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**CYNGOR CAERDYDD
CARDIFF COUNCIL**



COUNCIL MEETING: 26 OCTOBER 2017

AMENDMENT SHEET

1. Agenda Item 3

- i. Page 110 – Supplementary Question – County Councillor Howells
It should be ‘Cemetery Park’ rather than ‘cemetery’s and parks’

- ii. Page 91 – Notice of Motion to clarify the agreement of Council

Replace wording with

Council agreed that the proposers of the motion and amendments would, outside of the meeting, agree the wording of the combined Substantive Motion and that this be reported to the next meeting of the Council.

- iii. Agreed Wording of Combined Substantive Motion from Council 28 September 2017

The Council notes that

1. As Elected Members we have responsibility for our City and that includes creating sustainable communities, with comprehensive plans to deliver achievable network, cycle, pedestrian and road solutions. We also have a responsibility for the health and wellbeing of current and future generations.
2. Cardiff Council recognises that growth across the city has put serious pressure on our transport system. We are also aware of the dangerous health implications from air pollution caused primarily by motor vehicles.
3. There is a serious challenge facing Cardiff to provide suitable public transport options as the city grows during the Local Development Plan period and beyond. An increase in public transport capacity within Cardiff is essential. This, at a minimum, needs to be in line with the growth forecasts included in the LDP and to cater for an increase in commuters arriving from neighbouring authorities.
4. In addition to public transport we recognise the importance of providing improved infrastructure for active travel in the city. Cycling and walking not only provide alternatives to car journeys, but can improve our overall health and wellbeing.

The Council calls on the Cabinet

1. To bring forward a Green Paper to allow a full conversation with a wide-range of stakeholders on the future of Cardiff's transport system by the end of the financial year.

2. Agenda Item 7 – Statutory Improvement Plan

Attached is the letter of response from the Cabinet Member, Finance, Performance and Modernisation, Councillor Weaver to Appendix 2 – Letter from the Chair of Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee 2 October 2017

3. Agenda Item 10 – Notice of Motion

AMENDMENT 1 TO NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by: Councillor Sean Driscoll

Seconded by: Councillor Gavin Hill-John

The opening sentence delete the words 'is not a barrier' and replace with ***“and disability are not barriers”***.

Under the resolution point 1 (b) add a second sentence

“This is to include 16 – 19 year olds transferring to a recognised further education establishment that have been denied transport due to the 2015 transport policy of phased withdrawal of the service.”

The addition of a new point 3

“3. Bring to the November Council meeting a detailed solution of how it will imminently reverse the decision to withdraw funding for children with disabilities (that are unable to use the bus transport to school scheme) who moved to further education in 2017/18”.

The amended motion would then read:

A fair education system ensures that economic disadvantage and disability are not barriers to accessing appropriate education.

This Council:

- endorses the corporate aim to narrow educational outcomes and opportunities;
- notes the increase in the number of pupils from 27,789 in 2010 to 33,469 in January 2017;
- notes that demand for English medium places at entry to secondary education will be exceeded by September 2019; and demand for Welsh medium places at entry to secondary education will be exceeded by September 2021;

- notes the current pressures on the school estate and that nearly 20% of pupils did not secure any of their first three choices for secondary school places in 2016/17;
- notes that the attainment gap at Key Stage 4 for those children in receipt of Free School Meals was 33.7 in 2017;
- acknowledges that families with the economic means to do so are able to move within catchment areas so as to secure places at over-subscribed schools, leading to a loss of community cohesion and potentially widening educational outcomes and opportunities.

This Council calls on the administration to:

1. Carry out a financial exercise as part of the budget consultation process and in order to inform the budget debate, calculating:
 - a. the impact of providing free secondary school transport to anyone living over 2.5 miles from their high school;
 - b. the projected cost of reintroducing discretionary travel provision for young adults with learning or physical disabilities in 16 – 19 education, as allowed for in Section 6 of the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008. This is to include 16 – 19 year olds transferring to a recognised further education establishment that have been denied transport due to the 2015 transport policy of phased withdrawal of the service.
2. Bring to November's council meeting a detailed outline of how it will deal with the imminent lack of sufficient places in the city's existing secondary schools.
3. Bring to the November Council meeting a detailed solution of how it will imminently reverse the decision to withdraw funding for children with disabilities (that are unable to use the bus transport to school scheme) who moved to further education in 2017/18.

AMENDMENT 2 TO NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by: Councillor Sarah Merry

Seconded by: Councillor Lee Bridgeman

Bullet point 1 – add the following words after opportunities ***and applauds the aspiration of Capital Ambition and Cardiff 2020***

Add a new Bullet point 2

- ***Notes the improvement in results for children on free school meals in Cardiff between 2012 & 16 including a 16% improvement for efsm pupils in the achieving the Foundation Phase Outcome indicator at the end of year 2, 14.5% improvement in efsm pupils achieving the CSI at end of year 6, 17.8% improvement in efsm pupils achieving CSI at end of year 9 and a 19% improvement in the number of efsm pupils achieving level 2+ at the end of year 11 between 2012-16. Cardiff went***

from below the Welsh average to above the Welsh average on each of these indicators.

Bullet Point 2 becomes bullet Point 3

Bullet Point 3 amend second line by deleting 27,789 and replace with **28,450** and deleting 22, 469 and replace with **34,078**

Bullet Point 3 after January 2017 add ***the following and further notes that the improvement in outcomes for efsm pupils has taken place when numbers in pupils have been increasing and standards rising overall. We recognise the efforts made by staff and schools as well as the LEA and consortium.***

Bullet Point 4 add the following after September 2021.

Further notes the clear recognition by the cabinet of the challenges of our school estate in the paper “Developing our School Estate” that went to Cabinet in October.

Bullet Point 5 – delete and replace with

- ***notes that despite application numbers for secondary schools increasing from 2476 in 2016 to 2604 in 2017 there was a fall in the percentage of children not receiving a community school place offer from 14.5% to 10.8%. We also note that only 66 pupils (2.5% of the total number of applicants) were refused all 3 preferences. We believe this reflects the work of Cardiff Council in providing information to parents and changes in the application process.***

Delete bullet point 6 and replace with

- ***notes that in the Key Stage 4 Level 2+ threshold (5 GCSEs A*-C including English/Welsh and Maths), the performance of pupils eligible for Free School Meals in Cardiff was 30.8% in 2017, compared to 26.8% across the Central South Consortium. However we note the attainment gap for the Key Stage 4 Level 2+ threshold was 33.7ppt: closing the attainment gap has been and remains a priority for Cardiff Council.***

Delete bullet point 7 and replace with

- ***Recognises the importance of providing consistently good education across the city and the importance of sharing good practice in closing the attainment gap. We recognise that examination results do not measure the “value added” performance of schools and we also recognise the importance of challenging schools on how they deliver for all their pupils***

Delete all after This Council and replace with

- (i) Calls on the cabinet Secretary Kirsty Williams to make an announcement as quickly as possible around funding for schools under Band B and to accept in full our submission to enable Cardiff Council to bring forward plans to address issues in the schools estate which include the need to expand school places, the condition of our school buildings and meeting the needs of pupils with ALN;**
- (ii) Resolves to write to the cabinet Secretary asking the Welsh Government to give consideration to whether additional funding for schools transport for pupils living more than 2.5 miles from their high school could be provided;**
- (iii) Asks the administration to bring forward plans to address the issues outlined in “Developing our School Estate” after the outcome of Band B is known and there has been time to fully consider how we best meet future challenges.**

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4. Item 13 - Committee Membership

The following nominations from Party Group Whips have been received

| Committee | | Nomination |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Community & Adult Scrutiny | 1 vacancy | |
| Licensing Committee | 2 vacancies | |
| Public Protection Committee | 2 vacancies | Councillor Robson to fill Plaid vacancy |
| Health & Safety Advisory Group | 1 vacancy | Councillor Murphy to replace Councillor Patel |



Fy Nghyf / My Ref: CM38567

Dyddiad / Date: 25th October 2017

Councillor David Walker
Chair Of PRAP Scrutiny Committee
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Annwyl/Dear Councillor Walker

PRAP Scrutiny Committee - 4th October - WAO Improvement Report 2016-17

Thank you for your letter dated 16 October 2017 and the useful comments raised. I have set out the response to the specific issues raised by the Committee below.

The £3 million general contingency, equates to less than 1% of the Council's overall budget. The Council has had to identify over £200 million in savings over the past decade, over £100m of which were in the past three years. The challenges associated with delivering savings on this scale over an extended time-frame are significant. Set in this context, and taking into account that Cardiff is at the lower end of the spectrum in terms of general reserves, the general contingency is an important part of the Council's financial resilience. The level of the contingency is kept under review and was reduced by 25% in 2017/18, from £4 million to £3 million. Directorates are not expected to see this contingency as a fall-back position and progress towards achieving planned savings is closely monitored and challenged throughout the year.

Your comments in relation to providing the Committee with detail on savings planning are noted and further consideration will be given to the format this might take as the budget process progresses.

With reference to the Committee's request for a summary as to whether the Council is performing well, as you know, the Council is an incredibly diverse organisation that provides a multitude of different services within an increasingly demanding operating environment. The picture of the Council's performance is

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therefore invariably complex. There are a range of factors that impact on the Council's performance: the clearest example of this is that each service will be encountering different performance challenges at any one time. However, even within a given directorate, there will be variation of the challenges, opportunities and successes, and for a specific service, there will be further complexity – for example, service performance levels that could be assessed as 'good', which are supported by expenditure levels that are one-off, or above the allocated budget. Furthermore, there are examples of areas where the outturn of performance indicators is not reaching target, but a range of other evidence suggests that the service is successful in achieving the outcomes that matter most to the city's communities.

With all of these factors taken into account, it is not possible to ascribe a simple, overarching status to the performance of the entire organisation. However, the Corporate Performance Team has continued to develop the Council's approach to performance reporting to ensure the information that is reported to Cabinet is focused on the performance that matters most – namely, the performance of the Council in achieving the priorities set out in its Corporate Plan. This scorecard format has now been adopted by Cabinet, and allows us to have a more concise view of the significant areas of the Council's performance and therefore have conversations that are more focused. Alongside this, the cover report for Cabinet has continued to develop in order to give a narrative of areas of strong performance and performance challenges within each Directorate, and this information is available to your Committee.

My suggestion is that the Corporate Performance Team work with the Committee's Performance Panel to use these two tools as a starting point for focused conversations about the Council's performance.

With reference to the Committee's request for benchmarking that provides a clear illustration as how the Council is performing, the clearest example of this is the National Indicator and Public Accountability Measures system that was originally initiated by Welsh Government. Although this not a perfect system, the Council's results for 2016-17 did show that the Council had progressed to the 13th best performance against this indicator set across Wales, which represents a continued improvement from the Council's position a few years prior. This is the last year this indicator set is in place, and the Council's Corporate Performance Team are fully engaged in the work the Welsh Local Government Association are leading to develop a new, improved set of indicators.

Whilst data-handling training was given high priority across the Council, it was felt that the use of sanctions would lose the benefits of staff buy in. However, with the introduction of GDPR, it is imperative that all staff must undertake the training. As reported at committee, weekly reports detailing those who have not yet undertaken training have been issued to directorates. This reporting will become increasingly vigorous over the next few weeks with Directors being given weekly reports with an expectation that all staff must complete their training by the end of the calendar year in respect of the specific clarifications and assurances sought.

I hope that this letter captures all the points raised in your letter but if you should require any additional information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yn gywir

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Weaver'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C' and a long, sweeping tail.

Cynghorydd / Councillor Chris Weaver
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Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance

