

**COUNCIL, 26 JANUARY 2023 : ORAL QUESTIONS**

1	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER &amp; EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></b></p> <p>Children and young people in Pontprennau and Old St Mellons and across Cardiff are being forced to pay for bus travel to and from high school, despite living almost 3 miles away from these school. Currently pupils who live more than 3 miles away from their high school received subsidised public transport to school. Many families are unable to afford costly bus fares, forcing children and young people to spend up to 2 hours each day walking to school. I have recently been informed of a case where a young person over 16 and living <u>over</u> 3 miles from his catchment high school has to pay £380 to go to his catchment school on the school bus. This is one of many cases where families are facing costly bills. Will the Cabinet Member commit to reviewing the arrangements for subsidised public transport for children and young people to ensure pupil safety is prioritised and those pupils living just below the 3 mile threshold and ensure those accessing sixth form (and over 3 miles from their high school) are able to access subsidised public transport?</p>
2	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE (CULTURE, PARKS &amp; EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></b></p> <p>Given that the proposals being considered by the council's administration for St David's Hall would involve increasing the capacity of a venue designed to hold just under 2,000 people to up to 2,500 people; given that following the recent tragic incident at the Academy Music Group (AMG)-run O2 Brixton Academy when two people tragically died in a fatal crush in December, the Security Industry Authority has launched an inquiry into corruption claims at the venue (including claims that security guards had taken bribes to allow people who didn't have tickets inside); and given that the London music venue's licence from Lambeth Council remains suspended following the December incident with this suspension having now been extended for a further three months: do you still feel that AMG is a suitable organisation to take on the running of our national concert hall?</p>

3	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE (CULTURE, PARKS &amp; EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LIVESY</u></b></p> <p>The Museum of Cardiff must meet certain conditions in order to qualify for Museum Accreditation status – provided by a UK partnership scheme run by the Welsh Government Culture Division. These conditions include being a “permanent entity with a long-term purpose” and minimum levels of public access to exhibits. The Council’s proposals threaten the museum’s ability to meet these benchmarks and, in turn, raise money from charitable grants – which often require accreditation status. Essentially – how will any future mobile scheme be funded, and given the “...main concern is that I cannot find an example of a pop-up museum working successfully,” (quoting the Prof Henderson) “why on earth is it considering it?”</p>
4	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUMPHREYS</u></b></p> <p>Whilst being grateful for the £50million contribution from the UK Government that matches the £50million already committed by Welsh Government for the Metro Line to Butetown, can the Leader give an update on our other three "Levelling Up" Bids?</p>
5	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></b></p> <p>Will the Leader comment on the process used to identify the Levelling Up Fund bid?</p>
6	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT &amp; STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></b></p> <p>In light of the closure of the Cardiff East Park and Ride to the city centre, is this council still committed to a Greener Cardiff?</p>

7	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT &amp; STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LIVESY</u></b></p> <p>Sections of cycling lanes along Llantrisant Road are currently intermittent and disconnected. A key section is south of the Plasdwr development below the Radyr/Plasdwr junction down to Danescourt station and Llandaff through a narrow road with a bad pavement on one side. When will this be addressed, connecting commuting cyclists safely with the rest of the cycling or train network?</p>
8	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER &amp; EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOULTRIE</u></b></p> <p>Edible playgrounds are being rolled out throughout schools in Cardiff, could the cabinet member confirm the schools doing this in Pentwyn and Llanedeyrn?</p>
9	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></b></p> <p>How much has the new waste collection trial cost the taxpayer to date and what has been the total overtime cost (please provide the overtime rates per hour)?</p>
10	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MACKIE (SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></b></p> <p>When will Welsh Labour recognise and state that Brexit and loss of Freedom of Movement has led to a dire situation and heightened health and social care workforce crisis in Cardiff and across Wales?</p>

11	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT &amp; STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LIVESY</u></b></p> <p>When can we expect the statement outlining consultation timescales for the Replacement Local Development Plan?</p>
12	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER (SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMSON</u></b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member update Council on the work being done to improve outcomes for children, young people and families in Cardiff?</p>
13	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES</u></b></p> <p>How will the Council act to clean up areas affected by recent flooding?</p>
14	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT &amp; STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></b></p> <p>What steps is the council taking to tackle congestion on the city's road network?</p>
15	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON</u></b></p> <p>So called disposable Vapes are growing in popularity. It's common to see them laying in the street when they have expired. Does Cardiff Council have a suitable way of disposing of or recycling these vapes?</p>

16	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER &amp; EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHOWDHURY</u></b></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member for Education, Cllr Sarah Merry, join me in congratulating Canton's Fitzalan High on their outstanding results once again?</p>
17	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING &amp; COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></b></p> <p>Well-placed sources in Cardiff Council advise the Council is presently exploring locations in the East and West of the City as candidate sites for gypsy and traveller pitches. Can the Cabinet Member confirm and list which candidate sites are being assessed for locations for gypsy and traveller pitches in Cardiff?</p> <p>Can the answer also list any sites recently assessed and confirm whether they have been deemed suitable for gypsy and traveller pitches?</p>
18	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></b></p> <p>Given the requirement for voter ID at future general elections, what is the council doing to prevent this having a negative impact on voter turnout within Cardiff?</p> <p>In light of the types of identification that are allowed, how can the council avoid a situation where these requirements discourage participation by Cardiff's younger voters and voters in more disadvantaged groups in particular?</p>

19	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MACKIE (SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOES</u></b></p> <p>Given the current difficulty in recruiting qualified Occupational Therapists and Social Workers, can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the progress being made?</p>
20	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LITTLECHILD</u></b></p> <p>Please can the cabinet member give us an update on the installation of 24 new Electric Vehicle charging points that were promised in his press release in October?</p>
21	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER (FINANCE, MODERNISATION &amp; PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></b></p> <p>When a resident is advised by Cardiff Council's C2C service to contact their councillor to get something sorted, and when they then do and the councillor obtains a reply back for them from the relevant service area containing advice that, in future, they should raise such queries via C2C, would you agree there appears to be something wrong with the council's customer service provision?</p>
22	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LAY</u></b></p> <p>Given our successful bid for Levelling Up funding announced last week for the first element of Cardiff Crossrail, does the Leader agree with me that the announcement makes the delivery of Cardiff Parkway in my ward even more important, as the eventual end point for Crossrail?</p> <p>Can he update us on any progress made to secure the consent for the scheme?</p>

23	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL</u></b></p> <p>Does the Leader agree with me that the announcement of Levelling Up Fund (LUF) funding, match funded by Welsh Government, is great news for Cardiff, unlocking plans 20 years in the making, for a Crossrail scheme from the North West of Cardiff to St Mellons in the East?</p>
24	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER &amp; EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WONG</u></b></p> <p>It is expected that the proposed velodrome, as part of the International Sports Village, will be partly funded from Cardiff Council's education budget. Can the Cabinet Member for Education explain why the education budget is being used to contribute to the proposed velodrome?</p>
25	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER &amp; EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WONG</u></b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member for Education comment on the examples of educational best practice from Cardiff Schools highlighted in the recent Estyn annual report?</p>
26	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT &amp; DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEWIS</u></b></p> <p>The Arena development in Butetown offers the opportunity for local jobs for local people in both the construction phase and operation of the Centre. Can the cabinet member advise what actions will be taken to ensure that local residents, especially those from under-represented groups, are aware of job vacancies and feel confident and ready to apply for these jobs?</p>