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**CYNGOR CAERDYDD
CARDIFF COUNCIL**



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STATEMENT OF THE LEADER

Core Cities Cabinet

On 9 October Cardiff hosted the Core Cities Cabinet, which brought together the Leaders and Mayors of the UK's ten largest cities outside London.

The Core City Cabinet was joined by Lord Andrew Adonis, chair of the National Infrastructure Commission, prior to the launch of the National Infrastructure Assessment. The National Infrastructure Commission argues that the current state of the country's infrastructure could hold the UK back and that a long-term plan is needed to ensure that it is fit for the future. The report makes clear the challenge of congestion on roads, limited railway capacity, slower mobile and broadband connections and ever-worsening air quality facing all UK cities.

These challenges of Congestion, Capacity and Carbon are well understood and it is why the Core Cities Cabinet signed The Clean Air Statement. A quarter of the UK's most polluted roads are either in our cities or in their surrounding areas. Core Cities believe that the Government's Air Quality Plan- published earlier this year- is not sufficient to address the current health challenges facing the public and lacks the resources local Councils need to make a difference. The Statement calls on the UK Government to incentivise the take-up of low emission and electric vehicles and for a memorandum of understanding on how local and national government can work together to tackle poor air quality. With the Director for Public Health in Cardiff recently estimating that air pollution is responsible for 5% of all deaths in the city – approximately 143 deaths a year with many of the areas most affected being in the inner city and in more deprived communities - this is an issue where strategic collaboration with our city partners in developing and deploying solutions can bring great value.

Recognising the national housing crisis the Core Cities also held a housing summit to consider how cities could deliver more, and more affordable, housing. Core Cities are currently exploring innovative housing delivery vehicles and are opening up a conversation with Government, asking for the freedom and flexibilities to deliver more housing in the face of this national crisis.

Great Western Cities

I met with fellow Leaders of the Great Western Cities initiative- Cllr Debbie Wilcox, leader of Newport and Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol- to discuss investment in the strategic infrastructure which serves the West of Britain. We are determined to attract the same level of strategic investment to the Western corridor as is being

pursued in other areas of Britain, most notably through the Northern Powerhouse and Midlands Engine, including working with Government, Network Rail and operators to reduce the journey times between Cardiff and Bristol and to enable direct Western rail access to Heathrow Airport.

City Deal

Members will be aware that, as part of signing up to the City Deal in January, Council would receive further detail on how City Deal funding would be allocated. Since that time the Programme Management Office that has been established and is working on bringing forward further detail to discharge this matter, based upon the themes identified in the Heads of Terms document. I am clear that the City Deal must provide clarity and detail on the investment that will take place before I can commit to bringing it to this Council for approval. To that end, work is being undertaken to identify specific strategic projects, as well as the level of funding requirement.

As part of the City Deal arrangements we have also committed to establishing a Regional Economic Growth Partnership which will advise the Regional Cabinet on investment decisions and its economic strategy. I have been leading on these arrangements, and the role of Chair of the partnership has recently been advertised. Applications have since been received and we hope to make an announcement shortly on the new Chair.

Well-Being Plan

Delivering Capital Ambition requires partnership working, particularly with our Public Service and third sector partners. As Chair of the Public Services Board, I am therefore pleased that a number of our delivery priorities were contained in Cardiff's draft Well-Being Plan. The Plan was agreed for consultation by the Cardiff Public Service Board on the 29th of September, with the consultation running until the 5th of January 2018. This Plan is an important pointer to how the city's major public service delivery partners will come together to tackle some of the difficult challenges we face over the next 5 years and I would urge you all to respond.

Volvo Ocean Race

Last weekend I attended the start of the 2017/18 edition of the Volvo Ocean Race in Alicante, Spain. In 2013 the Council- along with bid partners Welsh Government and Associated British Ports- applied to host a leg of the race. Thanks to the effort and commitment of those partners, Cardiff will be hosting the prestigious transatlantic leg when the seven teams depart from Newport Rhode Island on 20 May 2018 and arrive in Cardiff on 27/28 May 2018. The Volvo Ocean Race will further our reputation as a front ranking destination for sport and culture, provide an opportunity for Cardiff to promote its rich maritime heritage and ensures the capital continues to play its role in connecting Wales with the world.

Kick Start: Cardiff

I was honoured to be asked to close the three-day international conference for creative entrepreneurship 'Kick Start: Cardiff' last week, arranged by Visiting Arts. It brought together over 30 artists and creative entrepreneurs from Wales and from as far afield as India and Cambodia. The event again exemplified Cardiff's

role in providing an international stage for the best Welsh talent, and in bringing the best international talent to Wales. The event coincided with a number of other events in the city, such as the Swn festival and 'Made in Roath', where art comes out of the gallery and into the community. The creative sector is important for Cardiff and the city was chosen to host this event because of its strong creative industry presence, particularly in music, TV and film.

Veg Cities

On Tuesday I spoke at the Vegetable Summit organised by the Peas Please initiative with Food Cardiff. In the UK, our diets now pose one of the greatest threats to our health and well-being, and is a leading cause of health inequality. One of this administration's top priorities is to address inequality in the city, which takes many forms. Nowhere, however, is it as stark as the healthy life expectancy gap of over 22 years between our richest and poorest communities. There is an overwhelming consensus that simply eating more fruit and vegetables can help improve health outcomes.

This pledge commits the Council to promoting healthy eating, because it is the cornerstone of happy and healthy lives. To support adults, we are pledging to encourage everyone eating a main meal at our staff canteens, or at one of our flagship venues, to eat two portions of vegetables. We have also pledged to continue to roll-out our award-winning School Holiday Enrichment Programme- 'Food and Fun'- to ensure children are informed about the food they eat. In 2015 Cardiff achieved bronze status as a sustainable food city and this Pledge will support our bid to become one of a handful of Silver Sustainable Food Cities.

Councillor Huw Thomas
Leader of the Council
26 October 2017

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HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES STATEMENT

Housing Developments / New Council Properties

Work is well underway to achieve our target of delivering 1,000 new council homes in Cardiff over the next 5 years with a range of delivery routes and innovative solutions being identified.

We have 3 Development schemes actively on site through our Cardiff Living programme at Willowbrook West, Branton Crescent and on our former depot at Mount Pleasant Lane Llanrumney. These 3 schemes alone will deliver 130 new council homes with the first handovers planned for early 2018. The Cardiff Living programme will deliver approximately 600 new council homes in total, of which 350 will be built over the next 5 years.

Cabinet recently approved our proposal to enter into a package deal arrangement with Cadwyn Housing Association for the delivery of 30 flats at Courtney Road – we anticipate that this development scheme will be on site by January 2018. We are in discussions regarding other package deals and I look forward to further updating on these exciting opportunities when appropriate.

We have completed the remodelling of the former Children's home at Thornhill Road, Llanishen, creating 8 'Independent Living' flats for older people.

We are actively buying homes from the market – targeting larger family homes and former council properties. We have completed 4 buy-backs so far with another 1 due to complete by the end of the month and further viewings arranged. We aim to complete 20 buy-backs each year for the next 5 years.

On top of our Cardiff Living Project we are taking forward a second ambitious build programme. Our first scheme of 16 new homes has been granted planning permission and we will shortly be tendering for a contractor. We have been assembling land for this project and are actively working up schemes on a further 12 sites capable of delivering at least 400 additional council homes.

I am also pleased to announce that we have been successful in our bid via Welsh Government's Innovative Housing Fund to pilot 8 family homes made from recycled shipping containers as short term or 'meanwhile' living solutions for people in the most urgent housing need.

Our target of 1,000 new homes is ambitious but we will explore all opportunities open to us as the demand for housing in our city increasingly grows and in doing

so we will be seeking additional funding capabilities from Welsh Government to help us.

Rough Sleeping

The rising numbers of individuals sleeping rough continues to be a significant challenge across the UK, including Cardiff. At the count week ending 22nd September 2017, there were 100 known individuals rough sleeping in Cardiff. Cardiff Council and its Voluntary Sector Partners have developed robust rough sleeping intervention procedures over a number of years to engage with and link people into accommodation and support services. In addition, new initiatives are being rolled out more information is available on www.cardiff.gov.uk/homeless. As the number of services continues to increase so does the draw for people who are homeless to come to Cardiff with currently up to 60% of those sleeping rough in Cardiff are from other areas and have no local connection. The service has successfully reconnected 68 people with homelessness services in their local area however this remains a growing challenge.

I recently attended a meeting of a multi-agency taskforce specifically established to form a co-ordinated a response to rough sleeping, drug use, discarded needles and aggressive begging across the city. The taskforce will ensure a strategic and joint approach is taken to tackle the issues associated with drug abuse in public spaces, homelessness and begging in and around city. We will continue to ensure that support services are promoted to take rough sleepers off the streets and ensure that chaotic drug users are supported into services whilst taking the appropriate enforcement action to tackle anti-social behaviour in a responsible and proportionate manner. The taskforce will report into our existing partnership arrangements and I will receive regular updates as the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities.

Grant funding for schemes to tackle homelessness

I am pleased to say that Cardiff has been awarded grant funding of £540,000 by the Welsh Government to take forward initiatives to address homelessness and rough sleeping. While this funding is for this year only, it will allow us to pilot new initiatives and build on some of the projects underway. 14 different schemes were put forward and all were successful in achieving funding. This funding will allow us to enhance our Reconnection Service, this services helps homeless people return to their home area; Expand on our Housing First project for Rough Sleepers and improve prevention services. Some capital funding was also awarded and this will help us to extend and improve our emergency homeless accommodation.

Rent Smart Wales

Rent Smart Wales now has 171,500 properties registered with 15,272 landlords and 2,537 agents now licensed. We continue to process large volumes of licences every month, with 1,462 licences approved in September. Following Cabinet approval of the Rent Smart Wales enforcement policy in July 2017, we are now taking action to ensure compliance. During September 2017, 20 Fixed Penalty

Notices were issued and two successful prosecutions taken – one in Neath and one in Cardiff. Fines and costs for both cases totalled £3,543.

I am continuing to meet with local Landlords to listen to their experiences both good and bad with the aim of encouraging and securing a joint partnership, working relationship between the Council and local Landlords.

Welfare Reform

There are 2,446 tenants currently impacted by the size restrictions (bedroom tax), of those 196 are on the priority downsizing waiting list. Discretionary Housing Payments are currently paid to 384 individuals who are affected by the Benefit Cap and of those 149 are actively working with the Into Work's Back to Work Scheme. From February 2018 Universal Credit will apply to all new claims including those with disabilities and health problems, those who are in work and those with children. The new claims needed to be made online and all UC accounts will need to be managed online. With Universal Credit being paid in arrears, research by Citizens Advice on the pilot areas has shown that a significant number of households have fallen into debt as a result.

Libraries

The performance assessment report for the third year of the fifth framework of the Welsh Public Library Standards has been received from the Welsh Government. The report highlights a positive and improved performance by Cardiff Library service that has been delivered in the Libraries and Hubs across the city, as well as directly within the communities of Cardiff:

- Cardiff continues to meet all of the 18 core entitlements in full
- Improvements have been realised against the 7 targeted quality indicators – achieving 4 in full and 3 in part
- Physical visits have increased year on year ranking Cardiff's Libraries and Hubs as the most visited in Wales
- The Authority also ranks 1st in the levels of active borrowers
- The service is the cheapest in Wales with a net cost of £1.50 per visit

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's Summer Reading Challenge was the most successful yet! The event followed an 'Animal Agents' theme and a huge 7,511 children joined the scheme, a 16% increase on the previous year. With a completion rate of 67.7%, 5,085 children finished the challenge, reading 6 books over the school summer holidays. This year saw 17% more children complete the challenge compared to last year.

Welsh Housing Award

One of our Hostel Services Officers has been shortlisted for a Welsh Housing Award in the category of Housing Champion, due to their efforts in identifying the need for better eye health provision for those accessing homeless services. Working with the RNIB and Specsavers, the officer set up surgeries which involved service users (including rough sleepers) having eye tests and subsequent treatments, including glasses and hospital admissions. This work has

brought substantial benefits to those service users who need it. Four people in total have been shortlisted in this category and the winner will be announced at an award ceremony to be held in November 2017.

Councillor Lynda Thorne
Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities
26 October 2017

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STATEMENT

It gives me great pleasure to be able to make my third statement as Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Services.

I continue to remain very pleased and encouraged with the commitment and dedication displayed by staff who not only work in challenging times, but continue to develop new services and inspire others to take a lead from Cardiff's Children's Services.

You will be pleased to note that work to develop the Integrated Autism Service (IAS) in the Cardiff and Vale region has been underway since October 2016 and on the 27th of September 2017, I had the pleasure of launching the new service. Thanks to the funding commitment from Welsh Government to develop an Integrated Autism Service, we are now able to truly develop better services for people with autism. The service brings together all existing provision across Health, Social Care, Education and the Third Sector for people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan and aligns them with the Welsh Government national Integrated Autism Service specification.

The service will provide diagnoses for adults who suspect they have ASD and outcome-focused support for adults with ASD and parents and carers of children with ASD. It will also provide specialist advice to existing agencies around autism. This support will be accessed via a single point of entry into the service which will include self-referral.

In addition to the launch of the integrated autism service, the month of October marked two years since officers from Children's Services established a Professional Interest Group (PING) in Cardiff to tackle the then emerging Child Sexual Exploitation of children in our city. What began as a collection of individuals dedicated to working together, sharing knowledge and supporting each other in a shared aim to tackle this abuse, has flourished into a forum whose collective expertise and influence has grown.

To mark two years of the PING, I was delighted to welcome partners and professionals to the annual PING celebration event on the 2nd of October. Professionals joined us from across the country in a spirit of cooperation and collaboration to find answers to very difficult questions. *How do we best support children and young people to recover from traumatic experiences? What is the best way to respond to children who go missing from their homes and schools?*

What can we do better to keep 16 and 17 year olds safe? How do we protect vulnerable young adults who are targeted for grooming and exploitation?

We all know that child sexual exploitation is a criminal act that it has a devastating impact on children and young people often throughout their adult lives and it is right that the national profile of this issue is increasing. There has been a leaning towards assuming that only very small numbers of children, in particular areas, are affected, but recent investigations around the United Kingdom have shown that this is not the case. These investigations and reviews have brought to light just what a complex social issue this is and how it cannot be addressed by single organisations working in isolation.

I am pleased to report that in Cardiff we have recognised for a long time that it is only through a resolute determination by all those professionals and organisations who are in contact with children, to work together to a joint strategy which was approved by cabinet in October 2015, that we can effectively deal with the complex issues that CSE involves. The meeting on the 2nd of October was a symbol of the commitment and determination of individuals and organisations in Cardiff and beyond to, side by side, do everything they can to put a stop to sexual exploitation. The passion, commitment and presence at the meeting signified how far we have come in acknowledging that child sexual exploitation is a stain on cities and communities across the country and will not be tolerated; not in our city, not in our communities, not to our children.

Whilst the service continues to work under incredible pressure and demand, I am pleased to note that we are at the forefront of developing new and effective services to some of our most vulnerable children.

Councillor Graham Hinchey
Cabinet Member Children & Families
26 October 2017

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SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING STATEMENT

In the increasingly important regional agenda of health, I'm delighted to now chair the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board's Quality, Safety and Experience Committee. Responsible for providing advice and assurance to the Board on matters of quality, safety and patient experience, chairing the Committee allows me to fully play my part as Local Authority Independent Member.

I have also been appointed to chair the Wales Strategic Migration Partnership.

I welcome the news that Adult Services continues to make progress against its Corporate and Directorate commitments during Quarter 2 of 2017/18, and would like to share the following highlights with you:

Integrated Finance and Service Strategy

The scope of the Institute of Public Care commission in relation to Adult Services' financial sustainability was agreed and will focus on four key work streams:

- Development of a whole systems 'Reablement Strategy' with Health, including a review of Community Resource Team operating model
- Development of an Accommodation Strategy for Older People
- Development of a new model for Adult Social Work practice to parallel Signs of Safety
- Development of a new Regional Learning Disabilities Strategy

I'm pleased to report the Adult Services budget has been stable during Quarter 2 and is reporting a balanced position for the whole of the financial year to date. Work done in order to achieve this includes:

- Reviewing care pathways in the Hospital Social Work teams
- Relationship management of the market e.g. Provider forums
- Senior management scrutiny of spend within Adult Services, including focus on high cost placements

Direct Payments

I previously reported that a new Direct Payments Support Service commenced in July 2017. Transition to the Dewis Centre for Independent Living has been undertaken and the transition plans implemented. Together with the recent appointment of a new Direct Payments Finance Officer (administrative support to the new Direct Payments service), this provides a solid platform for improving

performance in keeping with the target. There were 626 adults on the Direct Payment scheme during Quarter 2 (663 year to date), of which 19 commenced Direct Payments, and 12 ceased (the main reason being deceased).

Disabilities Futures

The 'Disability Futures Strategy' is making strong progress in a highly complex partnership environment and is effectively driving the required changes. As part of the strategy, work is ongoing to create a transition process and protocol for Cardiff that can be closely aligned with regional partners. Key stakeholder workshops for those working on transition in Cardiff Council Social Services were held during Quarter 2. The process agreed at the workshop was then further discussed and approved at the regional operational group meeting of relevant Operational Managers from Cardiff, the Vale, Education and the University Health Board.

Day Opportunities for Older People

A tender has been agreed for works at Grand Avenue Day Centre, with a date scheduled in Quarter 3 for its temporary closure and the relocation of service users and staff to Fairwater Day Centre. Consultation with staff is ongoing with additional training being identified to ensure an appropriate skill mix. Joint work with the University Health Board on a future integrated model of dementia day care is ongoing to more closely define the required dementia-friendly environment.

Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC)

I am pleased to confirm that the Delayed Transfer of Care (DToC) indicator has been rated 'green' for the last two quarters. Work in relation to reducing DToCs is ongoing and is on target to meet the milestones set out in the Directorate Plan. The Integrated Health & Social Care Partnership reported in its 21 September 2017 census that the total number of DToCs for September 2017 was 48, compared to 54 for August 2017, a decrease in a month of 6 (11%). The number is 44% lower than the same period last year (86). The total number of DToCs aged 75+ for September 2017 is 30, compared to 37 for August 2017; a decrease in a month of 7 (19%).

Following a review of 2016/17 Integrated Care Funding (ICF) projects, the ICF Programme Board agreed that 2017/18 would be a year of consolidation. As a result, Adult Services successfully secured ICF for 2017/18, with the Bridging team offering a further period of reablement. This has allowed the reablement service to remain whilst the domiciliary market remains fragile. The redesign of the service continues.

The Integrated Discharge Service review is underway. Adult Services have fully staffed both University Hospital Llandough and University Hospital Wales with Social Work Assistants and they attend Ward Board rounds daily.

Carers' Assessments

I'm pleased to report that we are on course to meet the KPI target for carers' assessments. 51.8% of carers have been offered an assessment (1,785 offers for 3,447 carers) compared to 47.4% for the same period last year (1,515 offers for 3,198 carers). The number of completed carers' assessments during Quarter 2 is

182, compared to 151 for the same period last year. As a low number of referrals from the Mental Health teams was identified, a part-time Carers' Assessment Worker has been allocated to focus on Mental Health referrals only, including an e-mail referral system to see if this improves referral rates.

Strengths Based Approach Model for Adult Services

I am pleased to report that further progress has been made with ongoing workshops in place with the Institute of Public Care to drive the agenda forward. A few staff who completed the initial training and follow up sessions (Phase 1) have been selected as 'Champions / Mentors' to support and take forward the work. These Champions / Mentors attended the first session on the 6 October, further sessions are planned for November 2017, and January and March 2018 (Phase 2).

Review of Internal Supported Living for People with Learning Disabilities

The review to maximise people's independence continues in accordance with plans. I'm pleased to report that a Stakeholder Project Group has been established to take forward the implementation of the Supported Living Action Plan.

Occupational Therapy

A joint partnership initiative is ongoing with Preventative Services and Adult Social Care; with the Occupational Therapy (OT) Review Team conducting reviews of existing care packages to ensure alignment with clients' current and ongoing needs. The team aims to empower people to maximise independence and live fulfilled and safe lives, in particular looking at individuals receiving double-handed care.

This initiative aims also to improve service efficiency. Importantly, the OT Review Team has been able to amend existing packages of care through the provision of equipment, which since April has resulted in Adult Services identifying savings of £118,188. One client said *'I feel much more empowered and part of the care process, rather than being an inactive participant between two carers. I appreciate that I am now able to do more for myself'*.

Older Persons Accommodation

Older persons accommodation is recognised as a vital element of maintaining independence, health and well-being. Traditionally a move towards residential care accommodation settings for some older people as they get frailer is usually considered. However in recent years, there is a growing recognition that specialist housing settings, such as Extra Care, can better meet the aspirations of significant numbers of older people to maintain active, independent lifestyles, and provide better value than residential care. The older persons accommodation review will look to address the increasing demand pressures in Cardiff, and seek a whole-system approach across social care, health and housing to help older people stay as safe, healthy and independent as possible, and lead lives that have value, meaning and purpose in their own homes, and within their communities.

White Ribbon Campaign

I am delighted to report that this year's event, 'Walk a Mile in Her Shoes' attracted a record number of participants. Starting at Cardiff Castle the walk followed a one-mile route around the City Centre before returning to the Castle.

The continuous growth in this event is a brilliant display of the ongoing movement to end domestic violence and helps raise significant awareness for such an important cause. Thanks to all partner organisations, Cadwyn Housing Association, and participating Councillors including Councillor Caro Wild our White Ribbon Ambassador.

Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Area Plan

I am pleased to highlight that the draft Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Area Plan for Care and Support Needs is now out to consultation. The draft Plan provides the response of the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board to the findings of the regional Population Needs Assessment published on 31st March 2017. It has been prepared to meet the requirements of the Statutory Guidance in relation to Area Plans under section 14A of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

Within the Plan are the proposed priorities for integrated services in relation to older people; children with complex needs; learning disabilities and autism; Integrated Family Support Services; and carers. As a Regional Partnership Board we have also been working with our Public Services Board colleagues to ensure that there is read across to the Well-being Plan, which is also currently out for consultation.

I would encourage all elected members to provide any comments before the consultation deadline of 3 December 2017.

Councillor Susan Elsmore
Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health & Well-being
26 October 2017

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STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT STATEMENT

Green Paper Update

As set out in Capital Ambition and as discussed at last month's full Council we will be bringing forward a Green Paper on Transport & Clean Air. The purpose of the Green Paper is to have a fuller discussion with citizens and stakeholders about our wider transport system, and ways we can improve our overall wellbeing and the quality of our air.

The Green Paper will include analysis and review of where we are now, and proposals and options for the future. The findings of the paper will allow us to bring forward more firm proposals in the form of a White Paper.

I am inviting all parties to help scope out the content of the paper, and subject to the Lord Mayor's consent, I plan to bring it forward to full Council for debate early in the New Year.

Highway Operations

The carriageway surface treatment programme has been successfully completed and work is progressing well to deliver ongoing patching work across the City. Notably the Highway Asset Team are working in collaboration with the Vale of Glamorgan to resurface Culverhouse Cross interchange and this work will take place over the next 4-6 weeks. The work will look to remove some of the congestion seen in the evening by changing the lane allocations on the gyratory and this work will reinvigorate this important gateway to Cardiff.

Winter Cycling

This year we have all noticed an increase in the number of cyclists on our roads and paths across the city. This is good for the cyclist, it is good for congestion, it improves the quality of the air we all breathe and it makes Cardiff a more social and safe place to live. As a Council we want to see this grow even further.

However, as we get into autumn and winter draws nearer, we know that cycling becomes less straightforward. Surfaces are more likely to have leaves, be wet, and even icy during cold weather. It also gets darker during the main commuting time which affects travelling conditions for all road users. Despite these factors, we know many people still want to cycle to work, to their school or university, or to the shops. We should all do everything we can to support these people. They are quite literally keeping Cardiff moving.

With this in mind we have put in place new arrangements to deal with leaves and other debris on our main off-road cycling route, the Taff Trail. Starting this week, the Council's maintenance teams will be regularly sweeping the sections of the Taff Trail which are most heavily affected by the autumn leaf fall.

What is less straightforward is the gritting of off-road cycle paths. Unfortunately, it is impractical to carry out gritting of the paths manually and using gritting vehicles is also not an option as the vehicles are too large to gain access to the off-road path network. We also have to consider the environmental effects of salt-grit being put down in our parks and green corridors. Currently, we don't have an easy answer to this issue, but we will continue to investigate possible solutions and welcome any ideas people may have.

We want cyclists to be safe during the winter months. Cyclists can help keep themselves safe by having good lights on their bikes, wearing visible clothing, ensuring tyres and breaks are fully functioning and taking extra care in poor conditions.

But most importantly, we strongly urge vehicle drivers to take extra care to consider the safety of cyclists, by giving extra space, slowing speeds and recognising the serious injury that even the smallest of collisions could cause.

Councillor Caro Wild
Cabinet Member Strategic Planning and Transport
26 October 2017

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INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT

BUS STATION

Council will recall that in July I outlined to Cabinet the significant issues associated with the delivery of the Bus Station facility both in terms of the financial package required and the timescales for delivering the project. Council will understand that the bus station development carries an additional financial burden resulting from the significant unexpected cost of acquiring buildings necessary to assemble the preferred site together with the design constraints associated with building above a bus station. This means the Council needs to maximise the value of the development that can be delivered above the bus station.

Council will be aware that the Administration has sought approval to explore appropriate solutions outside of the existing planning consents in order to make progress. Those proposals have been subject to pre-decision scrutiny by a joint meeting of the Economic and Environment Scrutiny Committees and, following the Cabinet decision, was subject to call in.

The Administration has been eager to address the concerns raised during the scrutiny process which suggested that Members favoured a solution involving office development above the bus station rather than proposed student accommodation. As a result, the Administration has been working on a twin track approach to ensure that the project can commence as soon as possible in the new year.

Again, as I mentioned in July, the Administration has been working alongside Welsh Government, to pursue a potential inward investor whose requirement appears to match the bus station offer. I met with the potential inward investor in London earlier this year and I am aware that Cabinet Secretary Skates met with them as recently as this month. I understand that the company maintains a strong interest to re-locating part of its operations to Cardiff. However, it is now clear that the company's timeframe for making a final decision does not suit our needs to make urgent progress on the bus station project.

Throughout this period, we have continued to work with the developer to explore the possibility of alternative solutions which may better meet Members' aspirations. I have asked the developer to progress the submission of a new planning application at an early stage to allow the council to consider a mixed use development involving a small scale speculative office element, private rented and student accommodation and potentially a hotel.

As a result, Council needs to be aware that it is my intention to table a further report to Cabinet in December to gain authority to enter into a contract to deliver the scheme which I believe will facilitate a start on site early in the new year in line with the commitment made in July.

GREEN PAPER

At the last Council meeting I outlined my intention to launch a Green Paper for consultation in October as the basis for establishing a new vision for growth in the city's economy. The draft document, which presents projects and ideas for growth across all of the key employment areas of the city and which will establish strong spatial themes that build upon Cardiff's recent success, is now in draft form.

Many of the opportunities that have been identified involve land and buildings in the ownership of both other public sector organisations and private sector interests. Council will, therefore, understand the need to discuss those opportunities with the various parties in advance of publication to avoid any unintended consequences either for them or the Council. We have not, as yet, been able to obtain responses from all those parties but I will do so shortly and will publish the Green paper as soon as possible.

LAND DISPOSALS

Capital Ambition provides a commitment to secure significant additional investment in the fabric of the city's school estate. This can only be achieved through a strategic programme of land and building rationalisation which will generate opportunities to generate capital receipts through a planned programme of land disposals.

Members need to be aware that officials are currently undertaking a city wide exercise in order to identify potential sites for disposal. I will ensure that local Members are informed and consulted on any sites within their wards in advance of any proposals being made public.

Councillor Russell Goodway
Cabinet Member Investment and Development
26 October 2017

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CULTURE AND LEISURE STATEMENT

Parks and Green Spaces

A number of improvement schemes are being progressed across the city through the use of Section 106 monies, Landfill Tax Credits, Capital Programme allocations and Neighbourhood Renewal funding. These schemes will result in improvements in public open space provision and include hard and soft landscaping enhancements at Ruthin Gardens in the Cathays ward, the regeneration of the former bowling green site at Hailey Park in the Llandaff North ward, the installation of a new play area with a range of fixed playground equipment at Coed-Y-Gores in the Pentwyn ward, drainage schemes to alleviate long standing problems with flooding at Grange Gardens in the Grangetown ward and the Cwm Farm open space site in the Radyr & Morganstown ward. Footpath improvements at Parc Coed Y Nant in the Pentwyn ward and Rhydypennau Park in the Cyncoed ward are also being progressed.

Officers from the Parks Service are working with the Teenage Cancer Trust to develop a programme of events to raise awareness, the programme will commence with the commemoration of an existing tree in Roath Park together with the naturalisation of 2,000 daffodil bulbs. In addition, officers are also working with colleagues in the Domestic Abuse Team and the White Ribbon campaign to deliver a floral display depicting the organisations logo on the badge bed at Cardiff Castle. I am delighted that the Council is working with these organisations to help promote and raise awareness of the important work they undertake.

Events Programme

As the clocks go back and we come to the end of an exceptionally busy spring and summer season we now look forward to an equally exciting autumn and winter season of events and activities. This includes our Step into Christmas event, which will be held on Thursday 9th November 2017. This is an annual tradition that marks the start of everyone's Christmas preparations when Cardiff switches on its Christmas lights. I would like to encourage Members to come along and enjoy an action packed programme of music and entertainment across the city, including a visit from Santa and his team of reindeers.

On the same evening, Winter Wonderland will also open its doors to start its 8-week run, closing on Sunday 7th January 2018. This year, the organisers have included relaxed accessibility sessions at which music will be played at a lower level, lighting will be static and the capacity of the rink will be reduced to allow those who may need additional support to better enjoy the experience. With an undercover ice rink,

authentic bierkeller, alpine village and funfair, this annual event never fails to delight residents and visitors alike.

Councillor Peter Bradbury
Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure
26 October 2017

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EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS STATEMENT

Employable Me!

Working in partnership with Job Centre Plus in Canton and the City Centre, the Adult Community Learning (ACL) service's Learning for Work programme delivered another two week 'Employable Me!' course for people aged over 50 who have been out of the workforce for a prolonged period. The course had 30 attendees and the course content consisted of:

- Skills for Employment
- Writing a CV and how to use it
- Digital – Finding and Getting a Job
- Applying for a Job
- Doing Effective Jobsearch
- Preparing for an Interview
- Engagement & Motivation
- Confidence Building

The learners also gained a qualification in Customer Service and an IT qualification.

Prepare to Care

"Prepare to Care" is a joint training programme provided by the Council's Into Work and ACL services, Hafod Care, Hafod Housing and ECLP Communities First. Learners will attend a four week training course, gaining a Level 1 Agored Cymru accreditation in Care Options. They will also be trained in Manual Handling, Food Safety Level 2, SOVA Level 2, Emergency First Aid L2, and undertake some E-learning modules.

The programme kicked off with an Introductory Day held on 5th October 2017, where participants met care professionals, toured some care homes and found out more about the course and about working in the care sector. After the four weeks, participants are guaranteed an interview and successful candidates will start a two week volunteering work placement at the earliest opportunity, which in most cases will lead to a job in home/domestic care. Should no jobs be available at that time, the candidates will stay "on the books" for a further six months and prospects of securing a job in the care sector are very high.

Customer Service Skills

ACL have delivered another successful course in partnership with Job Centre Plus and Tesco. 17 candidates attended a week long course where they gained an insight into the customer service levels that Tesco expect, interview skills, presentation skills and a Level 2 customer service qualification focussed on Tesco's values and beliefs and the importance of good teamwork. 14 of the 17 candidates were successful and given a 3-day placement in one of five Tesco Extra stores at Culverhouse Cross, Western Avenue, Pengam Green, St Mellons and Penarth. They were then interviewed for a position by the store manager. This has been another successful course with excellent outcomes.

Health & Wellbeing

DICE (Disability Inclusion in Community Education) will be working in partnership with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to offer a range of accredited courses for adults with mental health issues at Hafan y Coed (HyC), the new Adult Mental Health Unit at University Hospital Llandough. This vibrant, new building replaces the former mental health unit at Whitchurch Hospital and includes facilities such as a cookery room, art exhibition and relaxation area, gardens and an orchard. DICE and HyC will share the expertise of dieticians, Occupational Therapists and tutors. Service users will be encouraged to move out into the community and attend further ACL courses.

European Day of Languages

The European Day of Languages is celebrated across Europe in September every year. It aims to promote the rich linguistic diversity of Europe and raise awareness of the importance of lifelong language learning for everyone. This year, celebrations took place on 30th September at Central Library and ACL were pleased to be invited to participate in the event that was attended by 115 learners. They had the opportunity to attend language taster sessions in Welsh, Spanish French, Italian, German, Hindi/Bengali, Japanese, Arabic, Portuguese and Chinese that were led by tutors and to practice their language skills at conversation tables in the World Café.

European Local Democracy Week

The Leader and I, together with the Cabinet Assistants for Citizen Engagement (Cllr Dilwar Ali) and Youth Services (Cllr Ashley Lister), attended an event on 10th October 2017 at County Hall, which was held as part of the annual European Local Democracy Week coordinated by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities. We were joined by David Abadir, Member of Youth Parliament representing Cardiff, and pupils from schools across the city.

The theme of this year's event was "Citizen participation, consultation and commitment: for a thriving local democracy" and it aimed to explore how decisions are made in the city, including an introduction to local and national democratic structures. Participants were given the chance to ask a range of questions around the role of the Councillor and how the Council operates. Pupils then engaged in roundtable discussions on the recent results of the Make Your Mark ballot, in which over 10,000 young people completed a survey asking them to highlight the top issue affecting them.

Children's Rights

Cardiff has started its journey to become globally recognised as a Child Friendly City by forming a partnership with Unicef UK and putting children's rights at the heart of the city.

A range of activity has taken place over recent weeks, including a programme of children's rights training for elected members. In addition to this, a broad range of stakeholders have taken part in a Discovery Day. As part of this well attended event, partners and delegates from a wide range of council services listened to key messages from children and young people, discussed key research data and how we could embed a child's rights approach to improve the outcomes for some of the most vulnerable in our society.

Last week, Sally Holland, Children's Commissioner for Wales, also presented The Right Way Guidance to Headteachers at a meeting held in Cardiff. This framework for a children's rights approach for education in Wales compliments the wider approach to embedding children's rights taken here in Cardiff. We hope to build on the number of Rights Respecting Schools in the city, further enabling children and young people to learn about their rights and receive the protection they rightfully deserve. As one of the champions for the Child Friendly City programme, I look forward to working with all partners involved in this important piece of work and the development of a citywide action plan in the New Year.

Citywide Headteacher Meeting

The Leader and I welcomed the opportunity to attend the Cardiff citywide Headteachers' meeting on 12th October 2017. The Leader thanked Headteachers for all their hard work in securing the improvements in education across the city and spoke about the Capital Ambition priorities for Cardiff. He also expressed his commitment to education as one of the continuing priorities for this administration and the future prosperity in the city.

Full Circle

The Council has funded Full Circle to develop a 6-week programme to be used with vulnerable refugees/asylum seekers and Looked After Children. The pilot programme is being run at Mary Immaculate High School and will help children and young people to build a toolkit of strategies to manage their behaviour, while addressing any underlying issues of concern.

The programme aims to support a pupil's social and emotional development and wellbeing, creating a safe space to explore uncomfortable thoughts, feelings and life events, with time and support to test out more resourceful and appropriate behaviours outside of sessions. It explores the following six key themes through group and individual activities, discussion and creative approaches:

1. First Steps (Identifying Problem Behaviours)
2. Being Me (Exploring our Self Image)
3. Understanding Others (Developing Relationship Skills)
4. Managing Feelings (Developing Emotional Literacy and Resilience)
5. Moving On (New Behaviours and Consequences)

6. Next Steps (Action Planning & Skill Development)

These sessions are time-limited and aim to provide useable and appropriate strategies to assist children and young people to manage the situation and build confidence, self-esteem and a more positive outlook on life. Each pupil will receive a toolkit to keep and record their progress, with activities to develop resilience, a growth mind set, self-regulation and emotional literacy.

Estyn Recognition of Excellence

I am delighted to announce that two Cardiff Schools, Fitzalan High School and Ysgol Pencae, have been invited to attend an event on the 20th October 2017 to recognise their excellent Estyn inspection judgements. The Cabinet Secretary for Education will present Headteachers with a framed certificate at the event. Both schools will also feature in an Estyn case study publication.

Strategic Briefing for Governors

I attended the citywide Strategic Briefing for Chairs of Governors on 25th October 2017 at which I outlined the strategic estate priorities in Cardiff.

Councillor Sarah Merry

Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Education, Employment and Skills

26 October 2017

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FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

Living Wage

The Council will take a full part in national Living Week starting on 5th November 2017. I will be attending the Welsh launch event at Capital Law on 6th November 2017 where we will unveil the Cardiff Council Living Wage video. I will also be speaking at a National Federation of Builders 'Corporate Social Responsibility in the Construction Industry' workshop on 9th November 2017. In addition, officers will be speaking at a Cardiff University Living Wage event.

We are continuing to encourage all Cardiff businesses to become accredited Living Wage employers and for SMEs to take advantage of the Council's Living Wage Accreditation Support Scheme. I am therefore pleased that the number of Cardiff Living Wage accredited employers has doubled in 2017 and now stands at 36.

2017 Wales CIPD People Management Awards

The Council has been shortlisted in the 2017 Wales CIPD People Management Awards – Best Employee Engagement Initiative category. Like the national awards, which we were also shortlisted for, this is a great achievement for the Council and, more importantly, recognises the contribution that all our staff make to the delivery of council services. Fingers crossed, we will be announced as winners of the Wales Award on 26th October 2017.

Web

Cardiff.gov and Caerdydd.gov continues to be a popular resource for residents in accessing council information and services, as demonstrated below:

- 170,950 visitors in September viewing 660,000 pages of information
- 5,700 form submissions
- 76% of appeals against Penalty Charge Notices made online instead of post
- The key homepage features on the site for September 2017 were for School Term dates and Homelessness and Rough Sleeping.

Corporate Health and Safety Forum

I chaired a meeting of the Council's corporate Health and Safety Forum on 24th October 2017. This strategic forum will monitor health and safety standards in the Council and will be a vehicle to drive through improvements in health and safety management for the protection of staff, service users and the general public.

C2C

C2C hosted a visit from staff 'Champions' based at Job Centre Plus who are tasked with sourcing potential candidates to take up voluntary, unpaid placements in live work environments as part of their strategy to get people back into the workplace. The aim of these workshops is for the champions to understand skills sets that complement the demands of working at C2C so that volunteers can be better matched to placements and we are continuing to reflect on lessons learnt after each intake and continual build on previous successes. This partnership has been going strong since 2013 and C2C are currently employing 3 previous volunteers in permanent positions and have a cohort of 8 volunteers part way through placement right now.

Councillor Chris Weaver

Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance

26 October 2017

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ORAL QUESTIONS

AGENDA ITEM 11

1	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL</u> <u>(CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member advise why there are continuing supply problems with regard to green bag availability in Cardiff North?</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER</u> <u>(FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>At the Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee meeting on 4 October, one of the Wales Audit Office representatives present agreed with me that having a general contingency fund within the council's budget as a safety net to cover overspends for planned savings that are not achieved can lead to the council applying less rigour in attempting to achieve those savings, thereby potentially lessening the likelihood that they are achieved. Will you therefore reconsider the use of such a general contingency fund in future budgets?</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS</u> <u>(LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>Could the Leader outline what meetings he has had and in what dates regarding the proposed dumping of mud from Hinkley Point?</p>
4	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD</u> <u>(STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON</u></p> <p>What plans does Council have to monitor and reduce traffic speeds in the 20 mph zone in Pontcanna and Riverside?</p>

5	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD</u> <u>(TRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>Parking and congestion in my Ward of Pontprennau and Old St Mellons is already at unsustainable levels. Parking around Pontprennau Primary School is in urgent need of improvement. The Council agreed to pursue plans for a walking bus to alleviate parking pressures around Pontprennau Primary School. Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the walking bus for Pontprennau Primary School and the steps being taken to improve congestion with many commuters using Heol Pontprennau as a through road to access the M4 and Eastern Avenue, adding to congestion pressures?</p>
6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY</u> <u>(CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON</u></p> <p>Could the cabinet member make an assurance that assessment information about carers of young disabled people will be available electronically by 2018/19?</p>
7	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY</u> <u>(EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member outline the details of the TUPE arrangements for catering staff at Eastern High?</p>
8	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL</u> <u>(CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LENT</u></p> <p>Has Cardiff Council been consulted on the issue of the marine disposal of 300,000 tonnes of radioactively contaminated dredged sediments from the proposed Bridgewater Bay/Hinkley Point C new nuclear reactor at the "Cardiff Bay Grounds" marine disposal site?</p>

9	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></p> <p>With the removal of the facility to dispose of the higher value recyclable items of scrap metal and rubble at the Wedal Road HWRC, what is the impact on the site and will this make the centre less financially viable?</p>
10	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CONGREVE</u></p> <p>The future of libraries across the city is a concern for many residents. What is the commitment of this Labour administration to continue to fund this invaluable service and, in particular, the shining example of Rhydpennau Library?</p>
11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STEETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>Will the Council conduct a survey of differently abled people in the city using taxis?</p>
12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE-DAVIES</u></p> <p>The Cardiff Half Marathon was a huge success, once again, for the city and all those who took part. However, I have been contacted by residents in Llandaff North who were frustrated to see that our public bins, particularly those in Station Road, were not collected throughout Sunday 1st of October. Can the Cabinet Member give a commitment that major events in Cardiff will not affect the frequency with which refuse is collected from the outer city Wards?</p>

13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES</u></p> <p>Can you inform Council of the number of children in Cardiff Schools receiving psychotherapy sessions together with a breakdown on the number in each age group?</p>
14	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>Could the cabinet member please explain who gave GLL/Better permission to close the Pentwyn Leisure Centre cafe, removing a popular local service and making 4 staff redundant?</p>
15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>What is being done to improve air quality in Cardiff?</p>
16	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACOBSEN</u></p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member please review s7 of the Waste Container policy which has not been looked at since December 2016?</p>
17	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN</u></p> <p>Many Rhiwbina residents and residents across Cardiff use their green bins not only to dispose of their personal garden waste at this time of the year, but also to dispose of leaves and branches they have cleared from their streets, roads and avenues. Would the Council therefore please consider extending the regular green bin collections to the end of November, so as to help residents with the annual autumn clear up?</p>

18	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES</u></p> <p>Following on from this Labour Council's commitment to encouraging people to cycle in the city, what measures are we introducing at the planning stage to ensure that all offices and workplaces currently being built have adequate facilities for commuters who want to cycle?</p>
19	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR REES</u></p> <p>What progress has been made in the last month with a Green Paper on traffic congestion and transport in the City?</p>
20	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LANCASTER</u></p> <p>What co-operation is there between yourself and public transport providers when preparing for major events to take place in the city?</p>

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