COUNCIL 30 JANUARY 2014 – ORAL QUESTIONS

1	**ENVIRONMENT QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLARK** Could the cabinet member confirm how much income and expenditure has been generated by introducing charges for bulky waste collections?
2	**FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS** Will the administration rule out increasing council tax by 5%, the maximum amount allowed by the Welsh Government cap?
3	**SPORT, LEISURE AND CULTURE QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOLDEN** At a recent PACT a resident and member of St Josephs bowling club informed me that they received a letter from the council asking for £6250. This money is to cover maintenance of the club for the next financial year. What assistance has been provided to this club to date to help them raise these funds?
4	**COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY** On what date was the first record entered on the ASBIT database in S Wales?
5	**COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL** Can the Cabinet member for Housing advise Council how she intends to address the shortfall in social housing across the City, and particularly within my Splott Ward?

6	**<u>ENVIRONMENT QUESTION</u>** **<u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHAUNDY</u>** In view of the Council's commitment to reduce litter, dog mess and also increase household recycling, would the Cabinet Member for the Environment please confirm special bags for these items will remain available and free to residents?
7	**<u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER</u>** **<u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALKER</u>** Following a recent meeting of the Reservoir Action Group (RAG) with affected councillors and AMs, an action plan was agreed. A key element of the plan is the preparation of a costed technical report on refilling Llanishen Reservoir and potentially restoring the site to its former state. When RAG has completed and approved the report, will the Leader meet elected members and RAG representatives to hear the proposals? Subject to her agreement with its content, will she then make use of her regular senior level meetings with Celsa to present the report and encourage Celsa directors to strongly consider its recommendations?
8	**<u>STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT QUESTION</u>** **<u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOLDEN</u>** Following the notice of motion passed in November stating that you will consult further with local members in Gabalfa prior to making the improvements at Gabalfa interchange permanent, what consultation have you actually done with local members in Gabalfa?
9	**<u>STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT QUESTION</u>** **<u>ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u>** Through which streets in Fairwater will the projected rail run as part of the LDP transport proposal?

10	**ENVIRONMENT QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KNIGHT** Will the cabinet be bringing forward a new policy for buskers operating in Cardiff City Centre?
11	**CHILDREN'S SOCIAL SERVICES QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE** In the briefing paper from the Director of Children's Services, dated 6 December 2013, reference is made to 'inept attempts to redirect [services for disabled children] strategically during the summer of this year.' What in particular was 'inept' and what was the impact on service users?
12	**FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON** What is the latest progress on a new City Centre bus station?
13	**STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN** Are there any current proposals or discussions taking place regarding bus lanes on the A469?
14	**CHILDREN'S SOCIAL SERVICES QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY** What is the Council's policy in Children's Services accepting reports from domestic charities written non judgemental?

15	**COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL QUESTION**
	ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH
	A high-profile private landlord recently issued eviction notices to tenants in receipt of social security, and refused to accept new applicants claiming housing benefit. The National Landlords' Association published figures in December, which showed that the number of private landlords letting to people on benefits has halved to just one in five. Could you outline the situation in Cardiff?
16	**EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING QUESTION**
	ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN
	The Council and Welsh Government rely on Governing Bodies to be leaders within their individual schools and certain training has now been made mandatory for Governors by Welsh Government. If Governors do not complete mandatory training within specified timescales, Governing Bodies have a duty to suspend them until they have done the training. Given that some of the training is currently not available from Governor Services, could you advise me on what Governing Bodies should do in these circumstances; and what the Council is proposing in terms of meeting the demands for mandatory training?
17	**ENVIRONMENT QUESTION**
	ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS
	Dog fouling is a big problem in wards right across the City. I welcome the Council's crackdown and desire to do something about it. Please confirm how much was raised in fines for dog fouling in 2013 and with the new crackdown what the target is for 2014?
	How much will the new 24 hour response on cleaning up dog mess across Cardiff cost and is it realistic that fines will pay for the operation?

18	**ENVIRONMENT QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON** Following the majority of consultees opposing monthly black bin/bag collections, will you rule out this idea permanently?
19	**FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY** When will residents be allowed to run Pentrebane Community Centre through community asset transfer?
20	**ENVIRONMENT QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALI** As an animal lover and animal welfare campaigner, I would like to thank this Council for supporting my member's debate last year on 'Irresponsible dog ownership and dog fouling'. Can you confirm that the dog mess off the streets in a 24 hours rapid response scheme is ward based or all across the city?
21	**EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LOVE** What level of involvement of children and young people is there to help decide how pupil deprivation grants in schools are spent and monitored?
22	**SPORT, LEISURE AND CULTURE QUESTION** **ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY** What medical equipment is supplied to Council Park Attendants to help save lives in our sporting parks?

23	**ENVIRONMENT QUESTION**
	ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON
	Last month you gave a breakdown of the street cleansing rota in Lisvane in answer to Cllr Walker's question, and I would like to know the new rota for Riverside, following the priority area pilot which has ended. Please could this information re: the number of times that shop frontage pavements, gutters, streets, and pavements are swept – and how – be tabulated and circulated to us all so we know what is currently due to be done in our wards and compare to other areas?
	This would be in a similar way to which members get information ward by ward on how many parking fines have been levied.
24	**ENVIRONMENT QUESTION**
	ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD COOK
	What progress has been made in making sure that all premises in Cardiff that serve or sell food comply with the new Welsh Government legislation that requires them to display their food hygiene rating?
25	**QUESTION TO THE LEADER**
	ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR EVANS
	What progress is being made in respect of the establishment of a Welsh Language Working Group and the development of a Welsh language strategy?
26	**ENVIRONMENT QUESTION**
	ORAL QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALI
	It is a great initiative by Cardiff Council to help people switching to cheaper energy with CYD Cymru. Can you confirm how many people have registered to switch energy suppliers with CYD Cymru?