

COUNCIL, 28 JANUARY 2016 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

W1	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER</u></p> <p>The transfer of local services to the community has struggled over the last few years even with the Stepping Up tool. Is the Cabinet now reconsidering this approach as a way of sustaining council services?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Over the last 18 months, considerable progress has been made in transferring community assets to local organisations. Examples include the former Splott Library, Plasnewydd Community Centre, Pentrebanne Community Centre and the Cardiff International Sports Stadium.</p> <p>In line with our previously agreed strategy, we have 3 transfers likely to be completed by the end of March 2016, a further 8 transfers scheduled for completion early in the next financial year and 11 transfers towards the end of 2016/17.</p> <p>As such, the Council is not reconsidering its approach to the transfer of services, but will of course continue to review the lessons learned from each transfer, with a view to making any improvements to the process going forward.</p>
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EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (COUNCILLOR SUE LENT)

W2

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE

What is the cost of Taxi's in Children's Services in this financial year and how many trips does this cover?

Reply

The current expenditure in the 2015/16 financial year, which includes recharges received only up to November 2015, is £30,346.89. This figure relates to a total of 1234 journeys by taxi that were made mainly by clients of Children's Services, but also by council officers.

98% of this spend (£29,604.70) was incurred by clients and is based on a total of 1144 journeys.

EDUCATION (COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)

W3

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN

What arrangements are in place for the monitoring and Estyn inspection of children who are home-schooled in Cardiff?

Reply

In Cardiff, all known Elective Home Education (EHE) children are registered on the Council's database as soon as we are informed by the local authority school. The EHE Adviser is then informed.

When a child becomes EHE, they receive a letter requesting a meeting with the parent and child to discuss the education being provided and to look at examples of work and learning.

Local authorities have no automatic right of access to a parent's home. Parents may, if they wish to, permit access to their home, or request an alternative venue for a meeting. At the initial meeting, the nature and frequency of future contact will be agreed.

Alternatively, parents may wish to provide information that an appropriate education is being provided in another form, such as a written report.

Schools have a very important role in monitoring the well-being of their pupils and sharing concerns with, or making referrals to, Children's Services when a child is believed to be 'in need' or abuse or neglect is suspected. When schools are no longer able to fulfil this responsibility because a child is receiving their education at home, the Local Authority will inform Social Services that the child is to be home educated.

This information will be retained on the local authority database. However, no further action will be taken unless additional information is received indicating that Social Services involvement is required, and this decision will then be reviewed.

Likewise, because certain health services are accessed by being on a school roll, the UHB is informed of each child being educated at home.

Estyn does not inspect parents who home educate, but they would include EHE in an inspection of the local authority.

There is no legal requirement for parents to inform local authorities of

the fact that they intend to educate at home. This makes it particularly difficult for local authorities to keep track of certain groups of children, including for example:

- Those who have never attended a maintained school;
- Those who have never attended a maintained school in that local authority's area;
- Those who have finished primary education in one school but have not started secondary education in another; and
- Those where the school they have been attending has closed.

W4

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN

Can you provide a breakdown of the numbers of school admissions applications that have been made in Cardiff (other than the cyclical applications for Yr R & Yr 7 and Nursery) and children placed, since September 2015 to date and broken down by month and Primary/Secondary sector?

Reply

Number of In-Year Pupils whose parent(s) have requested admission from 01/09/2015 to 19/01/2016

Date Application Received	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Total
Primary School sector	201	138	169	101	48	657
Secondary School sector	72	60	50	33	26	241
Total	273	198	219	134	74	898

Number of In-Year Pupils agreed admission whose application was received from 01/09/2015 to 19/01/2016

Date Application Received	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Total
Primary School sector	124	87	102	39	4	356
Secondary School sector	41	24	23	4	0	92
Total	165	111	125	43	4	448

It should be noted that the number of school preferences per pupil applications considered by the Council is significantly higher than indicative of above data (1626 preferences).

Of the 898 applications received during this period (September 2015 to date), 448 have been placed. The 450 children that have not formally been placed following their application will either be families with children already in school that have requested to change and that have chosen not to remove their children from waiting lists at their preferred schools, or children that are unplaced based on the preferences stated in their application (because their preferred schools are full) and who have not selected alternate options from

	<p>the schools offered by the Council.</p> <p>All current In-Year applications are being processed within the time-scales required by the Welsh Government as per School Admissions Code pt 3.17:</p> <p><i>“Once received, such applications must be considered without delay and a formal decision either to offer or to refuse a place should be made and notified to the applicant within 15 school days or 28 calendar days whichever is the sooner.”</i></p>
W5	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN</u></p> <p>How many Primary and Secondary school children are on the Admissions list and currently awaiting a place at a school in Cardiff?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Over and above the annual admissions rounds for which processing has not been concluded, a total of 79 pupils (who applied through the In-Year application process) are currently awaiting outcomes of their application, of which 41 pupils are currently not in school.</p>
W6	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN</u></p> <p>What impact will there be on the outcomes of pupils in Cardiff Schools following the decision by the Assembly Minister, Huw Lewis, to allow children to take holidays of up to 10 days in any academic year without any fear of a Fixed Penalty Notice?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Further to the Minister’s statement, subsequent media coverage suggested that guidelines about holidays in term time have changed. The Council’s guidance to schools on holidays in term time and the use of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) and nevertheless remains unchanged. The Council will continue to operate the FPN scheme in line with its existing Code of Conduct.</p> <p>In 2012, the Council asked schools and head teachers not to authorise holidays in most circumstances, whilst acknowledging that the regulations make provision for holidays and that a pupil may be granted leave of absence from school to go on holiday. Head teachers ultimately retain discretion in this and have been using that discretion sensibly.</p> <p>Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw their child from</p>

school for a holiday and, in law, have to apply for permission from the school in advance.

Therefore, the Council is requesting continued support for Cardiff's approach to holidays in term time and encourages head teachers to continue not to authorise requests for holidays in term time where, in the head teacher's view, there would be a negative impact on the pupil on the basis of a number of factors. As stated in the Minister's letter to schools, these include the time of year of the proposed trip; the length and purpose of the holiday; the duration of the holiday and its impact on continuity of learning; the circumstances of the family and wishes of the parents; and the overall attendance pattern of the child.

As a FPN is not a mandatory accompaniment to an unauthorised holiday request, if a head teacher feels that a family's circumstances do not warrant a FPN being issued, they have the discretion not to request a penalty notice.

However, if, in the opinion of the head teacher, there would be a negative impact on the pupil on the basis of the factors stated in the Minister's letter to schools, the Council continues to advise that the head teacher requests a FPN.

The approach to holidays in term time and FPNs was introduced in Cardiff to help raise attendance and, in turn, improve outcomes for our pupils. Both have helped to achieve this aim as part of a suite of interventions backed by strong and consistent messages.

In the academic year 2012-13, holidays in term time in Cardiff schools accounted for 46,264 days (92,529 sessions) of absence and a huge amount of lost learning and disruption to classes and teaching. In 2014-15, this number had reduced to 36,508 days or (73,016 sessions). This is still too many days of lost learning.

We have taken legal advice and are confident that both schools and the Council have acted lawfully using discretion appropriately. However, schools are advised to check that their attendance policies, websites and literature fully reflect the guidelines and ensure that there are no references to zero tolerance or a blanket ban etc. If there are any such references, these should be removed.

For schools wishing to continue to raise and maintain their attendance levels by tackling holidays in term time through the use of FPNs, support from both the Council and the Education Welfare Service will continue to be provided to issue FPNs in line with the existing Code of Conduct.

W7	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>How many letters has the council sent to parents concerning the withdrawal of funding for the free bus to Llanishen High School?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>316 letters were issued to all parents of pupils living within the former Llanedeyrn High school catchment area, who are due to transfer to Llanishen High School in September 2016.</p>
W8	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>How many people have contacted the council objecting to or expressing concern that they will now need to pay for their children's bus travel?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I am advised that the Council has only received one phone call in relation to this issue and, once the position was explained, the parent appreciated that they had received a free pass in the past for an older child attending the school.</p>
W9	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE</u></p> <p>What is the full cost of Taxi's employed to take children to school in this financial year and how many daily trips does this include please?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council does not record transport costs specifically for taxis as Specially Adapted (wheelchair) Vehicles (SAVs) can be licensed as either taxis or minibuses.</p> <p>There are approximately 584 daily taxi trips (AM & PM journeys) costing £2.8million and approximately 110 daily SAV trips (AM & PM journeys) costing £850k.</p>
W10	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN</u></p> <p>Please advise which Cardiff schools have been involved with International School Linking visits during the period 5/4/15 to 31/12/15, with visits to another country.</p> <p>Please advise how each trip was funded, and which Cardiff City councillors were involved in arranging such a visit.</p>

Please advise if any Cardiff city councillors also took part in an overseas visit and how their trip was funded, and how each Cardiff city school was chosen to participate and how each councillor was chosen to participate in any way.

Reply

Schools are not chosen for projects as the International School Linking office sends out calls for expressions of interest. The interested schools are then added to project applications. The council officer involved is the coordinator for these international projects and is sometimes required to attend transnational project meetings.

The schools that took part in International School Linking projects are as follows:

Schools involved	Council Officers arranging & travelling	Councillors travelling	Date of visit	Country	Funding source
Peter Lea Primary The Hollies Cantonian	Coordinator	None	8-10 July 2015	Germany	EU - Comenius Regio
Mary Immaculate High School	Coordinator	None	1-3 June 2015	Poland	EU - Comenius Regio
Mary Immaculate High School	Coordinator	None	22-23 June 2015	Poland	EU - Comenius Regio
Greenway Primary	Coordinator	None	12-16 April 2015	Spain	EU - Comenius Regio
Ty Gwyn Special School	None	None	14-17 April 2016	Spain	EU - Comenius Regio
Greenway Primary Pencaerau Primary Lansdowne Primary Baden Powell Primary Roath Park Primary	Coordinator	None	12-17 April 2015	Spain	EU - Erasmus+
Greenway Primary	None	None	21-26 September 2015	Poland	EU - Erasmus+

	Pencaerau Primary Lansdowne Primary Baden Powell Primary					
	Lansdowne Primary Tredegarville Primary	None	None	8-14 November 2015	Denmark	EU - Erasmus+
	Llandaff City CiW Primary	None	Cllr Ali Ahmed (no funding available)	1-7 November 2015	Bangladesh	Teachers ONLY funded by DfID / British Council Connecting Classrooms
	Roath Park Primary St Fagans Primary Springwood Primary Willowbrook Primary	None	None	10-14 October 2015	France	Self funded flights only

ENVIRONMENT (COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE)

W11

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many cleansing hours have been put into Riverside, Canton, Radyr, Ely, Caerau, Llandaf, Pentyrch and Creigiau every weekend, from start of September to end of December? Please state where.

Reply

Whilst we have cleansing teams contracted to work weekends in the city centre, in the rest of the city, we have a limited number of staff operating on weekends as the majority of work can be undertaken during the working week.

Due to demand in certain areas, we do have a small number of teams in for a few hours at weekends specifically to litter pick and empty litter bins in areas with shops and high footfall. Areas that are attended regularly include shop fronts in Canton, Ely, Fairwater, Llandaff and Riverside. It is not possible to state exactly how long teams spend in each ward as we do not record time spent in this way and demand can vary from week to week.

Occasional weekend (and weekday) work also takes place to support community initiatives, which can include the provision of litter pickers and bags for community groups who will clear litter/leaves in an agreed location. Cleansing operatives then attend at a given time in order to collect the full bags and sweep the area, as required, to complete the cleanse of the street.

Such activities have taken place in Roath and Pontcanna and we are currently liaising with community groups in other areas to put similar initiatives in place (e.g. in Riverside and Ely). Again, the hours that are required in terms of cleansing staff time can vary.

HEALTH, HOUSING AND WELLBEING (COUNCILLOR SUSAN ELSMORE)

W12

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

We urgently need to increase the council's access to housing stock in order to meet the need of some of the most vulnerable in our City. I was disappointed that we lost the opportunity for close to 1000 homes on the Dumballs Road site; what plans do we have to meet the current (not future) need in our City?

Reply

It is true that Cardiff has considerable need for new affordable houses: there are over 10,000 people currently on the housing waiting list; and the recently completed Local Housing Market Assessment indicates that we need to deliver over 2,000 new affordable homes per year for the next 5 years to meet current and future demand for housing in the city.

With regard to current need, a new housing allocations policy has been adopted over the past year, which ensures that those residents on the waiting list in most need and who are most vulnerable are prioritised for housing. Ensuring that the Council maximises opportunities to develop new affordable housing is of paramount importance to us.

With regard to Dumballs Road, you will be aware that the regeneration scheme that was proposed originally was not affordable for the Council, but dialogue has continued with the developer, which could still result in a substantial number of affordable homes on the site.

However, this is not the only site under consideration and officers are developing a 5-year affordable housing delivery plan identifying all new build delivery opportunities and detailing how many new units are likely to be built over this period. This 5-year plan will form part of the updated Housing Strategy document.

Some of the main delivery routes are detailed below:

1. The council is undertaking its own build programme through the Housing Partnership Programme. This project will directly deliver around 600 new council houses over the programme period 2016-2025. More immediately, 196 new council houses will be delivered between 2016 and 2019.
2. Other opportunities to directly build new council houses outside

of the HPP are also being explored using land that the council holds and we hope to deliver another 200 properties over the next 5 years in this way.

3. The Council's LDP has been approved by Welsh Government Planning Inspectors. This is an important milestone for us as a large amount of affordable housing units will be delivered through developer contributions (Section 106 requirements) to be negotiated on each of the identified sites. Whilst at this stage we are unsure of the exact numbers of units these sites will deliver year-on-year, it is estimated that they have the capacity to deliver around 4,500 new affordable units over the 15-year LDP period.
4. Registered Social Landlord (RSL) developments funded through the Social Housing Grant (SHG) programme have the potential to deliver around 900 new properties over the next 5 years, with another 100 properties planned on development sites they own outside of the SHG programme.

This is not an exhaustive list and officers are also investigating other routes to maximise the delivery of affordable housing. The way in which planning gain monies can be used to bring forward developments is important, along with ensuring that we always have 'RSL shelf' schemes available to take any Social Housing Grant slippage that becomes available from the Welsh Government at year end – in 2014/15, Cardiff was successfully awarded an additional £1,307,829 in SHG slippage this way. (Cardiff's current annual allocation of SHG is £4.2 million per year).

It must be noted that development is a long-term delivery method and just as important is our ability to re-let void properties quickly. We must also ensure we make the best use of our existing housing stock.

SKILLS, SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT (COUNCILLOR DAN DE'ATH)

W13

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

How will the scrutiny arrangements work for the regulatory services collaboration?

Reply

The two scrutiny committees whose terms of reference cover the Regulatory Services Collaboration are the Environmental Scrutiny Committee and the Community and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee. Between them, they have the scope to scrutinise large parts of the statutory functions of trading standards, environmental health and licensing.

The two committees considered the Regulatory Services Collaboration when developing their work programmes for 2015/16 and agreed to programme a joint meeting in March 2016. It was felt that this approach would optimise their collective efficiency and avoid wasted effort.

Points 5.4 and 5.5 of the Shared Regulatory Service Joint Working Agreement states that arrangements for scrutiny should reflect the following qualities:

- 5.4 – as and when required by an Overview and Scrutiny committee or an Audit Committee of participants, the Chair of the Joint Committee (or in his absence the Vice Chair), shall attend a meeting of such Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Audit Committee, together with the Head of Regulatory Services to account for the activities of the Joint Committee.
- 5.5 – Participants will liaise about requests from their Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Audit Committees, and shall consider joint scrutiny arrangements with a view to avoiding duplication of effort.

Conversations have been taking place between the scrutiny functions in Cardiff, Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan Councils to explore how joined up scrutiny between these three authorities can be arranged. Adequacy of resources to undertake joint scrutiny has been identified as a challenge by all three authorities.

The Chairs of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee (Cllr Mitchell) and the Community and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee (Cllr McGarry) also met in November 2015 to reflect on this challenge and

to plan how they can best arrange scrutiny in this area.

Cardiff's key task is to ensure that councillors provide appropriate and effective scrutiny of the Regulatory Services Collaboration, as far as it is required to optimise governance and service delivery for the citizens of Cardiff. If this can be achieved in partnership with the two other authorities, this is to be welcomed, but if this does not prove possible then the two Cardiff scrutiny committees will continue to exercise their collective capacity to effectively scrutinise the services delivered to Cardiff as required.

We also want any scrutiny that is undertaken in Cardiff to be of benefit to our partner authorities and, similarly, would wish to benefit from any scrutiny of this project undertaken by both Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan Councils.

The three authorities have agreed to pilot an approach, commencing with a joint Community and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee & Environmental Scrutiny Committee meeting in Cardiff, which is due to be held on Thursday 3rd March 2016.

The City of Cardiff Council will write to the other two authorities inviting their scrutiny committee members to submit any questions which they deem relevant to this meeting. Any submitted questions will be asked by the appointed Chair of the joint meeting and the response will be captured in a letter written to representatives of the Shared Regulatory Services Joint Committee. A copy of this letter will be provided to the scrutiny committee members from Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan Councils. A copy of the minutes of the joint scrutiny committee meeting held in Cardiff will also be circulated to the same group of councillors.

Prior to the end of the current 2015/16 municipal year, Cardiff will engage with Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan to discuss the merits of this pilot scrutiny exercise and assess future options for scrutiny of the Regulatory Services Collaboration. Key drivers will include consideration of resource allocation and avoidance of duplication of work. Through this process, we expect relationships and joint working opportunities to evolve over time and that effective partnership scrutiny arrangements will ensue.

W14

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

Will any KPI's be changing as a result of regulatory services collaboration; if so, which ones?

Reply

The KPIs for the Shared Regulatory Service will continue to be collected in their current format for the 2015/16 financial year and form part of the corporate performance reporting process for each Council.

The Shared Service has drafted a new business plan, which will be the subject of consultation next month with a range of stakeholders. Along with the established national indicators, the plan contains a number of new performance indicators. These indicators will reflect the impact that the Shared Service has in supporting local communities. Examples of these include:

- The proportion of domestic rented properties improved as a result of regulatory intervention;
- The percentage of businesses who feel that regulatory intervention (inspection, advice etc.) has improved their compliance.

The consultation on the business plan will be undertaken from the middle of February and until the end of March. The business plan is then expected to be considered and approved by the Joint Committee in mid May. The final list of indicators agreed following the consultation will be contained in the approved plan.

W15

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE

What are the full costs, including writing, printing and delivery, of all consultation brochures that the Council has undertaken in this current financial year?

Can you list the consultations and the costs separately please?

Reply

I have asked officers to undertake work to collate this information as cost figures for the production and distribution of consultation documents are held within directorate and specific project budgets. As a result, I will provide you with this information in writing in due course. In terms of the annual corporate consultation exercises that fall within my own portfolio, I can confirm that the cost of production of the annual Ask Cardiff Survey for 2015 was as follows:

Printing and delivery of Ask Cardiff general surveys to Libraries / Leisure Centres / Hubs / Stakeholders (5000 English / 1000 Welsh)	£2,025.19
Printing of Ask Cardiff general surveys to post out (4100 English / 100 Welsh)	£2,852.89
Ask Cardiff Survey posted (3990)	£1,790.20
Return by Freepost	£310.00
Total =	£6,978.28

In terms of the 2016/17 Budget Consultation survey, the cost of printing 5,000 English and 1,000 Welsh language copies of survey was £2,101.

TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY
(COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL)

W16	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RALPH COOK</u></p> <p>Please provide in detail the dates, periods in hours, the names of the Local Authorities and other people present and the subjects discussed at meetings with neighbouring authority politicians and/or officers about Cardiff's Local Development Plan that were attended in person by Cllr. Ramesh Patel since he took on responsibility for the LDP.</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>As you should be aware, by the time that I took on portfolio responsibility for the LDP, the Deposit Version of the Plan had already been approved. Therefore, the relevant substantive and strategic cross-boundary matters had already been addressed and captured in both the Preferred Strategy and Deposit Plan, so there was no necessity to undertake further dialogue at Cabinet Member level. The key work in this respect was the collaborative cross-boundary working exercise, which was completed during 2012 and forms part of the LDP evidence base.</p> <p>My primary role has therefore been to secure the adoption of the LDP. I believe that I have capably fulfilled this role and thank all Members and Officers who have helped reach this major milestone for our city.</p>
W17	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RALPH COOK</u></p> <p>Please also detail the dates and periods involved (in hours) of Cllr. Ramesh Patel's attendances at the Planning Inspectorate hearings into Cardiff's Local Development Plan?</p> <p>Also please provide details of all the hearing dates and times during which the hearings took place?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Firstly, I want to thank you for the role that you played as the Cabinet Member responsible for progressing the LDP up to the Preferred Strategy stage. Had you continued your involvement in the process up to the examination stage, then you would have understood that it is normal practice for officers of local authorities to present evidence</p>

to the Hearing Sessions in support of the Plan, not Cabinet Members.

Whilst I continued to hold regular meetings with officers to discuss the numerous matters emerging, officers presented evidence during the Hearing Sessions as has been the case in the examination of plans for other local authorities. Therefore, there was no requirement for me to attend the Hearing Sessions which took place between 13th-16th January, 20th-23rd January, 3rd-6th February, 10th-13th February, 25th-27th February and 28th-29th September, all during 2015.

W18

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

Nottingham Council have recently launched a not for profit energy company called Robin Hood Energy. Are there any plans to progress Cyd Cymru to the next stage of development with the setting up of our own energy company to meet the energy challenges for many residents in the City?

Reply

Nottingham's Robin Hood Energy Company is a recent addition to a small number of local authority owned Energy Services Companies (ESCOs), which have been created to supply and trade in energy on a not-for-profit basis. Bristol and Plymouth also have similar examples.

Although there are no approved plans to set up a similar arrangement in Cardiff, we are watching the progress of these companies to assess the risks and value of such a scheme. The clear benefits to citizens that these schemes offer need to be balanced against the resource and costs required to establish them, as well as other associated risks from competition from larger established energy supply companies etc. Our connection with the UK Core Cities group and the Great Western Cities initiative will give us access to information to assist in this evaluation.

In the meantime, the Cyd Cymru collective switching scheme has helped well over 1,000 customers across Wales to reduce their energy bills by switching to better tariffs that we negotiate on their behalf. In addition, some of the energy conservation and advisory services that the ESCOs provide are also currently being provided by the Council through various initiatives such as our ARBED/ECO energy efficiency schemes and our "Little by Little" energy advisory service.

W19

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many road traffic accidents have there been in the Cwrt-yr-Ala Road area in the last 5 years and what were the details and reference numbers?

Reply

The police database only records injury collisions. These records have been checked for the last five years and only two were recorded in the Cwrt-yr-Ala Road area within Cardiff:

Record 1

Crash Ref. No: 0209102
Severity: Slight
Date: 09-05-2011
Location: Junction of Cwrt Yr Ala Road and Lauriston Park
Vehicle 1: Pedal cycle
Vehicle 2: Car

Record 2

Crash Ref. No: 1301237
Severity: Serious
Date: 19-07-2013
Location: Cwrt Yr Ala Road north of Heol-yr-Odyn
Vehicle 1: Motor cycle over 500cc
Vehicle 2: Car

There were no recorded injury collisions in Heol-yr-Odyn, Lôn yr Efail, Lauriston Park or Heritage Park in Caerau.