#### THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 19 July 2018 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 13 July 2018.

Present: County Councillor Dianne Rees (Lord Mayor).

County Councillors Ahmed, Asghar Ali, Dilwar Ali, Bale, Berman, Bowen-Thomson, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke-Davies, Carter, Cowan, Cunnah, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Driscoll, Ebrahim, Elsmore, Ford, Goddard, Goodway, Gordon, Henshaw, Gavin Hill-John, Philippa Hill-John, Hinchey, Howells, Hudson, Jacobsen, Jenkins, Jones-Pritchard, Keith Jones, Owen Jones, Joyce, Lancaster, Lay, Lent, Lister, Mackie, McEvoy, McGarry, McKerlich, Merry, Michael, Molik, Morgan, Murphy, Naughton, Owen, Parkhill, Jackie Parry, Keith Parry, Patel, Phillips, Robson, Sandrey, Sattar, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Taylor, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Lynda Thorne, Walker, Weaver, Wild, Williams, Wong and Wood.

# 44 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Bowden, Congreve, Tim Davies and Kelloway

# 45 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was received in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct: -

COUNCILLOR	ITEM	REASON
Councillor Goodway	Item 13 Notice of Motion 1	Personal and prejudicial interest as Chief Executive of a Representative Body of contractors which negotiates fees for the delivery of NHS obesity management services and associated public health campaigns and which receive its income from statutory levies applied to those fees and allowances.
Councillor Hudson	Item 8 - Director of Social Services Report and Item 9 - Cabinet Statements	Personal Interest as a family member is in receipt of social care services.

# 46 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 June 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson subject to an amendment on Page 25 Min No. 34 - Councillor Keith Jones accepted **amendment 1** as the substantive motion and not amendment 2.

# 47 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Public Question – Bronwen Davies

The Safe & Legal Project is a Heritage Lottery funded project which has collected documents, materials and oral histories relating to the struggle to defend and extend women's right to abortion in Cardiff 1967-2017. The Project Group asked in summer 2017 whether a small exhibition, showcasing some of the findings from the project, could be hosted at the Cardiff Central Library Hub. Although the group were aware that similar exhibitions had been hosted there earlier in the year, our request was turned down. Further enquiries to discover the reason for this decision have eventually resulted in a letter dated 23 May 2018 from Councillor Lynda Thorne, stating that the pressures on space means that the Council are currently reviewing their position with regard to holding exhibitions in the building in the future. That being so, can the Council supply a list of alternative Council venues where the Safe & Legal Exhibition can be displayed, together with the details of to whom we should apply to arrange this?

# Reply - Councillor Thorne

As I confirmed in my previous letter, due to the wide range of services now available at the Central Library Hub, it is no longer possible to use the building for exhibitions.

Unfortunately, the Council has very limited exhibition space compared to what it used to have. I understand that council officers have previously looked into the use of other possible venues for hosting the exhibition, but without success. This included the offer of a privately owned property at St David's House on Wood Street, which was declined by the organisers.

# Supplementary Question – Bronwen Davies

Thank you for your reply. It is disappointing and I wonder whether there has been a slight misunderstanding about what we are asking for.

The initial request, as was made clear in the question, was about exhibition space at Cardiff Central Library, but what my question is trying to make clear, and we of course accepted that that it is no longer possible to have exhibition space at the Central Library following your letter on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, - but we wanted advice about alternative venues, because the Council policy (December 2015), makes it very clear that exhibitions, particularly community based exhibitions, and those that support the concept of community cohesion, promote adult learning, raise the profile of Cardiff Libraries etc. and so forth, are encouraged.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> May I had applied formally for the exhibition to be shown at Whitchurch Library, that's now 8 weeks ago and I haven't had a reply, and in June I also sent an email in line with the Policy to Central Library asking if other venues could be suggested across the city, I suggested perhaps 3 or 4, because this exhibition has proved very popular particularly with those of the sex – women who share a protective characteristic.

Can I expect a response to that email and to the formal application?.

# Reply – Councillor Thorne

I haven't seen the emails so I will check where they have gone to and find out what the response is.

I would just say to you that you are probably aware of the huge budget cuts that the Council has faced over the last ten years, and is still facing over the next three years, and we have had to do a consolidation of buildings and in our Hubs across the City, we are providing more and more services. Just to give you an example really, from April to June this year almost 441,000 people used our Hubs and the majority of those would have been the largest numbers would have been Central Library Hub. So much so that we are having to look at that space and how we use it because we don't have enough space and it can be a bit confusing for customers. I know that officers have looked at alternatives for you and at that time they said that there weren't any, if you can forward me the emails you sent I will look into those as well.

# 48 : PETITIONS

The following Petitions were received by Full Council:

Councillor	No of signatures	Topic
Councillor McKerlich	651	Calling on the Council to work with Department of Transport and the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council to implement traffic calming measures, safe crossings and a 20mph limit throughout Radyr and Morganstown as a matter of Urgency and as recommended by Road Safety Experts.
Councillor Lent	905 users Star Hub Swimming pool	Calling on the Council to establish separate Male and Female Changing facilities at Star Hub Swimming Pool.
Councillor Lay	185 residents of Trowbridge Estate	Calling on Cardiff Council to carry out a comprehensive traffic management study throughout the Trowbridge estate to address urgent issues of speeding cars, off road bikes, dangerous driving and speeding on Hendre Road, Aberdaron Road and Trowbridge Road, causing danger to pedestrians, children and other road users.
Councillor Carter	Additional 279 from petition submitted 21 June 2018	Calling on the Council to stop the eviction of local charities from Llanedeyrn Sports Hall

#### 49 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor congratulated all staff recognised and involved in initiatives and projects as set out in the Recognition and Awards briefing to Council.

Lord Mayor's Charity update - The current fundraising total as £2,806. The Lord Mayor announced that the Waterloo Foundation had pledged £10,000 for the Lord Mayor's Charity which would be paid into the fund during the New Year.

The Lord Mayor thanked all members who supported the Coffee Morning held at the Mansion House on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Over £780 was raised. Further events planned over the forthcoming months had been circulated around the Chamber.

#### 50 : BUDGET STRATEGY 2019- 2020

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance proposed the Budget Strategy 2019-2020 report agreed by Cabinet on 12 July 2018. The proposal was seconded by the Leader Councillor Huw Thomas.

The report detailed proposals to consolidate and update the Council's financial strategy in readiness for the preparation of the 2019/20 revenue and capital budgets. Included in the report was the timetable for the budget process to enable the 2019/20 Budget to be considered by Council in February 2019, as well as an update in relation to the Council's financial resilience measures.

The Cabinet Member detailed the strategy assumptions to address the ongoing challenges to meet the medium term £91.4m budget gap that included a combination of identifying operating efficiency savings; use earmarked reserves; a cap on growth in schools budgets; and the setting of council tax. Directorates had been asked to identify saving proposals to assist in addressing the gap. This was increasingly challenging for the schools and social services directorates because of demand and other pressures, and other directorates required to fulfil statutory duties.

A further review of the Budget Strategy and the financial resilience will be undertaken to reflect emerging issues, and any adjustments required following the announcement of the Provisional Settlement in October 2018.

The Lord Mayor opened the item up for debate and invited each of the party Finance Spokespersons to speak.

During the debate Councillor Rodney Berman proposed a Reference Back in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 25 (a) (iv), which was seconded by Councillor Nigel Howells to enable the Cabinet to look again at options to reduce the funding gap looking across all directorates and exploring service redesign.

During debate concerns were raised in relation to the governance implications of the delegation (consideration 3) agreed by the Cabinet on 12 July 2018. Other comments made were in relation to developing income and revenue streams and commercialisation; development of alternative delivery models; concerns around unsubstantiated borrowing; medium term payments of Council loans; need for Cardiff

to benefit more from the reallocation of business rates; potential Council tax rate; continuing levels of absenteeism; the effectiveness of the Cabinet consultation and engagement on the budget particularly with those in communities that rely on council services the most.

Following the debate the Cabinet Member responded to issues raised around the funding of the Councils; service models; the framework for the budget and what is deliverable; income generation and savings. The Cabinet Member recognised the issues around consultation and engagement and invited Members to provide suggestions on how the Council can better reach communities and underrepresented groups in Cardiff.

The Lord Mayor called a vote on the Reference back. The vote was LOST

The Lord Mayor called a vote on the recommendations.

The recommendation was APPROVED.

RESOLVED –That the budget timetable framework as set out in Appendix 2 be adopted and approved the work outlined is progressed with a view to informing budget preparation.

### 51 : DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

The Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health, Councillor Elsmore proposed the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of Local Authority Director of Social Services 2017/18. This was the second report since the implementation of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act in April 2016. The report was seconded by the Cabinet Member, Children and Families, Councillor Graham Hinchey.

The report would be submitted to the Care Inspectorate Wales in accordance with the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act and the Performance Review meeting in September would provide verbal feedback on the report.

The report had been prepared and finalised following engagement with social services managers and staff; senior management, Members of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee and the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee; face to face challenge sessions with young people and feedback from stakeholder organisations. The Cabinet Member recognised the work of the former Director of Social Services, Tony Young and the Assistant Director Adult Services, Amanda Phillips and thanked all the managers and staff in the directorate for their hard work in improving performance and services to vulnerable people in Cardiff and within the Council's care.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report. Members welcomed the report and paid tribute to officers and welcomed the new Director of Social Services Claire Marchant who had recently taken up her role with Cardiff.

RESOLVED – That the Local Authority's Social Services Annual Report 2017/18 was approved.

52 : SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE: ARCHAEOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SENSITIVE AREAS SPG AND MANAGING TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS (INCORPORATING PARKING STANDARDS) SPG

The Council received a report to advise on the outcome of consultation on the following draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) which help to deliver the Council's vision set out in the Capital Ambition Report and bring about positive improvements to neighbourhoods, The SPG were recommended their approval:

- Archaeology and Archaeologically Sensitive Areas
- Managing Transport Impacts (incorporating Parking Standards)

The Cabinet Member Strategic Planning and Transport, Councillor Caro Wild proposed the SPG's, which were seconded by Chairperson of the Planning Committee, Councillor Keith Jones.

The Lord Mayor invited comments and observations from Members,

RESOLVED – That the Archaeology and Archaeological Sensitive Areas and Managing Transportation Impacts (Incorporating Parking Standards) SPG's were approved.

53 : CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL: JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

This report sought Council's approval for the establishment of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) for the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) City Deal, including agreement on who the nominated representative and deputy to the JOSC for Cardiff Council would be. The report provided Members with an opportunity to consider:

- The draft terms of reference for the JOSC
- The length of appointment for the nominated representative and deputy to the JOSC
- Whether or not to pay a salary in line with the 2018 Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, should our nominated Member be put forward as Chair of the JOSC.

Councillor Huw Thomas, Leader of the Council proposed the report and nominated Councillor Ramesh Patel as the Council's JOSC Member and Councillor Nigel Howells as the deputy, which was seconded by Councillor Weaver.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the item.

Councillor Joe Boyle nominated Councillor David Walker as the Council's JOSC Member and Councillor Nigel Howells as the deputy.

Councillor Walker indicated that he wished to withdraw from the nomination process to the JOSC.

# RESOLVED - That

- the recommendations of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee with regard to the establishment of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal were noted;
- 2. the establishment of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, was approved in accordance with the report;
- 3. the draft terms of reference for the City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee were agreed, set out in Appendix A, subject to approval by each of the other participating authorities;
- the appointment of Councillor Ramesh Patel as a non-Executive Member to be Cardiff Council's representative on the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal was approved;
- 5. the appointment of Councillor Nigel Howells as a non-Executive Member to be Cardiff Council's deputy representative on the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal was approved;
- 6. the appointments of the Council's representative and deputy be reviewed annually;
- 7. no additional salary shall be payable to this Council's representative, in the event that he or she is elected as Chair of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### 54 : STATEMENTS

The following statements were received: -

# <u>Leader Statement – Councillor Huw Thomas</u>

There were no questions on this statement.

# Investment & Development – Councillor Goodway

The Cabinet Member responded to a question on Cardiff Economy and the development of a replacement City Centre car park; and queueing and potential emissions

# Culture & Leisure – Councillor Bradbury

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on the Events Programme including the National Eisteddfod and the loss of caravan spaces from the caravan park, better advertising of road closures, small grants for local festivals; Rugby World Cup and Tributes paid to Sam Warburton and Geraint Thomas.

# Deputy Leader, Education, Employment & Skills - Councillor Merry

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on Youth Work Excellence Awards 2018; Tributes paid to retiring Head Teachers; Open your Eyes Week and the possible inclusion of STEMs; Estyn Inspection Update; Donaldson Review and self-evaluation in schools.

# Finance Modernisation & Performance - Councillor Weaver

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on the Cardiff Gov App and feedback from service areas and future advertising of the App; Social Media (Twitter) and the

improved engagement with the public; Learning Disability Wales Awards and transport for disabled pupils to further education.

# Housing & Communities - Councillor Thorne

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on Neighbourhood Renewal, scheduling and criteria for awards.

# Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment – Councillor Michael

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on Love Where You Live and inclusion of other community litter picks and street sweeping; Sustainable Food Cities and schools cultivating vegetable plots; Carbon Reduction and transport; Cardiff Crematorium Donation to Charity and potential further fundraising across service areas.

# Children & Families - Councillor Hinchey

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on New Director of Social Services; Crosslands and Ty Storrie and request for information on young people aged 13+ who are accommodated by the Local Authority.

# Social Care. Health & Well-being - Councillor Elsmore

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on Rumourless Cities Project, praise for the Independent Living Service, Day Opportunities in the North of the City; Adult Services Outturn 2017/18 underspend.

# Strategic Planning & Transport – Councillor Wild

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on the Metro and any plan/map information available to the public and current public transport information for residents; Nextbike and the use of bus lanes, expansion of scheme across the City; Transport and Clean Air Green Paper and congestion charging; Removal of Permitted Development Rights and resources available for local conservation groups.

# 55 : ADJOURNED MOTION: COUNCIL 21 JUNE 2018

The Council meeting of the 21 June 2018 Min No 35 agreed that Motion 2 be adjourned to allow opportunity for the lead Member and the proposer and seconder of the motion to work on a Composite Motion be brought back to Council on 19 July 2018.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Sarah Merry, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member to propose the composite motion which had been submitted to the meeting. Councillor Mike Jones-Pritchard seconded the composite motion.

#### The motion was as follows:

This Council recognises the positive steps set out in the Council's Capital Ambition document to make sure every child in Cardiff goes to a good or excellent school and that around half of schools are either good or excellent. It also recognises the good work of officers, teachers, governors and others, involved in education in Cardiff that has brought about the improvement in standards in recent years and the continuing

need and drive to further improve standards across all levels and in all areas of Cardiff.

This Council recognises that Capital Ambition states that:

- We will close the attainment gap in schools so that no child is left behind
- Education is one of the surest routes out of poverty
- Education is everyone's business
- We must invest in aspiration and life chances from an early age
- We must work to align funding from across the public and third sectors around what each individual child and family needs
- Early intervention is critical
- We need to provide lasting solutions to complex problems
- That every citizen will have the chance to fulfil their potential and
- That the key to long term success and prosperity of a city lies in how it chooses to invest in aspiration and life chances from an early age.

The Council recognises that there continues to be many young children across the city who do not meet their developmental milestones and whose families require a range of non-stigmatised support, in order for these children to start nursery education at the expected level and stage of development. This council also recognises the impact that poverty can have on young children and their educational outcomes.

This Council recognises the importance of early pre-school support and is working to ensure that the range of early intervention services that exist across the city are integrated and accessible, open to all, and are not limited by a narrow threshold assessment.

#### This will include:

- Through Families First funding, extending the offer of parenting support to all families across the city that have children aged 0-16 (18 where a young person has been identified as vulnerable).
- Supporting the Cardiff and Vale UHB in the implementation of Healthy Child Wales Programme across Cardiff. This is a universal health programme for all families with 0 – 7 year old children.
- Development of a preventative Support for Families Service, providing assistance that ranges from advice and information to interventions that provide holistic support to families experiencing difficulties below the threshold for statutory intervention.
- Delivery of locally based family support to identify and deliver the right help at the right time.

The combination of these approaches, combined with the continued drive to improve standards is aimed at improving the life chances of our youngest citizens in Cardiff and reducing the attainment gap, so that no child is left behind.

The Lord Mayor advised that she would move to the vote on the revised Motion.

The motion was CARRIED.

56 : MOTION 1

(In accordance with the Members Code of Conduct Councillor Goodway withdrew from the meeting as he had a previously decaled personal and prejudicial interest)

# This Council notes:

- Obesity is defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as excessive body fat that presents a risk to health, and is recognised as a major risk factor for a number of chronic diseases (including diabetes, cardiovascular disease and certain types of cancer).
- The WHO has warned that being overweight or obese is the most important avoidable cause of cancer after tobacco, and the Local Government Association has argued that obesity is considered to be one of the most serious public health challenges of the 21st century.
- 3) Across the UK, published statistics show that the prevalence of obesity as defined by having a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or more increased from 15% of adults in 1993 to 27% in 2015.
- 4) Data published by the Public Health Wales Observatory shows the percentage of adults in Cardiff who reported to be obese through the Welsh Health Survey for 2009-12 was 15% for those aged 16-44, 26% for those aged 45-64 and 18% for those aged 65+.
- The prevalence of obesity amongst children in Wales is increasing. Whilst the latest statistics published by Public Health Wales from the Child Measurement Programme for Wales show that Cardiff fares better than the majority of other local authority areas in Wales, they nonetheless show that the percentage of children in the city aged 4 to 5 who are obese was found to be 10.7% in 2016-17, up from 9.4% in 2015-16.
- Data from the Child Measurement Programme for Wales also shows a higher prevalence of obesity amongst children living in the most deprived areas in Wales compared to those living in the least deprived, with a similar correlation between deprivation and obesity prevalence in adults also being identified within the data from the Welsh Health Survey for 2009-12.
- 7) Following on from commitments in the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017, the Welsh Government has recently announced it is in the process of developing a 10-year healthy weight strategy which it will consult on later this year.

Recognising the seriousness of this issue in Cardiff and its impact on the health of our citizens, this Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet to:

work with relevant partner organisations (including Cardiff & Vale University Health Board and Public Health Wales) to draw up, and bring back to full council for consideration later this year, a 5-10 year strategy aimed at reducing the prevalence of obesity amongst both adults and children in Cardiff; and

- 2) in developing this strategy, give due consideration to incorporating the following proposals:
  - a. setting challenging but realistic local SMART targets to work towards a reduction in obesity prevalence amongst children and adults in Cardiff
  - b. including specific targeted actions aimed at tackling obesity amongst children (including through working with the city's schools) as well as amongst those living in the city's more deprived communities
  - c. undertaking a city-based public awareness campaign along the lines of Hugh Fearnley-Wittingstall's "Newcastle Can" campaign (<a href="https://www.newcastlecan.com/">https://www.newcastlecan.com/</a>), as recently featured on the BBC One programme "Britain's Fat Fight"
  - d. working with local businesses to promote greater provision of nutritional information, possibly through a voluntary scheme involving smaller food outlets such as independent cafes and restaurants, to give customers the ability to make better informed choices when eating out
  - e. imposing a ban on junk food advertising on all council-controlled advertising sites, including bus shelters, along the lines of similar proposals recently announced by the Mayor of London in relation to London's bus and tube network
  - f. working towards increased provision of public drinking water fountains and water re-fill stations, to provide a further alternative option to buying high-sugar soft drinks
  - g. ensuring that action to tackle obesity is co-ordinated across council policies including through the promotion of active travel within the city's transport strategy, the local planning framework, and through recognising the important contribution of leisure services
  - h. exploring the possibility within local planning policy of developing "healthy zones" where the number of fast food outlets is limited, as well as the possibility of adopting supplementary planning guidance with similar requirements to Gateshead Council's supplementary planning document for hot food takeaways which requires consideration to be undertaken of where children congregate, the numbers of hot food takeaways already in existence and the existence of high levels of obesity
  - consider best practice from other cities which have adopted local programmes aimed at tackling obesity, including Amsterdam which oversaw a 12% reduction in the number of overweight and obese children between 2012 and 2015.

Councillor Sandrey seconded the motion.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Huw Thomas to propose the amendment. This was seconded by Councillor Susan Elsmore.

The amendment was as follows:

Amendment

Insert additional paragraph to read:

"That Tackling obesity cannot be disentangled from action to tackle poverty and social exclusion. As Sir Michael Marmot, Chair of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health concludes "If you want to solve the obesity problem, you have to solve the inequality problem first."

This Council welcomes

The commitments for creating a healthy and active city contained within the Public Services Board's Well-being Plan in the following areas:

- Active travel
- Creating sustainable, connected communities
- Healthy and sustainable food, including the school holiday enrichment programme
  - Increasing participation in sport and physical activity

And the following outcome indicators:

- % of children aged 4 to 5 who are a healthy weight
- % of children walking/cycling to work
- % of adults eating 5 or more portions of fruit and vegetables every day
- % of adults active for less than 30 minutes a week

This Council further notes that

Following on from commitments in the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017, the Welsh Government has recently announced it is in the process of developing a deletion of the word "10-year" healthy weight strategy which it will consult on later this year.

Insert additional paragraph's to read

"This Council endorses the PSB's proposed response to this Strategy, namely The development of a local cross-public service response, led by the Director of Public Health, the city's leading public health advocate, reporting to the Cardiff Public Services Board.

This response, recognising the significant good work already underway, will focus on the development of a local action plan or framework (rather than further work on a local strategy) that maps current activity against best practice, identifies gaps in provision and targets interventions.

This work will be undertaken in the autumn, following the publication of the national strategy. Public Health have committed to involve Members in the development of this work.

Deletion of the paragraph below and paragraphs 1 and 2 (a - i)

The Amended Motion would read:

This Council notes

1. Obesity is defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as excessive body fat that presents a risk to health, and is recognised as a major risk factor for a number of chronic diseases (including diabetes, cardiovascular disease and certain types of cancer).

- 2. The WHO has warned that being overweight or obese is the most important avoidable cause of cancer after tobacco, and the Local Government Association has argued that obesity is considered to be one of the most serious public health challenges of the 21st century.
- 3. Across the UK, published statistics show that the prevalence of obesity as defined by having a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or more increased from 15% of adults in 1993 to 27% in 2015.
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- 5. The prevalence of obesity amongst children in Wales is increasing. Whilst the latest statistics published by Public Health Wales from the Child Measurement Programme for Wales show that Cardiff fares better than the majority of other local authority areas in Wales, they nonetheless show that the percentage of children in the city aged 4 to 5 who are obese was found to be 10.7% in 2016-17, up from 9.4% in 2015-16.
- 6. Data from the Child Measurement Programme for Wales also shows a higher prevalence of obesity amongst children living in the most deprived areas in Wales compared to those living in the least deprived, with a similar correlation between deprivation and obesity prevalence in adults also being identified within the data from the Welsh Health Survey for 2009-12.
- 7. That Tackling obesity cannot be disentangled from action to tackle poverty and social exclusion. As Sir Michael Marmot, Chair of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health concludes "If you want to solve the obesity problem, you have to solve the inequality problem first."

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# This Council further notes that

Following on from commitments in the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017, the Welsh Government has recently announced it is in the process of developing a healthy weight strategy which it will consult on later this year.

This Council endorses the PSB's proposed response to this Strategy, namely:

- The development of a local cross-public service response, led by the Director of Public Health, the city's leading public health advocate, reporting to the Cardiff Public Services Board.
- This response, recognising the significant good work already underway, will
  focus on the development of a local action plan or framework (rather than
  further work on a local strategy) that maps current activity against best
  practice, identifies gaps in provision and targets interventions.
- This work will be undertaken in the autumn, following the publication of the national strategy. Public Health have committed to involve Members in the development of this work.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion.

At the conclusion of the debate the Lord Mayor invited Councillor Rodney Berman to sum up. In summing up Councillor Berman confirmed he did not accept the amendment.

The Lord Mayor moved to the vote on Amendment.

Amendment was CARRIED.

The Lord Mayor moved to the vote on the Substantive Motion.

The Substantive Motion was CARRIED.

57 : MOTION 2

The Lord Mayor advised that the notice of motion proposed by Councillor Jayne Cowan and seconded by Councillor John Lancaster had been received for consideration and was included on the Summons for the meeting. No amendments had been received.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Cowan to propose the motion as follows:

Waste Management is a department which has seen a number of complaints from Councillors and Members of the Public in recent years.

We call upon the Cabinet to:

Explain why it is impossible to provide Councillors with the cost of journeys to collect rubbish which is missed from the regular collection.

Put in place an out of hours contact (on a rota basis) to deal with real time complaints with a view to avoiding the cost of returning to collect missed bins/bags on a different day and therefore improving the services to the public.

Improve collection rates by engaging with residents in streets where collections are persistently difficult, in order to improve access for refuse lorries.

To explore ways to ensure refuse collectors clear dog mess whenever they see it on their rounds, which is part of their obligation we understand.

Bring a report to Council by the end of 2018 with proposals to reduce costs and streamline the service. The report should explore all options of which is the most efficient method of waste collection whilst maintaining service delivery. This would include investigating the possibility of outsourcing.

The report must also consider the ongoing high levels of sickness absence in waste management and advise what measures will be put in place to tackle the problem.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Lancaster.

The Lord Mayor invite debate on the motion.

At the conclusion of the debate the Lord Mayor invited Councillor Jayne Cowan to sum up

The Lord Mayor moved to the vote on the motion.

Following a request for a recorded vote, voting was as follows:

FOR: (26)

Councillors: Berman, Boyle, Carter, Cowan, Driscoll, Gavin Hill-John, Philippa Hill-John, Howells, Hudson, Jenkins, Jones-Pritchard, Lancaster, McKerlich, Molik, Morgan, Naughton, Owen, Parkhill, Phillips, Robson, Sandrey, Taylor, Graham Thomas, Walker, Williams, Wood.

AGAINST: (39)

Councillors: Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Bale, Bowen-Thomson, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke-Davies, Cunnah, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Ebrahim, Elsmore, Goddard, Goodway, Gordon, Henshaw, Hinchey, Jacobsen, Keith Jones, Owen Jones, Joyce, Lay, Lister, Mackie, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Murphy, Jackie Parry, Patel, Sattar, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Huw Thomas, Thorne, Weaver, Wild, Wong.

# ABSTENTION (2)

Councillors: Ford, Keith Parry

The Motion was LOST.

58 : ORAL QUESTIONS

Question - Councillor Graham Thomas

What prevention work is the council doing in 2018 to tackle loneliness in the city?

# Reply - Councillor Elsmore

I am aware of the impact that loneliness and isolation can have on the health and wellbeing of vulnerable people. Indeed our whole policy framework is being set up and developed to deal head on with this issue.

Lots of information for you Hubs and Libraries, Wellbeing Wednesdays, Intergenerational parties, Dementia Cafes. Developing new Wellbeing Hubs across the North and West of the city. Our Day Opportunities is connecting people to individual activities that they would want to do in our communities. We work with the Third Sector including Age Connect, to engage in people's homes.

I am very pleased with the partnership working that we are doing but I suppose one of the essential messages is we cannot do this alone, its everyone's business.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Graham Thomas

Thank you it's good to hear of the successful partnership arrangements in place on this important issue.

Loneliness is a terrible thing for anybody and is associated with depression, high blood pressure and dementia. Helping our residents to socialise could potentially save millions for the public purse across the country. So what pressure can we put on the Welsh Government for extra funding in this measure, extra funding that would ultimately save them money would be very constructive for Cardiff Council and most importantly improve lives for residents in the City?

# Reply - Councillor Elsmore

You will be aware that there has been a parliamentary review of Health and Social Care, Welsh Government's response to that is called *A Healthier Wales* and they are looking at the integration of Health and Social Care across the whole system, they are putting £100million for Wales in terms of a transformation fund, bids will be going in shortly.

The Council have a number of innovative projects that we will certainly be bidding. The process is actually through the Regional Partnership Board which I Chair, so I'm confident that we will actually receive funds and be able to develop this agenda further.

# Question – Councillor Sandrey

I've recently reported some dangerous parking in Llanedeyrn and was told that the area would be reviewed as part of the Annual Area Investigation for 2019. Given that the report for 2017 won't be published until October of this year, what confidence can residents have that problems will be addressed before an accident happens, if they are forced to wait until 2019 for any investigation to be carried out?

# Reply - Councillor Wild

As I indicated to you at Council last month, officers are currently working on the Area Investigation report, which is due to be completed by this October. Where possible, any new investigation requests will be included in the current review and the issue you are referring to has been included in that list.

# Supplementary Question – Councillor Sandrey

Can I just clarify that the issue I was talking about will be covered in this year's report?

# Reply - Councillor Wild

In the list coming forward in October, it will be one of the ones to be investigated.

# Question - Councillor Keith Parry

What plans does the council have to extend Welsh Language nursery and primary education in the Fairwater area?

# Reply - Councillor Merry

The Welsh-medium catchment area school for Fairwater is Ysgol Coed Y Gof and there is a sufficiency of places by comparison with demand from the area. There are places available in every year group in the primary age phase, including entry to Reception for September 2018.

Depending on where a family resides in Fairwater, there are a number of maintained community nursery classes within a two mile radius offering Welsh-medium nursery education. These include classes at The Ely and Caerau Children's Centre, Ysgol Treganna, Ysgol Pwll Coch and Ysgol Glan Ceubal amongst others.

In addition to this, the Council purchases Welsh-medium nursery places from Cylch Meithrin Pentrebane, which is located on the Ysgol Coed Y Gof site.

We keep supply and demand under regular review and plans are made as required to ensure a sufficiency of places for those that opt for Welsh-medium education for their children.

# Supplementary Question – Councillor Keith Parry

Concerns have been raised by local residents about the 7000 houses being built on the Plas Dwr site and the effect this is likely to have on the supply of nursery school and primary school places in the Welsh Language generally in the North West of the City, I'm pleased Councillor Merry is keeping this all under review.

# Question - Councillor Sattar

Can the Cabinet Member confirm when the porta-cabins housing Ysgol Hamadryad will be removed from Sevenoaks Park?

# Reply - Councillor Merry

Ysgol Hamadryad's is one of our new Welsh Medium schools and it will be completed in November 2018 and a phased move will then take place.

The porta cabins will be removed from Sevenoaks Park in the New Year of 2019 once they have been cleared.

#### Question - Councillor Robson

What consideration has been given to forming closer ties with cities in America?

#### Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

There are no specific plans to form closer ties with cities in America.

You will understand that as with all international partnership work, outside of our twin cities, we will work with cities on a project-by-project basis. We will seek to

collaborate, in particular, with cities where funding is available, where it links with our Capital Ambition priorities, or where specific opportunities arise in areas that would benefit Cardiff residents. I'm not sure where you are going to go with this with your supplementary but I'm very open to any ideas you may have as to how such things can be developed.

# Supplementary Question – Councillor Robson

Our international links are vitally important and probably more so from 29<sup>th</sup> March next year, to work with countries from both within the EU and outside it, to ensure that we as a Capital City can link with other Capital Cities. I picked on America because the President of America was in the country recently, I just wondered if you took the opportunity to invite him to Cardiff as he resides in one Capital he could have come to this one.

# Reply - Councillor Huw Thomas

You will be aware that I spoke at a demonstration concerning some of the President of America's policies, but what I did say was that if he were to come to Cardiff he would see what a welcoming and diverse City we are so the invitation was in fact made, although not taken up.

But let's also acknowledge that there are partisan concerns about what the current US President is doing and indeed you will be aware that I had the opportunity to travel to the North Eastern United States earlier in the year. I met there with the Senator for Rhode Island who was sharing with me his real concerns about the state of the Western Alliance but was also determined to maintain good relations on City to City levels and I had the chance to have discussions during the same visit with members of the Welsh Government team in New York and discussed how we could project a good positive image of Cardiff to America, I will happily update you further outside of this.

#### Question - Councillor Howells

What discussions has the Council had with the organisers of Pride Cymru to ensure that both this year's parade and the event itself are inclusive of everyone within the LGBT+ community?

# Reply - Councillor Bradbury

Cardiff Council and South Wales Police have been working closely with Pride Cymru to facilitate their event in 2018. From our discussions to date, it is very clear that Pride Cymru want to encourage everyone to join them to enjoy the August Bank Holiday event. We work closely with Pride Cymru to ensure that the event is inclusive.

# Supplementary Question – Councillor Howells

The sight we saw at London Pride where anti-trans activists tried to disrupt the parade was appalling and we should do all we can to prevent that happening at Cardiff Pride and to even allow trans-phobic protestors to take part in the march would be a betrayal of everything that the LGBT+ community stands for.

Will you join me in signing a cross party statement not only supporting this year's Cardiff Pride but also supporting the right of our Trans Community to fully enjoy the event without fear of intimidation or bigotry.

# Reply - Councillor Bradbury

As you know the message from Pride Cymru is clear that everybody is welcome unless they are promoting intolerance, if that message isn't clear I'm happy to share it because I agree with you, there is no place for messages of hate and inequality and the Pride Cymru parade or event.

# Question – Councillor Lay

Cardiff has been enjoying weather that has not been seen for many years. One of the unfortunate issues that has been raised by residents is the condition of our grass verges due to the hot weather. Could the Cabinet Member confirm what lessons have been learned from this wonderful spell of hot weather?

# Reply – Councillor Bradbury

The recent hot weather that we have been experiencing and enjoying has, as you indicate, generated issues for services not only within my portfolio, but also for those in Councillor Michael's, as our parks and other areas of the public realm have seen massive increased footfall which is welcomed.

On the specific matter that you raise, we continue to work in partnership with the Emergency Services, sharing information and acting on intelligence to target areas of potential fire risk.

In terms of lessons learnt, the weather experienced has reinforced the importance of a trained, skilled and flexible workforce able to carry out a wide range of duties adapting to the circumstances that you describe in your question. This can be evidenced within the Parks Service whereby mowing operations in some parts of the city have been suspended, with staff switching to operations including irrigation, litter clearance and vegetation management or tree works, including keeping the trees alive as we have complaints that with the hot weather people are concerned that trees may be dying so we are keeping an eye on that.

### Question - Councillor Cowan

Since the 2017 Local Elections, how much money has been spent in each individual ward on the following:

- Highways new schemes;
- Remedial Highways works; and
- Street cleansing (roads and shopping centres)?

# Reply - Councillor Wild

It is not possible to accurately provide the information requested on a ward-by-ward basis.

# Supplementary Question – Councillor Cowan

I fully expected you to say to me that you couldn't provide that information in the short timescale you have had but I'm really alarmed to hear that you wouldn't be able

to give me that a different time, on a ward by ward basis of how much is spent in each ward. Surely we need that for accountability?

# Reply - Councillor Wild

I guess I have got 2 responses to that, one is that clearly ward by ward is not how we spend our money, roads don't sit exactly in the borders that we have electorally, roads are different lengths etc. so that just isn't possible to do accurately.

Secondly I'm wondering why you are asking me questions that are clearly going to take hours and hours of valuable officer time to do when we are trying to do things efficiently, I mean if they were to do this it would take them days and they are busy people so I will get some information but we don't do it ward by ward for the reason I have just told you.

# Question – Councillor Carter

With the recent heatwave what additional support has the council provided directly and indirectly to rough sleepers?

# Reply - Councillor Thorne

I would refer you to the answer provided to the Written Question from Councillor De'Ath on the same issue, which outlines the work being done to keep those sleeping rough safe during the hot weather.

The Council's Outreach team and our partner organisations are aware of the risk caused by the hot weather. Outreach staff carry sun lotion at all times during hot weather and also provide caps and long sleeved tops to limit exposed skin. Water is carried in the Outreach van and this is also made available for dogs.

The team encourages people to spend time inside or move into the shade and are especially conscious of anyone falling asleep in the sun.

Whilst it is hoped that these preventative measures will work, staff are careful to identify anyone who does suffer sunburn or other effects of the hot weather and, where appropriate, will seek immediate treatment from the Homeless Nurse.

# Supplementary Question – Councillor Carter

I was very grateful for the very lengthy answer you gave to Councillor De'Ath and it was good that great minds thought alike in that regard.

My question is in light of this, it prompts the issue of floor space and sheltered accommodation for the homeless at times of the year other than the winter. Your points around support in the day and the water is obviously greatly appreciated, it's great that the work of charities such as the Wallach have been doing in raising awareness as well but thinking around exposure and dehydration at night, my question is what we could be doing at the night time shelter as well as the day opportunities that you provide.

# Reply - Councillor Thorne

Just to say that also during the day we have got 2 day centres where those sleeping rough can drop in for a range of services that can be provided. Dealing with

homelessness is a massive problem, I won't pretend that it's not, I think Cardiff is doing an excellent job and we are trying to do even more.

I have outlined previously some of the schemes that we have introduced and even more than that, far more training and intervention to try and get people, not just with a roof over their head but also to find their way back into normal life as well.

#### Question – Councillor Sattar

Many shopkeepers have recently approached me asking what ID is valid for use to purchase restricted items such as cigarettes and alcohol?

# Reply - Councillor Mackie

It is very difficult for a bartender or shopkeeper to determine whether a young person is aged 16 or 18 and over by just looking at, and speaking to, them.

Retailers are required by law to take "reasonable precautions and exercise due diligence" to ensure a purchaser is old enough to buy age restricted products.

Shared Regulatory Services advise local businesses that, if the purchaser looks under the age of 25, they should ask them to provide acceptable identification to prove they are old enough to buy the product in question. This is a nationally recognised approach known as "Challenge 25".

Acceptable forms of ID would be a UK photo card driving licence, a UK passport, or an accredited Proof-of-Age Card bearing the PASS Hologram, such as those issued by Citizen Card, Midgard, OneID4U and Validate UK.
Retailers must check the date of birth on the ID provided.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Sattar (Councillor Sattar declared an interest as a shopkeeper)
How will you be communicating to shop keepers and licensees?

#### Reply – Councillor Mackie

We will try and ensure that the websites both at Cardiff County Council and Shared Regulatory Services are updated to ensure this information is clear, we could also speak to the licensing forum and other organisations that deal with retailers and they can pass this onto their members as well. We will also ask if this can be put out on social media.

### Question – Councillor Jones-Pritchard

Is Cardiff affected by the recent decision to categorise Southwark Council as a reseller of water, rather than an agent, resulting in the potential refunding of hundreds of pounds to each tenant for whom it acted?

# Reply - Councillor Thorne

This decision relates to the charging of commission on the cost of supplying water.

While the Council does act as a reseller of water for our two Gypsy and Traveller sites, we do not charge a commission, nor do we apply any administrative charge. Only the cost of the water is recharged.

Where a service charge is applied for water – for example, in hostels, only the cost of the water is recharged. Therefore, Cardiff will not be affected by this ruling.

# Question - Councillor Berman

Is the Council satisfied with the contribution made by all of the city's schools to recycling their waste, including by Whitchurch High School?

# Reply - Councillor Michael

The Commercial Waste Team currently collects general waste, recycling and food waste from nearly all schools within the Authority's area.

Recycling participation is high, with each of these schools being provided with a weekly recycling service. Larger schools may have multiple collections of recycling and food waste every week.

In order to support schools and encourage participation, schools are offered some free recycling collections and are provided with a supply of green bags for use within the school.

Whitchurch High School is a Foundation School and does not currently use the Council as its waste management provider.

# Supplementary Question – Councillor Berman

You advised us at the briefing given to Councillors earlier in the week Whitchurch High doesn't actually recycle its waste and if that is the case would you agree that is not setting a good example to the pupils and would you commit to having a word with the Head Teacher at the High School to try to persuade the school to perhaps see the error of its ways.

# Reply - Councillor Michael

I'm more than happy to, we were at a school yesterday in Llanishen to meet with the Eco Team there, these kids do a fantastic job and they really are interested in their world and their City, I've arranged for them to come and have a look at the recycling and see how it works, this is the kind of message that we are taking across the City.

Soon we will be unveiling a cross community recycling education that actually involves kids and what their views are. I'm really disappointed with Whitchurch, I haven't got the power to force them to recycle or force them to take us as the provider. I'm more than happy to send my education team up there, we actually did send them up there and went through with Whitchurch, they are the only ones who decided not to use us, I'm more than happy to try again I think it's a shame that they don't recycle and don't use this Council.

# Question - Councillor Ali

The National Health Service turned 70 on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018. It's the perfect opportunity to celebrate the achievements of one of the nation's most loved Nye Bevan, to appreciate the role the service plays in our lives. Can you make a statement and recognise and thank the extraordinary NHS staff – the everyday heroes – who are there to guide, support and care for us, day in, day out?

# Reply - Councillor Huw Thomas

I'm sure that one thing we all agree on this chamber is that the NHS is probably our most valued public service.

As Chair of the Cardiff Public Services Board, I want Cardiff Council and Cardiff & Vale University Health Board, as well as other partners, to work together to deliver public services that work for the people of Cardiff and create a capital city that works for Wales.

My Cabinet colleagues – Councillors Elsmore, Hinchey and Thorne – are also working through the Regional Partnership Board to develop closer joint working with the UHB (and the Vale of Glamorgan Council) to develop a modernised, seamless and integrated health and social care system which is fit for the future.

I will most certainly pay tribute to all those involved in delivering health and social care services here in Cardiff, including both UHB and Council staff. In a year where I have myself had to visit A&E on two occasions, I offer my personal thanks to all our public servants working in the Health service.

#### Question – Councillor Philippa Hill-John

Will the cabinet member clarify the current actions in place to monitor the air quality in Llandaff and explain to residents how he proposes to guarantee that the implementation of the LDP and the further development of the BBC site will not worsen the air quality in Llandaff without mentioning 'modal split', which is an aspiration not a reality?

# Reply - Councillor Wild

I am not sure your colleagues got the memo about not using the term Modal Split because they have been using that this evening so I think we will carry on as it's a simpler than explaining what it all means.

Llandaff Air Quality Management Area has a number of diffusion tubes, which were improved and increased in number for 2018. The most recent results for those and across Cardiff actually, indicate that all monitoring locations in the Air Quality Management Area are compliant with NO2 air quality standards.

In terms of the LDP, and the BBC development you have spoken about, air quality assessments have been undertaken for the proposed developments and these have partly driven improvements in the area we will see around the North West in terms of Active Travel and bus priority measures which total around £11million if trigger points are reached. Notwithstanding that you will also know in the North West and around Cardiff other things we are doing around the Green Paper

# Supplementary Question – Councillor Philippa Hill-John

Will you please commit to meet with us and the Cardiff West Councillors and Officers to further discuss our serious concerns about the infrastructure and the impact of the air quality in Llandaff Ward?

# Reply - Councillor Wild

I will, I thought that was in the diary and I would like to thank the group of you for coming together on that and I think it would probably be remiss of me to mention yourself but also to give a genuine thanks to Councillor Driscoll for his pretty stoic work to be honest around air quality and really led on that, that was noted by or Cabinet when this came forward and I'd like to thank him for his work on that.

# Question – Councillor Sandrey

In light of a recent cycling accident at a Cardiff school, claims have been made that the head teacher has subsequently stopped children cycling to school. How does this encourage children and parents to feel confident in cycling, and doesn't it send the message that it's cyclists to blame for accidents, when we need to be encouraging all road users, but especially car drivers, to be considerate and safe on our roads?

# Reply - Councillor Wild

The decision to stop those children cycling to that particular school until further notice was taken by the Head teacher to enable the school to review its health and safety procedures. I don't necessarily agree with the assertion and by no means blaming the cyclists. The Council had no input into the decision but I think it's safe to say that we don't think it was a particularly helpful message.

# Supplementary Question – Councillor Sandrey

What action is the Council taking to influence the decision to reverse the decision?

# Reply - Councillor Wild

We have had contact with the school, we have respect for the school in terms of if they have health and safety concerns they are allowed to undertake those assessments. Summer holidays coming up to undertake those assessments and we will offer them the help they need in terms of cycling and active travel if some of those things they want to take up.

# Question - Councillor Hudson

In February of this year, 8 waste management operatives were arrested on suspicion of fraud. 7 of those were Cardiff Council employees. They were released on bail under police investigation. Since then there has been a distinct lack of communication to Councillors with the salient information – who/why/how long had the fraud continued, what was alleged and how are the investigations progressing?

Allegations of fraud are very serious and bring the reputation of the Council into question. What steps have been taken to resolve the situation and/or bring it to a conclusion?

# Reply – Councillor Michael

The Council continues to support the Police investigation which is ongoing and, as such, it would not be appropriate to disclose any more details at this time.

# Supplementary Question – Councillor Hudson

I was going to ask when Councillors would be briefed as to the implications financial or otherwise if they are suspended for a long period, are they on full pay and what is

the cost to replace these operatives in their absence. Can we have an update on that please?

# Reply - Councillor Michael

Members will appreciate that it would deeply unwise – and almost certainly prejudicial – to provide a running commentary on a matter that is currently being investigated by the Police in collaboration with the Council.

I am sure the Member will understand and respect that position, which reflects the realities of dealing with such a difficult and sensitive matter.

### Question - Councillor Walker

All parties are agreed on the urgency of reducing vehicle emissions and improving air quality in the city. There is also widespread support for improving the provision of charging facilities for electric vehicles but, of course, the primary source for charging will be where the vehicle is parked overnight. Will the cabinet member take steps to press for new Council policies and, where necessary planning guidance, to ensure that developers provide all Cardiff new build properties with charging points in line with national standards?

# Reply - Councillor Wild

In terms of Planning Guidance I think we touched on that about managing transport impacts and we may need to change that depending on where technology takes us. In terms of what's happening with residential parking, I'm pleased to confirm that the Council has made a bid for funding to the Office for Low Emission Vehicles for a pilot in residential areas that has been worked up recently, there are a number of other things happening but in terms of residential areas there is some work going on, when that pilot comes through, see how that goes in terms of how we then develop that further.

# Supplementary Question – Councillor Walker

I was thinking primarily about houses which are currently being built in my area and around the City, as part of the LDP and there are going to be thousands of them and they are moving at a pace. I was wondering whether those houses were going to be asked to do that and if they are not when might be the date by which the Council or some authority would be able to say to them, all new properties should contain a charging point at construction.

# Reply - Councillor Wild

The reason there is a slight delay is there is some planning guidance coming through from Welsh Government which we are expecting in the Autumn, that will help guide, maybe as your colleague talked about earlier, Councillor Jones-Pritchard, we may need to revisit that SPG again, the technology is changing so fast we have to open to having to do that, but I promise to keep my eye on it and maybe we keep discussing to make sure that does happen because we don't want a load of new houses to be built and slip through a net when there is some technology that is important to put in.

# Question - Councillor Driscoll

Following a number of recent serious accidents on Western Avenue in Llandaff, there is a feeling amongst residents that the 40mph speed limit needs to be reduced to 30mph; do you agree?

# Reply - Councillor Wild

You will be aware of my commitment to decreasing speeds across the City even when this is not necessarily a popular thing to do. He knows I agree with him and many residents that we should consider reducing the speed limit on much of Western Avenue.

# Supplementary Question – Councillor Driscoll

Following a recent request for a survey on Western Avenue it turns out there is justification for the scheme which will be included in future programmes and I know we spoke about this last night at great length, but the criteria for this is the speed of traffic and the number of injuries and collisions and as you know its 40mph on Western Avenue and we have had more than our fair share of accidents, some serious accidents and fatalities especially on roads close to Western Avenue including Ely Road.

Will you commit to help the residents of Llandaff and push this to the top of the list of schemes before any more accidents occur?

# Reply - Councillor Wild

You know my commitment to it, it's very difficult to make any promises to your residents to push things up to the top of schemes when they are actually the lists are there for a reason we should allow the officers to do that work. What's concerning to you and me and all of us is that we don't money to more of them, I would like that but we have got our eye on that area and I will continue to work with you on that area and see what we can do.

#### 59 : URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business

# 60 : COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Council received and approved further nominations to vacancies in accordance with political group wishes, which was reported on the amendment sheet.

RESOLVED –That Councillor Sattar be appointed to a vacancy on the Licensing Committee.

#### 61 : APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

No nominations had been received from Party Groups to the current vacancies on statutory and non-statutory outside bodies.

#### 62 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17 (f) <u>Written Questions</u> received for consideration and response had been published.