

COUNCIL, 26 JUNE 2014 : ORAL QUESTIONS

1	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER, COUNCILLOR PHIL BALE (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLARK</u></p> <p>Now that the BBC have announced plans to build their new headquarters on the site of Cardiff's Central Bus station, where will Cardiff's new central bus station be and when will it be built?</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER, COUNCILLOR PHIL BALE (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALKER</u></p> <p>Will the Leader make a statement on recent damaging reports of a young jihadi from Cardiff urging others to take up arms and join him in Syria?</p> <p>What measures can he and the Council take to prevent the radicalisation of young people in the city?</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER, COUNCILLOR PHIL BALE (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDERS</u></p> <p>In the 'Our News' June 2014 edition on the second page there is an article titled 'We are the City of Cardiff Council'. This short article reminds employees "to make sure that 'City of Cardiff Council' is being used as the name to refer to the council in all communications".</p> <p>Could the Leader indicate when this name change was implemented and how he has ensured that the requirement outlined in the Constitution Article 4 The Council; 4.1 Functions of the Council "only the Council will exercise the following functions ..section 4.1.h 'changing the name of the area...' has been adhered to?</p>

4	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD COOK</u></p> <p>In light of the Active Travel (Wales) Bill, which requires Local Authorities to continuously improve facilities and routes for walkers and cyclists, and noting that the vacant post of Cycling Officer has not been filled, how will the new structure in the Transport and Highways service area ensure that that Cardiff Council's statutory duty is achieved?</p>
5	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER, COUNCILLOR PHIL BALE (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AUBREY</u></p> <p>What consideration has the Leader given to the Minister for Local Government's call for local authorities to merge voluntarily and what discussions has he had with neighbouring authorities in relation to such proposals?</p>
6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES</u></p> <p>Welsh Government's Land, Nature and Forestry Division has an outstanding Agricultural objection to Cardiff's Local Development Plan deposit version, submitted in its response to the local planning authority at formal deposit consultation stage of the LDP. This objection is based on the exceptionally large amount of BMV (Best and Most Versatile land) threatened by the LDP proposals, approximately 320 hectares. The objection advises that the agricultural constraint, as required by Planning Policy Wales, should remain in place and be given considerable weight to ensure the loss of BMV is minimized and proceeds only after full consideration and justification of overriding need for development on BMV. As the Deposit version of the LDP is yet to be considered and tested by the LDP process and given that public opinion is overwhelmingly against development on greenfield sites, (NB Referendum poll results in Fairwater) how can it be justified to persist with plans to build on hundreds of acres of high quality food producing land?</p>

7	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER, COUNCILLOR PHIL BALE (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>Where do you envisage a redeveloped Cardiff bus station will be located?</p>
8	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD COOK</u></p> <p>The last cycle hire scheme in Cardiff finished in December 2011, what progress has been made on finding a new provider?</p>
9	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES</u></p> <p>What is the council's view of priorities set at local PACT meetings?</p> <p>Would a local problem deemed to be a PACT priority be afforded priority status by the council when resolving it?</p>
10	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALKER</u></p> <p>When will officers finalise and circulate their report outlining how the LDP transport 50/50 modal split will be structured and operate in NE Cardiff?</p> <p>Without a convincing LDP transport proposal the case for adding at least 10,000 people to this already congested corner of Cardiff remains a highly questionable and high risk strategy.</p>

11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOLDEN</u></p> <p>What progress has been made in the last two months to act on the motion to council calling for a new allotment strategy?</p>
12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHRIS DAVIS</u></p> <p>Does this Council recognise the major benefits which have derived for the residents of the Borough of Islington as a result of the Labour Council's decision to remove the licences of all Pay Day Loan Companies within the borough, and to actively promote the local Credit Union/Community Bank?</p>
13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR SUE LENT (CITIZEN & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DEMOCRACY QUESTION)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN</u></p> <p>Can you provide advice on the number of words and lines which Ward Members should be submitting when asked by officers for their comments on consultations?</p> <p>And will you be advising Members on how any of their comments may be paraphrased by officers?</p>
14	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES</u></p> <p>What steps will you take to ensure that no further emergency closures are needed at Central Library as a result of faulty infrastructure?</p>

15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY (CORPORATE SERVICES & PERFORMANCE)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES</u></p> <p>Are the reports correct that the Deputy Leader is arranging an “alternative” NATO conference at County Hall in September and, if so, is a commercial rate being charged?</p>
16	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER, COUNCILLOR PHIL BALE (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>Please could you make a statement regarding the position relating to the appointment of Assistant Directors in Education & Lifelong Learning, Adult Services and Children's Services?</p>
17	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALI</u></p> <p>Are there any plans by Cardiff Council for outdoor fitness facilities at local parks to encourage adults to exercise and socialise?</p>
18	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLARK</u></p> <p>The Welsh Government launched a consultation in April 2014 on the “Separate Collection of Waste Paper, Metal, Plastic and Glass”. Has Cardiff Council responded to the consultation?</p> <p>If so, did you agree that separate collections of these materials should be implemented?</p> <p>If the Council has not responded yet, do you plan to agree that Cardiff’s current mixed recycling service should end?</p>

19	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES</u></p> <p>Why is the indoor Welsh Tennis Centre on Ocean Way empty when future Welsh tennis talent desperately need indoor courts and what plans are there to open this vital facility?</p>
20	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL</u></p> <p>Following the closure of the Splott hub consultation, can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Hub and 25m pool?</p>
21	<p><u>QUESTION TO THE LEADER, COUNCILLOR PHIL BALE (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN</u></p> <p>Has the Leader undertaken an assessment of the economic impact or opportunities of the European Council meeting that was held in Cardiff in 1998, in preparation for the NATO summit which is to be held this summer, to ensure Cardiff can gain the maximum economic advantage?</p> <p>If so, can this council have sight of the assessment?</p>
22	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MITCHELL</u></p> <p>What is the brownfield/greenfield split in the deposit LDP?</p>

23	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR JACQUI PARRY (CHAIR OF LICENSING COMMITTEE)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LOVE</u></p> <p>What steps can the council take to control the number of betting shops in a given area?</p>
24	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LOVE</u></p> <p>Will the cabinet member make a statement on what the council are doing to support credit unions?</p>
25	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MICHAEL (CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR STUBBS</u></p> <p>How many development appeals have been lost in open countryside largely due to the lack of an LDP?</p>
26	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MICHAEL (CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR STUBBS</u></p> <p>Has the council lost costs in attempting to defend green field planning applications</p>