

**CYNGOR CAERDYDD  
CARDIFF COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL : 26 OCTOBER 2017**

**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 1**

**QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE  
(HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)**

**PUBLIC QUESTION FROM ELEANOR SANDERS**

As Chair of Trustees at Cardiff Foodbank I am very concerned the impact of the introduction, in February 2018, of Universal Credit will have on those already in need and poverty across our city. Based on the experiences reported in other cities, we at the Foodbank anticipate an increase in numbers coming to our seven Distribution Centres across the city. We have already seen over 10% increase year on year for the last few years. Whilst we obviously want to provide support through advice and non-perishable food, it is so sad that it is needed in the first place.

What is the Council doing to ensure those having to move to Universal Credit will be well supported when making the transition, and won't be left in increased need through avoidable delay or errors?