

## **COUNCIL, 24 MARCH 2016 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

### **EDUCATION (COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)**

W1

#### **WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN**

Schools across Cardiff are welcoming refugees from Syria. Could you please advise what support is being given to schools to assist them with the integration of these vulnerable children; what central role Council is playing in terms of starter classes for learning English as a second language; and what additional financial assistance will be given to schools to enable them to provide the additional support that these children need?

#### **Reply**

The Syrian resettlement scheme is likely to commence in May 2016.

Many Cardiff schools are used to admitting pupils on a regular basis from many different countries. Schools with high proportions of Black and Minority Ethnic pupils and pupils with English as an Additional Language (EAL) have additional funds from the Education Improvement Grant to meet the language and development needs of these pupils.

The Council's Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS) includes six Closing the Gap Officers – one officer for each of the neighbourhood partnership areas in the city who support schools to build capacity in this area of work.

There is also a central New Arrivals team which responds on a termly basis, if necessary, to schools' needs across the city.

There are no Authority-wide starter classes, but some schools have their own, which are funded from the minority ethnic achievement portion of the Education Improvement Grant.

## **ENVIRONMENT (COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE)**

W2	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN</u></b></p> <p>Could you update me on what progress is being made towards making all Cardiff parks areas where dogs must be kept on leads?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>As you may be aware, a report to expand enforcement powers was approved by the Cabinet in November 2015. The report encompassed numerous powers including Dog Control Orders.</p> <p>Officers are currently in the process of preparing consultation documents for both the Cabinet and the public in order to consider areas to be designated for such powers, as it is essential that any changes to the control of dogs across the city is developed through consultation with our communities.</p> <p>In the interim, the current byelaw does require owners who exercise their dogs throughout our public open space provision to keep them under control. These byelaws are enforced by the Council's Park Rangers who are active in challenging those owners who act irresponsibly by not being in control of their dogs and who spoil the enjoyment and put at risk the safety of other park users.</p>
W3	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McKERLICH</u></b></p> <p>Please advise how frequently the team cleans outside the shops in Station Road, Radyr and the days this occurs. This shopping area is frequently in a poor state in respect of street cleanliness.</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The local shopping centre on Station Road in Radyr is currently scheduled to be cleansed three times per week. All bins are emptied on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Litter picking also takes place in the area on those days and mechanical sweeping is undertaken on a fortnightly basis.</p> <p>Education and Enforcement officers will attend the area to identify whether there is a need for preventative action, such as working with local retailers to help tackle the litter generated from the shops.</p>

## **HEALTH, HOUSING AND WELLBEING (COUNCILLOR SUSAN ELSMORE)**

W4

### **WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN**

Could you provide details of the arrangements that are in place, and the services that are being provided, for the Syrian refugees in the City and whether central government has provided financial support to the Council for this vulnerable group of people?

#### **Reply**

I am pleased to be able to confirm that the City of Cardiff Council, together with the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and working with partners at our Joint Leadership Board have agreed to resettle an initial number of 60 Syrian refugees as part of the UK Government Syrian Resettlement Programme.

An operational group made up of officers from a range of council and partner services has been involved in detailed preparations for the delivery of the programme and to ensure the successful long term involvement of the region over the life of the scheme.

An opportunity to tender, with a closing date in early April 2016, was issued recently on 29 February 2016 for the provision of a wide range of support services across the region.

The Home Office will provide financial support to the Council to meet the needs of those assisted by this programme and it is likely that refugees settled through this scheme will arrive in Cardiff in May 2016.

There are, of course, refugees from Syria who have arrived in Cardiff as part of the Asylum Seeker dispersal arrangements. The contract for the provision of services for those seeking asylum is with a private sector provider and no funding is available to the Council for the support of these refugees.

**TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY**  
**(COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL)**

W5

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES**

Please set out the number of parking enforcement notices issued in Gabalfa ward and Plasnewydd ward after 8pm in each of the last six months for which data is available.

**Reply**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Gabalfa Ward PCNs Issued</b>	<b>Plasnewydd Ward PCNs Issued</b>
October 2015	22	79
November 2015	9	20
December 2015	11	38
January 2016	5	55
February 2016	5	56
March 2016 (up to 20 March 2016)	16	53
<b>Total =</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>303</b>

W6

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR  
McKERLICH**

How many primary schools and secondary schools are now in a 20mph zone?

How many of each are not in a 20mph zone?

Can you name those which are not in a 20mph zone and append the target date for putting them in a 20mph zone?

**Reply**

There are 29 Primary Schools and 8 Secondary Schools in Cardiff which are within 20mph speed limit areas.

There are 40 Primary Schools within School Safety Zones, which have physical traffic calming measures that are intended to reduce traffic speeds to 20mph. Of these 40 schools, 17 are also within 20mph speed limit areas.

There are 12 Secondary Schools within School Safety Zones. Of these 12 schools, 7 are also within 20mph speed limit areas.

There are 47 Primary Schools and 6 Secondary Schools which are not within either a 20mph speed limit area or a School Safety Zone. These schools are as follows:

**Primary Schools (47)**

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| Adamsdown Primary School            | St Cuthbert's R.C. Primary School      |
| All Saints C.W. Primary School      | St David's C.W. Primary School         |
| Allensbank Primary School           | St John Lloyd R.C. Primary School      |
| Bryn Celyn Primary School           | St Joseph's R.C. Primary School        |
| Bryn Deri Primary School            | St Mary The Virgin C.W. Primary School |
| Creigiau Primary School             | St Mary's Catholic Primary School      |
| Glan-Yr-Afon Primary School         | St Mellons C.W. Primary School         |
| Glyncoed Primary School             | St Patrick's R.C. Primary School       |
| Greenway Primary School             | St Paul's C.W. Primary School          |
| Howardian Primary School            | St Peter's R.C. Primary School         |
| Kitchener Primary School            | St Philip Evans R.C. Primary School    |
| Lakeside Primary School             | Stacey Primary School                  |
| Lansdowne Primary School            | Tredegarville C.W. Primary School      |
| Llanedeyrn Primary School           | Trowbridge Primary School              |
| Moorland Primary School             | Willowbrook Primary School             |
| Ninian Park Primary School          | Windsor Clive Primary School           |
| Pen-Y-Bryn Primary School           | Ysgol Bro Eirwg                        |
| Rhiwbeina Primary School            | Ysgol Glan Morfa                       |
| Rhydypenau Primary School           | Ysgol Gymraeg Melin Gruffydd           |
| Rumney Primary School               | Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pen-y-Groes      |
| Severn Primary School               | Ysgol Pen Y Pil                        |
| Springwood Primary School           | Ysgol Pencae                           |
| St Bernadette's R.C. Primary School | Ysgol Y Wern                           |
| St Cadoc's Catholic Primary School  |  |

**Secondary Schools (6)**

- Cathays High School
- Corpus Christi R.C. High School
- Radyr Comprehensive School
- St Illtyd's Catholic High School
- Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Edern
- Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf

We do not have a target date for the implementation of 20mph speed limit areas outside all schools in Cardiff.

W7

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON**

5 years ago a constituent contacted me regarding the lack of crossing facilities at the Pantbach/Ty Wern/Ty'n y Parc Road (Monico) crossroads. At that time, their son had just moved into Year 3 of primary school and they contacted me with concerns that the route to school would be made much safer if pedestrians were able to cross all 4 roads at this junction. Despite repeated requests from local Councillors, and from residents wishing to access the Pantbach Road bus stop, there is still no safe way for local residents to cross Pantbach Road on the Rhiwbina side at this junction. The child in question is now in High school – will we have to wait until he is at University before much needed improvements to this junction are made?

## **Reply**

I can confirm that a scheme to provide controlled pedestrian crossing facilities at the Pantbach/Ty Wern/Ty'n y Parc Road junction is currently in the Council's approved Local Transport Plan and will be implemented when funding is available.

The schemes included in the Local Transport Plan have been prioritised using an objective method of assessment and funding will be allocated to schemes on this priority basis. The objective method of assessment takes into account traffic and pedestrian flows, injury collision incidents over a five year period, traffic speed, site layout and delay in implementation.

In view of this, it is not possible to predict exactly when a scheme will be implemented due to many factors, such as the available budget; varying site conditions such as road casualty figures, and whether any new projects have been added to the Future Programme.

An assessment of the police injury collision record shows that there have been no recorded collisions at this location over a five year period.

This project is currently ranked as number 64 on the Future Programme, and is therefore unlikely to be implemented in the near future using funds from the Council's capital budget. However, should other funding sources become available, such as from planning conditions, we shall endeavour to deliver this road safety project sooner.