

COUNCIL, 26 NOVEMBER 2015 : ORAL QUESTIONS

1	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR DAN DE'ATH (SKILLS, SAFETY & ENGAGEMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN</u></p> <p>Will a full and thorough review of security at City Hall be carried out asap in view of recent events please?</p> <p>City Hall is a public building and as such people walk through its doors during the day and night to attend registry, dinners, weddings, events, sit in our public gallery or use the public facilities. People who hire rooms, halls etc or attend meetings want to feel and be as safe as possible, as do staff who work here .Will extra security staff, staff training and measures be brought in along with bag searches etc ?</p> <p>Will any such review be carried out in regard to County Hall too?</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McKERLICH</u></p> <p>For several years I have requested temporary road closures in Radyr for May festival parade, November remembrance parade and December Xmas tree lighting; all has gone smoothly with help of local police augmented by local volunteers. This year the first 2 went as usual but 3 weeks before the event scheduled for December 4th I was told about a possible legal charge of £415 and a supervision cost of £540. These events are invaluable for creating community cohesion and raise worthwhile amounts for charity and I can see no justification for the Council doing more than recovering outgoing costs while keeping these to a minimum. Can you please give a breakdown of the actual outgoings which would be necessary to cover this event creating a cost of £955.? Do you accept that putting prohibitive charges on local charities does not advance the Cardiff case to be a liveable city?</p>

3	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY (EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>Can the council provide a comprehensive list of numbers on rolls in all schools at the start of October 2015 of all types in Cardiff, with a break down for all schools and all years, with an undertaking to publish this every year as used to happen until the present administration took over?</p>
4	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY (EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON</u></p> <p>In the late 1980s children given a place in nursery school were expected to be toilet trained. Many children being admitted to the nursery of the school where I am a governor come wearing nappies or pull ups and the staff have to take time away from the class to change children. What is the Council's policy on this?</p>
5	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AUBREY</u></p> <p>In light of the waiving of road closure charges for Christmas Lights events across the city this year, will the Cabinet Member review these charges with a view to reducing or eliminating this additional burden on community groups in future years?</p>
6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>The use of orange diamonds for properties with an assisted lift signifies that the occupier is elderly, infirm and/or disabled. Will you look at the removal of these stickers now that crews have lists in their cabs?</p>

7	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR SUSAN ELSMORE (HEALTH, HOUSING & WELLBEING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>How many empty properties are there in Cardiff? Please list ward specifically.</p>
8	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR SUSAN ELSMORE (HEALTH, HOUSING & WELLBEING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WHITE</u></p> <p>What is the latest situation regarding the Syrian refugees coming to Cardiff?</p>
9	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLARKE</u></p> <p>What is the Council's strategy towards clearing leaves during the months of heavy fall including October, November and December?</p> <p>How often are the leaves scheduled to be swept away?</p>
10	<p><u>QUESTION TO LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES</u></p> <p>The current terrorism threat to the UK is assessed as severe. That means an attack is highly likely. A week after the Paris attacks which killed 129 people ,the Assembly Commission accepted advice from police that armed officers must be more visible than before to provide reassurance to all those working at the Assembly as well as visitors.</p> <p>Has advice been sought from police since the Paris attacks and what security measures have been put in place to reassure all those working for Cardiff Council and visitors?</p>

11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY (EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>Will the cabinet member give an undertaking not to cut school budgets in the 2016 budget round ?</p>
12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD</u></p> <p>Can we please have an update on the review into the 20mph pilot, and the likely expected roll-out of the scheme to other wards?</p>
13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDERS</u></p> <p>Rhiwbina has for many years organised and held two big festivals each year. The organising committee has always been made up of very willing volunteers who give up hours of their time to ensure a fun packed, safe festival is enjoyed by hundreds of people.</p> <p>Whilst we recognise road closures and other council support has a finance tag attached, it was very worrying to be informed the charges would escalate next year to such an extent it may not be possible to raise such sums and therefore put festivals in jeopardy.</p> <p>Please could the cabinet member indicate the importance the administration places on such community events and comment on plans to increase the charges such community events will need to pay for council officer support.</p>

14	<p><u>QUESTION TO LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE</u></p> <p>What steps will the Council take to put pressure on BT to ensure that residents of the Fordd Nowell estate in Penylan receive adequate broadband speeds?</p>
15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY (EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>Rhiwbeina Primary school receives one of the lowest delegated schools budget per pupil in Cardiff. Governors have recently written to parents highlighting this fact and asking for donations. What will the Council do to ensure that one of the largest primary schools in Wales moves off the bottom of the funding tables?</p>
16	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY (EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JAVED</u></p> <p>Internationally, the national anthem is considered as a symbol of national honour and dignity. Therefore, children learn it at an early stage of their school life. We as a Welsh nation are not teaching the Welsh national anthem to our children at all not as part of the curriculum in schools and not even as an extracurricular activity. Why?</p>
17	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR SUSAN ELSMORE (HEALTH, HOUSING & WELLBEING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES-WARNER</u></p> <p>Has Cardiff agreed to welcome refugees under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme? If so, how many and when?</p>

18	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY (CORPORATE SERVICES & PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></p> <p>Can we have a Nativity scene displayed this Christmas at City Hall?</p>
19	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS</u></p> <p>It is now approximately one year since Cardiff Council was given powers to enforce moving traffic offences. Can the Cabinet member comment on whether this has had a positive impact on driver behaviour?</p>
20	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISIE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUNT</u></p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member give an update on the public consultation taking place regarding a proposed hub in Llanishen village?</p>