

COUNCIL, 29 JUNE 2023 : ORAL QUESTIONS

1	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN</u></p> <p>There have recently been reports that some local authorities in the U.K. are scrapping parking meters which allow cash and card payments for parking and instead forcing motorists to download apps on their mobile phones in order to pay. Does Cardiff Council have any plans to move towards paying for parking exclusively through mobile apps?</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE (CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>How will the council ensure that the Pentwyn Leisure Centre consultation is meaningful when the proposals are already approved and it is limited to a pre-approved budget?</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI</u></p> <p>Can the cabinet member update on College Road resurfacing and when this will be due to complete?</p>
4	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER (FINANCE, MODERNISATION & PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES</u></p> <p>How does the Council maintain high standards, best practice, and fairness in its application for corporate awards?</p>

5	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER & EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>How many a) primary and b) secondary schools in Cardiff have set a deficit budget for 2023-24, and what percentage of the total number of the city's primary or secondary schools does this represent in each case?</p>
6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACKIE JONES</u></p> <p>How is the council working to reduce flood risk from Whitchurch Brook?</p>
7	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL</u></p> <p>As part of the Global Refill Scheme, I'd like to see a water refill drinking fountain installed in Llandaff & Danescourt. If a suitable site can be identified, can you work with me to make it happen?</p>
8	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH CHAIR OF THE MEETING OF CABINET (AS TRUSTEE OF MAINDY PARK TRUST) HELD ON 2 MARCH 2023</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>What information remains outstanding for the Council to submit its application to the Charity Commission in relation to its plans for Maindy Park?</p>
9	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER (FINANCE, MODERNISATION & PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GREEN</u></p> <p>A recent trial at South Cambridgeshire District Council found that a 4-day week saved money and improved performance. What considerations has Cardiff Council given to running a similar trial?</p>

10	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>Bus routes throughout the City have been slashed in recent times. The Council has also recently closed the Eastern Avenue Park and Ride. The new St Mellons Parkway train station is also under threat following Welsh Government 'calling in' the decision for review. Rail provision is also woefully poor throughout South Wales. These decisions often make using public transport an inadequate alternative to cars and private vehicles. The Council has recently announced plans for a congestion charge in Cardiff, hitting residents and businesses with potentially £100s a year in additional taxes. Does the Cabinet Member agree with me it is unconscionable to introduce any form of road charging in Cardiff, particularly given the unacceptable and inadequate public transport alternatives available?</p>
11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LATIF</u></p> <p>With the council switching from paper parking permits to digital permits, this may make it difficult for many elderly or disabled people who do not have a laptop, tablet, computer or smartphone to go online to buy a visitor's parking permit, and they will also have to pay in hours, which could be much more expensive than the previous annual permits. It will also be challenging for residents whose first language is not English who may also struggle to order permits online. How will the council help such residents to obtain visitor's parking permits?</p>
12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER & EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR STUBBS</u></p> <p>Could the cabinet member outline the benefits of schools taking part in Debatemate?</p>

13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE (CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>What support can the Council offer small businesses which operate in the city's parks?</p>
14	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON</u></p> <p>Council green recycling bags were removed from the Powerhouse hub in Llanedeyrn, meaning residents have been told to go to Penylan Library to pick up green bags. This has led to fly tipping in the local area, with all of Pentwyn and half of Llanedeyrn still not on the council's new recycling system. Could the council listen to calls from local ward members and local residents and reintroduce green bags at the Powerhouse hub again?</p>
15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANGANI (TACKLING POVERTY, EQUALITY & PUBLIC HEALTH PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOULTRIE</u></p> <p>Menopause can be a difficult time for women. They can experience a range of challenging symptoms including anxiety and depression. It's so important that they should be supported and listened to. Can the member please advise on what is being done to support women in the community?</p>
16	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>How regularly are diesel generators used to charge the Council's electric vehicles?</p>

17	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>Echoing concerns I have previously voiced about the appearance of Central Square as feeling hemmed-in and soulless, publicity has been given to author Mike Parker when he recently described the area as a 'hellish dystopia' with 'nothing there to lift the heart or gladden the soul' and 'like an animal enclosure'. Do you therefore accept that many people remain deeply unhappy with the current appearance of this key gateway site in our city centre and, in the light of previous promises, when can we expect the council will take action to address this?</p>
18	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANGANI (TACKLING POVERTY, EQUALITY & PUBLIC HEALTH PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEWIS</u></p> <p>Could the cabinet member give an update on the support given to the Ukrainian Hub in Butetown?</p>
19	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE (CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ASH-EDWARDS</u></p> <p>The investment programme in our playgrounds is helping to ensure Cardiff's parks remain an attractive destination for local families. How is it decided which parks benefit from the Council's refurbishment programme?</p>
20	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER (FINANCE, MODERNISATION & PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACKIE JONES</u></p> <p>Could the cabinet member please give some more details concerning our actions in relation to ethical employment in supply chains and what it means for Cardiff and our place in the world?</p>