

COUNCIL, 30 JUNE 2016 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

W1	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES</u></p> <p>Councillors were recently sent invitations to a PR reception being held by the army at City Hall on 23rd June. What was the cost to the army for holding this reception on council premises?</p> <p>What would have been the equivalent cost to a private individual or commercial organisation?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Army hired City Hall, including the Lower Hall and Assembly Rooms, on 23 June 2016 for a Transition Fair. The event aimed to inform serving Armed Forces personnel, families and veterans about the support that is available to them. It also sought to help ease the transition process from Service life to civilian life by introducing Service leavers to appropriate organisations and employers.</p> <p>At the end of the event, the organisers also hosted a reception in the Marble Hall. The cost of the hire of the Marble Hall for the reception was £250. This was a reduced fee, charged on a pro rata basis, for a one hour extension (from 5pm to 6pm) to the wider venue hire on that day.</p> <p>A minimum hire fee of £1500 per six hours would normally be charged for the use of the Marble Hall, but the reduced fee was applied as a result of the overall charges that were paid by the Army for the hire of City Hall, which were directly comparable to those for private individuals or commercial organisations.</p>
W2	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS</u></p> <p>How many books have been withdrawn from the temporary library facility at the CRI since the facility was made available?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I can confirm that Roath Library customers are continuing to access library services. Our records show that there have been 42,991 transactions (i.e. issues and renewals of books) which can be attributed to registered Roath Library customers since November 2014 when Roath Library was closed temporarily due to maintenance issues. The majority of these issues have taken place at Splott, Penylan and Central Libraries.</p>

The temporary facility at Cardiff Royal Infirmary (CRI) has only been open since March 2016 and has 400 books available. During the period from March to June 2016, there have been 49 book issues from the kiosk based at CRI; however, we do know both from the number of requests that the Neighbourhood Development Librarian has taken and the number of books we have restocked that more books are being loaned outside the system.

Steps are being taken to ensure that library customers are aware that the stock must be issued through the Library Management System via the kiosk. This will allow for more accurate formal reporting on stock issues and renewals at the CRI library.

Officers have been promoting the CRI library to date, but I have asked them to undertake further promotional work to ensure that local residents are fully aware of its location.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE **(COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY)**

W3

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

What is the frequency of grass cutting for the grassed areas around County Hall?

Reply

I can confirm that the cost of grounds maintenance at County Hall is met by the Facilities Management service and the areas of grassland are cut up to ten times per year. The actual number of cuts, as well as the timings and intervals between cuts, is dependent on a number of factors such as ground and weather conditions.

ENVIRONMENT (COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE)

W4

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

When will there be information available online to advise and support civic-minded residents who want to organise litter-picks in their communities?

Will the council also make available the necessary resources (gloves, grabbers etc.) for loan in order to support residents wishing to clean our streets?

Reply

The Waste Strategy Team is currently working to redevelop the Keep Cardiff Tidy website. A section of the new website will include information on how residents can get involved with community litter picks and other activities, as well as a calendar of events. We expect to launch this new website towards the end of July 2016.

The Council plays a leading role in facilitating community litter picks in the city, which are undertaken by resident groups and community groups such as the Cardiff Rivers Group. The annual Get It Out for Cardiff campaign also seeks to promote local resident involvement in helping to keep communities clean. We actively support community events where we can with staff, equipment, literature to hand out, recycling kits, social media support etc.

In addition, the Council has a longstanding relationship with Keep Wales Tidy who we fund to support community litter picks. If volunteers want to get involved with litter picks, we do encourage them to sign up with Keep Wales Tidy, which has lots of appropriate equipment that can be loaned to volunteers. The Council's Street Cleansing Team will then arrange collection of the waste once the litter pick has been completed.

TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY
(COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL)

W5

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

Please set out definitively the traffic/parking offences which can be enforced by council parking wardens, and those which remain within the purview of South Wales Police.

Please also explain which offences require the presence of road markings; my understanding is that South Wales Police can no longer book people for being parked within 10m of a junction (despite it being against the Highway Code) as junction parking now falls within the council's remit, but Cardiff Council officials cannot enforce the offence either unless there are double yellow lines.

Reply

The following parking offence is enforceable only by the Police:

- Obstruction – this would include parking dangerously at junctions and on pavements even in the absence of yellow lines. What constitutes an obstruction is down to the discretion of the attending Police Officer/PCSO; however, parking within 10 metres of a junction is not in itself illegal. The Police may enforce parking within 10 metres of a junction on the basis of safety concerns.

The traffic contraventions that are enforced currently by both the Police and the Council are:

- Stopping on a pedestrian crossing or zig-zags at a pedestrian crossing
- Stopping in a restricted area outside a school when prohibited by Keep Clear Zones
- Being in a bus lane
- Stopping in a box junction when prohibited
- Performing a prohibited turn (no left/right/u-turn)
- Parking adjacent to a dropped footway, cycle track or verge including H-bar markings.

The parking contraventions that are enforced currently by the Council are:

- Parking in a restricted street during prescribed hours (yellow lines)
- Parking or loading/unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading/unloading restrictions are in force (yellow lines with yellow kerb markings)
- Parking after expiry time on pay and display ticket
- Parking without clearly displaying a pay and display ticket
- Parking with payment made to extend the stay beyond initial time (meter-feeding)
- Parking in a resident permit bay without a valid permit or with an invalid permit
- Parking in a suspended bay
- Re-parking in the same parking place when prohibited – return parking restrictions.
- Parking in a place not designated for that class of vehicle
- Not parking correctly within the markings of the bay or space
- Parking in a loading place during restricted hours without loading
- Parking more than 50cm away from the kerbline
- Parking for longer than permitted
- Parking in a disabled persons' parking place without displaying a blue badge
- Stopping on a taxi rank

- Stopping on a bus stop
- Parking partially or wholly on a cycle lane
- Stopping in a restricted area outside a school when prohibited

The parking contraventions that are enforced currently by the Council, which do not require road markings, are:

- Parking more than 50cm away from the kerbline
- Parking adjacent to a dropped footway, cycle track or verge.