

1	<p><b><u>ENVIRONMENT QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AUBREY</u></b></p> <p>Are you confident that the streets of Cardiff are cleaner following the recent changes to street cleaning arrangements?</p>
2	<p><b><u>EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES</u></b></p> <p>18 months into your administration and Cardiff does not have a single grade One banded school in the authority and some of the poorest PISA results in the world. Do you believe that the Banding and PISA testing systems as applied to secondary schools are an accurate reflection of the educational standards of our schools and when can we realistically expect significant improvements in the education of our children and young people?</p>
3	<p><b><u>FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></b></p> <p>What checks are carried out to ensure that supplies and contracts arranged via the procurement department represent best value for money?</p>
4	<p><b><u>COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHRIS DAVIS</u></b></p> <p>The Joseph Rowntree Foundation on Saturday had found that homelessness has increased in England by 34% in three years after a trend that saw homelessness fall prior to 2010. It is claimed that has happened as a result of the coalition</p>

	<p>benefit caps and their Bedroom Tax. They also blame the lack of affordable housing in the Country also. Has the city of Cardiff seen a similar trend within the last three years?</p>
5	<p><b><u>SPORT, LEISURE AND CULTURE QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN</u></b></p> <p>In the budget an amount of money was set aside to market/promote council owned venues e.g. Cardiff Castle, Mansion House etc. Could you please let me have a breakdown as to how much of this money has actually been spent, and what it has been spent on/how it has been spent?</p>
6	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES</u></b></p> <p>At last month's Council meeting, I was pleased to hear that Cardiff has been successful in being selected as one of six cities in the UK working towards becoming a sustainable Food city with an appointed sustainable Food coordinator working with partners to transform access to local, affordable and sustainable food for people across the city. Cardiff Food council states that the best way to slow down the growth of Cardiff's food footprint (by far the largest component of Cardiff's ecological footprint), create local jobs and improve our health, is to increase our consumption of fresh local, seasonal and organic foods.</p> <p>In view of this aspiration, was it in keeping with the rhetoric for the Council, in a departure from its own Plan in force, to recommend the Planning Committee grant an application to build 1020 houses on grade 2 and 3 agricultural land (some of the finest in the region) on land north of Bridge Road, Old St Mellons, which is farmed for production of local potatoes, sprouts, cabbages, wheat, barley, rapeseed and oats, when the Welsh Assembly Government had objected to the application because of loss of agricultural land?</p>

7	<p><b><u>CHILDREN'S SOCIAL SERVICES QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDERS</u></b></p> <p>The key findings in the Children's Health and Disability service report taken to cabinet recently makes for shocking reading, but should not be of any surprise as that is what parents have been reporting for some time. Not only is there evidence of poor communication between partners, organisations and even parents but Key Finding 2 demonstrates a contravention of the 1989 Children's Act that the Council does not have a register of Children with a Disability. Recommendation 18 in the report requires an action plan be developed though no timescale is given.</p> <p>What are your key improvement priorities to ensure the service becomes fit for purpose and what timescale have you set for the delivery of the necessary actions?</p>
8	<p><b><u>ENVIRONMENT QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON</u></b></p> <p>We are very fortunate in Riverside and Pontcanna to have so many tree lined streets. However, the leaf fall on the pavements is hazardous, especially now we have had some rain and the pavements have become slippery. What is the Council doing this winter to ensure our streets remain safe from wet leaves?</p>
9	<p><b><u>ENVIRONMENT QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHAUNDY</u></b></p> <p>Will there be any change of policy on leaf fall clearance next year?</p>

10	<p><b><u>FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH</u></b></p> <p>Do you think Cardiff would benefit from the Council adopting a model of Zero Based Budgeting?</p>
11	<p><b><u>EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE</u></b></p> <p>Could you provide us with a list of all Neighbourhood Learning classes (together with venues) that have been cancelled or will not be running as originally scheduled and advertised?</p>
12	<p><b><u>FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></b></p> <p>How many people are currently employed as external interims and consultants?</p> <p>Can you advise of the numbers and the associated costs during 2011/12 and 2012/13?</p>
13	<p><b><u>FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALI AHMED</u></b></p> <p>Can you update me on current situation of the Coal Exchange?</p>
14	<p><b><u>SPORT, LEISURE AND CULTURE QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES</u></b></p> <p>With the new bowls season starting in just a few months, users of the Maindy bowling green are concerned that they will not be able to fulfil their fixtures because of persistent delays from Cardiff Council in considering the</p>

	<p>future ownership of the site. Will you give a public and firm guarantee that the users of the green – who have done everything which has been asked of them and acted in good faith throughout – will be supported to fulfil all of their fixtures for next year?</p>
15	<p><b><u>SPORT, LEISURE AND CULTURE QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES</u></b></p> <p>Concerns have been raised that the council is considering closing the Cardiff Story Museum, boxing up the contents for storage and selling or leasing the building. Do you agree that the Cardiff Story Museum is important to the history and culture and tourism of Cardiff and can you confirm or deny that the Council is considering closing the Cardiff Story Museum?</p>
16	<p><b><u>FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI</u></b></p> <p>Cardiff was made into a city in 1905 and proclaimed the capital of Wales in 1955. Can you confirm how many twinning arrangements Cardiff Council has and how much is the cost of the twinning programme for each city?</p>
17	<p><b><u>ENVIRONMENT QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHRIS DAVIS</u></b></p> <p>In October of this year it was announced that Cardiff and the Vale would launch a bulk buying energy scheme known as Cyd Cymru. The scheme is chiefly designed to group a large number of people together so as to bring the price of energy down, can you reveal to the chamber the progress that has been made on it so far?</p>

18	<p><b><u>FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH</u></b></p> <p>The Co-operative Bank are not retendering for Cardiff Council's account. What efforts have been made to ensure the authority chooses a successor that exercises probity and an ethical dimension to their business as well as sound financial management?</p>
19	<p><b><u>ENVIRONMENT QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI</u></b></p> <p>How many abandoned shopping trollies has the Council collected so far and how many fines have been issued to the companies which own the shopping trollies?</p>
20	<p><b><u>COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR STUBBS</u></b></p> <p>Will the cabinet member make a statement on how UK government cuts are affecting wards such as Splott?</p>
21	<p><b><u>ENVIRONMENT QUESTION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUNT</u></b></p> <p>Does the Council have a policy on snaring on Council owned land?</p>