*
- *To support us in working with Network Rail to establish new railway stations at Mynachdy, St Fagan's, Cathays, St Mellons, and others, which link well with bus services*

The Substantive motion would read:

**This Council notes that:**

- **its Local Development Plan is committed to achieve a 50:50 'modal shift' between journeys by car and trips made by walking, cycling and public transport by 2026.**

- The proportion of those travelling to work by walking, cycling and public transport in Cardiff has increased by 27% between 2006 and 2016. The proportion travelling to work by public transport (both bus and rail combined) has increased by 42% (Bus +10%, Rail +133%). Those travelling to work by private car has reduced by 16%.
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**COUNCIL, 23 MARCH 2017 – ORAL QUESTIONS**

1	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLARK</u></b></p> <p>What was the main Council initiative which ensured that Cardiff recycling rates stood at 58% in 2015/16?</p>
2	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &amp; PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALKER</u></b></p> <p>Amongst many failures during its 5 years in office is Labour's failure in meeting the promises it set out in its 2012 Manifesto. To cite three examples from its six key pledges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 'keep council tax increases under 2%' – apart from the first year, this so called pledge has been cynically ignored.</li> <li>- 'tackle Cardiff's housing crisis' – on the contrary, a dramatic shortage of housing continues to blight the city with thousands on waiting lists.</li> <li>- 'protect Cardiff's great, green open spaces' – Labour's LDP has rung the death knell on such open space.</li> </ul> <p>Will the Leader now own up to his and his party's failure to deliver on these key manifesto pledges?</p>
3	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (SKILLS, SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AWAN</u></b></p> <p>Who is the current council rep for the deaf community?</p>
4	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &amp; PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI</u></b></p> <p>Can you set out your achievements for our City?</p>

5	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES</u></b></p> <p>Residents report that additional security measures are being taken at Allensbank Allotments in order to prevent fly-tipping. Will the Cabinet Member agree that this is undesirable, and that the situation will worsen when the tip at Wedal Road is closed?</p>
6	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING &amp; SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS</u></b></p> <p>In light of the granting of planning last week for the building of nearly 6000 homes in North West Cardiff, on top of previously granted applications for 1500 homes near Creigiau, Goitre Fach and more big applications still to come, when do the council plan to have available a new strategic transport plan for the North West of Cardiff?</p>
7	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &amp; PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI</u></b></p> <p>Will the Leader give an update on discussions in relation to the redevelopment of Cardiff Central Train Station?</p>
8	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &amp; PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS</u></b></p> <p>How does this council evaluate and measure the success of the Leader's Vlog and other social media activity?</p>
9	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY (CORPORATE SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></b></p> <p>Would the Labour Cabinet Member support a move to ensure that all Councillors pay their Council Tax directly from their Councillor allowances?</p>

10	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE (HEALTH, HOUSING AND WELLBEING PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL</u></b></p> <p>What impact will the U.K. Government's plans to remove housing benefits from under 22s have on homeless figures in Cardiff?</p>
11	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDERS</u></b></p> <p>I read with interest the BBC Wales News tweet (on 19th March) regarding £600k from the Champions League legacy that will, according to the report, be allocated to upgrade Cardiff parks. I completely agree with the comment attributed to you “the quality of public facilities can impact on people exercising...”</p> <p>Could you confirm which areas of the city will have their open spaces upgraded and what criteria was used in deciding those?</p>
12	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE</u></b></p> <p>In order to carry out electrical repairs at three of the city's high schools, the Council must find £3.8m of additional capital and £2.85m of revenue spend, a staggering total of £6.65m. This raises a number of questions about where the money will be diverted from. In particular, which asset renewal schemes intended for 2017/18 will now not go ahead?</p>
13	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY (CORPORATE SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></b></p> <p>How much compensation has been paid to residents around the issues of the installation of bus lanes and parking bays from and including:</p>

	<p>A) North Road;  B) Caerphilly Road;  C) Manor Way;</p> <p>and what was the maximum individual amount that has been paid out?</p>
14	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE (HEALTH, HOUSING AND WELLBEING PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McGARRY</u></b></p> <p>What are the administration's plans to address rough sleeping in Cardiff?</p>
15	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE (HEALTH, HOUSING AND WELLBEING PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></b></p> <p>What plans do the council have to insulate the remaining estates in Pentwyn and Llanedeyrn that have no cavity walls?</p>
16	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></b></p> <p>The announcement that the outer wards of the city will be subject to a "deep clean" by the council's cleansing department is long overdue but previous requests were refused when called for by local members.</p> <p>An instruction has now been given that this exercise must be completed prior to the elections on 4 May necessitating Bank Holiday and weekend working at potentially huge additional cost to council tax payers. The Llanishen ward will receive this treatment on the eve of poll and polling day itself.</p> <p>Who gave this instruction, why does it need to be completed before the election and who decided that Llanishen should be given a deep clean the day prior to the election and election day itself?</p>

17	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH JONES</u></b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member for the Environment list the benefits of the forthcoming deep clean blitz in Llanrumney?</p>
18	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY (CORPORATE SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN</u></b></p> <p>For the years 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 to date, could you please give details of the number of council housing tenants who have made claims against the council's insurers for damaged furniture/damaged furnishings/damaged clothing (due to alleged damage by damp/water ingress/black mould due to housing) who have had their insurance claims against the council refused?</p>
19	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS</u></b></p> <p>Could the Cabinet member for community give an update on the 3G pitch at Trelai Park?</p>
20	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE (HEALTH, HOUSING AND WELLBEING PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR STUBBS</u></b></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member provide an update on increasing the number of council houses in the city?</p>
21	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GROVES</u></b></p> <p>Please will Cllr Derbyshire provide an update regarding public toilet provision in Whitchurch, following the petition which was presented to the Full Council in its January 2017 meeting?</p>

22	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALI AHMED</u></b></p> <p>Can you set out the improvements in Cardiff's recycling brought about as a result of the changes you made in 2015?</p>
23	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING &amp; SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARRY</u></b></p> <p>Could you please inform us as to how many roads have been resurfaced since 2012?</p>