

COUNCIL 27 MARCH 2014 – ORAL QUESTIONS

1	<p><u>EDUCATION AND SKILLS QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS</u></p> <p>When do you expect Cardiff to become a NEET-free City?</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALKER</u></p> <p>What priority do you intend to give to the reform of Waste Management (including waste collection) which has long been assessed as being well below the Local Government benchmark standard?</p> <p>Do you agree that its reform is integral to the achievement of the 2014/15 budget and will you bring forward and implement the recently prepared waste management strategy?</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>Do you support the concept of a Presiding Member for Cardiff Council at this juncture of time?</p>
4	<p><u>TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>What did the Cllr Hinchey mean recently in his public comments that the route of any proposed rail track through Fairwater had not been decided?</p>
5	<p><u>TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD COOK</u></p> <p>Why is the Canton Cross junction (Cowbridge Road East/Llandaff Road/Leckwith Road) not included in the cycle route 6 improvements?</p>

6	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHAUDY</u></p> <p>The Ward Based Cleansing Trial for Pentwyn ends on the 31st March. Both local councillors and residents have reported increased amounts of litter along our many footpaths, often with bins not being emptied and overflowing. In addition there is also a significant increase in the level of fly tipping on our grass verges and in our woodlands since this trial began. Can we please have our regular litter ‘teams’ re-instated to keep our area clean?</p>
7	<p><u>TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>What discussions have you had with Cardiff Bus regarding their plans for future bus services?</p>
8	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>What consideration will the new Leader of the Council give to the wishes of the community in my Ward in relation to the LDP?</p>
9	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KNIGHT</u></p> <p>What is the current Council policy for delivering bulk orders of green bags to blocks of flats?</p>
10	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLARK</u></p> <p>How do you feel the Democratic Services Committee can support the improved performance of the Council?</p>

11	<p><u>TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS</u></p> <p>Cardiff Council is taking the right steps in pursuing the South Wales Metro Scheme with the Welsh Assembly, which could instrumental in turning the region into an attractive European City in which to live and work. But with the LDP taking shape in advance of the Metro, can the Council confirm they are considering the merits of phasing, as called for by many including the Cardiff West AM and MP?</p> <p>We need to make sure that no development takes places before infrastructure is in place with the North West Corridor Metro Scheme to prevent local roads turning to gridlock.</p>
12	<p><u>EDUCATION AND SKILLS QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>In the last published Estyn Report into Education Services in Cardiff Council, the overall judgement was adequate and the capacity to improve was adequate. Can we expect to see an improvement following the recent inspection?</p>
13	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>Will the new Leader of the Council guarantee the future of every play centre until the end of this Council term?</p>
14	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CORRIA</u></p> <p>The Islington Fairness Commission was set up in 2010 to look into how to make the borough a fairer place. The Commission is a group of senior academics, councillors and council partners that will look at ways of making Islington fairer for everyone. Will the Leader consider setting up a Fairness Commission for Cardiff to ensure Cardiff becomes a fairer place by cutting the number of people living in poverty, narrowing the gap between rich and poor and making a difference to the lives of those who most need our help?</p>

15	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN</u></p> <p>Is the Leader concerned about the allegations in the Echo on Monday this week that some of the senior management team and Directors appointed last year are looking for other jobs?</p>
16	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS</u></p> <p>We are now in the last week of the re-arranged bin collections which saw green bins reduced to one collection a month from November - March. Whilst some residents accepted this during the worst winter months, more have complained about the timings. We heard last autumn how many Councillors felt it came in too early and was poorly communicated. Now as we emerge into spring, many already filling their green bins with garden waste, the monthly collections are not enough.</p> <p>Does the Cabinet Member feel that the changes have worked, will there be a review, and are we likely to see a repeat next winter?</p>
17	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>Should all Councillors have the opportunity to table as many oral questions as they deem fit to allow them to hold the Cabinet to account?</p>
18	<p><u>EDUCATION AND SKILLS QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI</u></p> <p>What are the plans for Ysgol Glan Ceubal and Gabalfa Primary School for September 2014?</p>

19	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE</u></p> <p>The Leader of the Council has just appointed the fourth person in less than two years to hold cabinet responsibility for the Children & Young People portfolio. What are the risks inherent in such fragility?</p>
20	<p><u>EDUCATION AND SKILLS QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McKERLICH</u></p> <p>Why does Cardiff Council insist on including children from Rhondda Cynon Taff in the catchment area for the Welsh Unit at Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth when these children are also in the catchment for the Welsh unit at Heol y Celyn in Rhondda Cynon Taff, especially when local children in my constituency are being denied places at the school?</p> <p>I have regularly asked that Radyr and Morganstown be included in the catchment area of this school and along with many local residents I repeated this in the recent consultation process on this subject.</p>
21	<p><u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LOMAX</u></p> <p>What date is Grangetown Library closing for refurbishment and the extension for the Hub to be built, and what provision is being made for staff and other organisations who use the library during this development?</p>
22	<p><u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES</u></p> <p>Following the change in council leadership, will you make a commitment to ensure that Cardiff Council submits an application for the next Stonewall Workplace Equality Index?</p>

23	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON</u></p> <p>Last month I submitted a petition from restaurants, hotels and residents in Cathedral Road requesting a refusal to allow the English company 'Best Parties Ever' back next Christmas season. Has this company submitted an application to hold events in Sophia Gardens again this year?</p>
24	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD COOK</u></p> <p>Does cycling get a ringfenced amount from the Civil Parking Enforcement income?</p>
25	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CORRIA</u></p> <p>How does the Leader intend to ensure that the residents of Cardiff are able to participate in service planning, delivery and review?</p>
26	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI</u></p> <p>I have received a number of complaints regarding litter on Station Road and surrounding streets in Llandaff North. How can you guarantee the Council ensure the streets are clean?</p>
27	<p><u>TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL</u></p> <p>Can the Cabinet member confirm that the heavy rail option, one way roads and removal of on street parking in the NW Corridor study in my ward are not current council policy as misrepresented in a series of leaflets, press and social media comments by my ward colleagues?</p>