

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on Thursday 26 June 2014 to transact the business set out in the Council Summons dated 20 June 2014.

Present: County Councillor Margaret Jones (Lord Mayor).

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Aubrey, Bale, Bowden, Bradbury, Bridges, Boyle, Burfoot, Chaundy, Clark, Ralph Cook, Richard Cook, Corria, Cowan, Kirsty Davies, Chris Davis, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Ford, Goodway, Gordon, Govier, Graham, Groves, **Hinchey**, Holden, Howells, Hudson, Hyde, Javed, Keith Jones, Joyce, Kelloway, Knight, Lent, Lloyd, Lomax, Love, Magill, Marshall, McEvoy, **McGarry**, McKerlich, Merry, Michael, Mitchell, Morgan, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, David Rees, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sanders, Simmons, Stubbs, Benjamin Thomas, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Thorne, Walker, Weaver, Craig Williams, Darren Williams and Woodman

Apologies: County Councillors Manzoor Ahmed, Evans, Goddard, **Hunt** and Walsh

***Council at its meeting 24 July 2014 amended the minutes.
Amendments are highlighted in Bold Italics.***

17: WEBCASTING AND RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Members were reminded of a decision of the Constitution Committee on 10 July, 2008 to webcast the Council meeting. Members were also reminded that the Constitution Committee had previously agreed that Council proceedings be recorded for administrative purposes.

Formal approval to record the proceedings was granted.

18: MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meetings held on 29 May 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson, subject to the following amendments:

Minute No: 15 - Page 11, Paragraph (d)

- Appointments to the South Wales Fire Authority should read Councillor Dilwar Ali and not Councillor Bale

19: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Lord Mayor reminded Members of their responsibility under Article 10 of the Members' Code of Conduct to declare any interest, and to complete Personal Interest forms, at the commencement of the item of business.

The following declarations were made:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Councillor Govier	General	Member of Cardiff & Vale Credit Union
Councillor Dilwar Ali	Petitions	School Governor

20: ANNOUNCEMENTS

During my first month in office as Lord Mayor I have been delighted to see the range of success in evidence across the local authority Council and I take great pleasure in recognising some of these achievements at today's Council meeting.

Emergency Management staff member wins national award.

I am delighted to report that Senior Emergency Management Officer, Andy Pepper has won the title of Public Sector Continuity Manager of the Year Award for 2014.

This was a double success for Andy, who works in the Emergency Management team, after previously winning the same award in 2010.

This year's success was marked by Andy being presented with his award at the Industry Standards dinner in London. I wish to pass on my congratulations to Andy for this excellent recognition.

CAER Partnership Project wins prestigious national award.

The CAER Project has been named the overall winner of the prestigious NCPE (National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement) Engage Competition 2014.

The CAER project seeks to connect local people and school children with their shared history and challenge marginalisation by exploring one of Cardiff's most important, but least known archaeological sites, Caerau Iron Age hill fort.

The project which beat 230 entries to claim the award is a partnership involving a range of partners including Glamorgan Archives, Cardiff Story Museum, archaeologists at Cardiff University, Ely and Caerau Communities.

First, local schools and local residents. Community participants have been involved in a range of co-produced projects such as geophysical surveys, Iron-Age themed art installations, museum exhibitions, adult learner courses, heritage trails and a large-scale community excavation.

Many thanks and congratulations to all those involved in the project's success.

Children & Young People Committee shortlisted in National Scrutiny Award.

The Children & Young People Committee's work in involving young people in scrutiny has been recognised at national level after it was shortlisted in the Centre for Public Scrutiny's 2014 "Good Scrutiny" Awards.

Shortlisted in the category of Involvement, Insight and Impact the committee's work in this area was chosen ahead of a huge range of entries from across the UK. The award organisers were particularly impressed with the amount of involvement the Cardiff Youth Council and groups of looked after children have in the committee's work. They pointed to the level of insight generated within the Committee and the impact it has had on outcomes delivered through the Committee.

Although the committee were unlucky to miss out on being named the overall winner, being shortlisted at the National Scrutiny Awards is an achievement well worth congratulating.

21: PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question: *Anne Greagsby*

February's Metro Report passed by the Cabinet in paragraph 8 stated that 6 strategic projects with the LDP are earmarked for early delivery: what is the timescale for this?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

For clarification, the paragraph in the Cabinet report of the 21 February 2014 refers to the 6 priorities to strategic projects earmarked for early delivery in the Cardiff Capital Region Metro report. They will enhance the City's connectivity with the wider region and improve transport that will support the LDP. It is intended that the quick wins will be completed by 2020 and the longer term improvements by 2030.

Supplementary Question: *Anne Greagsby*

Thank you very much for your answer but I have to say that I don't understand and I regret that you have to resort to using jargon like "quick wins".

The LDP says new development in Cardiff must be integrated with the provision of new transport infrastructure. It doesn't say improve as you have said in your answer, and just recently the Ely Mill development was passed by Planning Committee and the station has been dropped from the plans.

Will there be a condition on development that, that no development proceeds until the Metro is in place?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I can't give you any guarantees at this stage for the simple reason as you can appreciate, the Mark Barry report has still not come out; it is from the

Assembly. Until that report comes out, only then would we have a true picture of what schemes could be looked at.

22: PETITIONS

The following petitions were submitted:

Councillor Chaundy – 62 signatures calling on the Council to improve road safety outside the school St Philip Evans Roman Catholic Primary School on Llanedeyrn Drive

Councillor Bowden – petition containing 250 signatures against the development of a Tesco's on Birchgrove Road.

Councillor Dilwar Ali – 337 signatures supporting the proposed Lidl development on the site of James and Jenkins in Llandaff North but opposing the removal of the Pineapple skittle alley and beer garden that provided a play area for children in Llandaff North

Councillor Dilwar Ali – 890 signatures and 26 statements of intention calling upon the Council to establish a Welsh Nursery at Ysgol Glan Ceubal, Colwill Road, Llandaff North, Cardiff.

Councillor Howells – with reference to the closure of Splott Pool and requesting that the Star open from 7am onwards.

Councillor Boyle – Approximately 190 signatures calling on the Council to commit to the reduction of speed reduction measures on the approach to the roundabout at St Margaret's Church, improved signage and/or road markings on the roundabout itself to help drivers with lane discipline

Councillor Gordon – petition containing 107 signatures requesting the revocation of the traffic order extending the double yellow lines in Gloucester Street from the junction of Tudor Street.

Councillor Hinchey – petition containing 250 signatures against the development of Tesco's on Birchgrove Road.

23: STATEMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Strategic Networks: Wales, UK and European

Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Annual Conference

The WLGA Annual Conference in Llandudno brought together Council Leaders from across Wales to discuss the challenges facing public services in Wales and more importantly, some potential solutions. In relation to local government reorganisation, Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Local Government and Government Business, made clear that local authority mergers are going to happen and a map of the new boundaries will soon be published. It is likely that we will see a reduction in numbers from 22 to either 10 or 12 as outlined in the Williams Commission report earlier this year.

There was some debate at the conference on whether a reorganisation can deliver the economics of scale and savings that would be needed. The discussion has so far mainly centred on boundaries and potential merger costs, both important issues which require further clarification, but there is a growing consensus that the immediate focus must be on how to the more pressing funding challenges faced by Councils in Wales over the next few years.

Co-operative Council Innovation Network

I have outlined before my ambition for Cardiff to become a Co-operative Council at the heart of a well networked international capital city. As a Co-operative Council we will need to develop new ways of working which enable us to work more closely with our city's residents and other partners in the future. That's why events such as the conference I attended last week in Plymouth are so important. They are proving very useful in sharing experiences amongst other member council's in the network.

During a series of themed workshops, such as co-operative energy projects, we heard about successful initiatives taking place right across the United Kingdom, including several collective energy switching schemes (such as Cardiff's own CYD Cymru initiative), which have been one of a number of ways in which council's have helped residents cut their high energy bills.

Eurocities

This week we welcomed a senior representative from Eurocities, the foremost European city network with 130 member cities across Europe, to Cardiff. Both Cabinet and senior managers received a briefing on the benefits of membership with Cardiff having re-joined the network earlier this year. Our membership is fully funded via a collaborative project on social innovation with Cardiff Metropolitan University and other European partners. Engagement with Eurocities will give Cardiff early access to the latest thinking on European policy and funding opportunities provide access to best practice from comparator cities and provide the platform for developing jointly funded projects with partners' cities. Over recent years The City of Cardiff Council has worked with over 60 international cities on a range of projects funded by the European Commission and other transnational bodies. These projects have supported the creative industries and knowledge economy in Cardiff, promoted energy efficiency in buildings, water management and city branding. Taken together they have brought over £1.1m of funding into Cardiff as well as a vast amount of knowledge on how common problems are tackled elsewhere.

Meeting with the First Minister

Cardiff Debate

The City of Cardiff Council will have to reduce its budget by over £90m over the next three years, in addition to around £120m that has already been cut over the past five. If these kinds of figures are to be achieved, it will require substantial changes to the number and nature of services currently provided by the Council. To begin why we have launched the Cardiff Debate, a three year programme of events and consultation on the future of public services in our city. Events have taken place over recent weeks in communities across the city, including Llanrumney, Llanishen, Adamsdown, Ely, Butetown and Fairwater and a summit of public sector leaders will take place in Cardiff tomorrow. The Cardiff Debate team will also be at community events over the summer time, an on-street consultation campaign has begun and we will also be using social media, including a Facebook page and twitter @cardiffdebate.

Economic Development

The City of Cardiff received a great boost this week with news that the BBC have chosen to relocate their HQ to a new purpose-built media centre in Cardiff's Central Square. The 150,000 square foot building will be designed by world renowned architects Norman Foster and Partners and will be rated to a BREEAM Outstanding standard. It will also be at the heart of our plans to create a new transport gateway into our Capital City, with BBC development acting as a catalyst for wider regeneration of a new business district. The BBC's investment reinforces Cardiff's emergence as a leading centre for creative industries in Europe, with new and existing world class facilities in both the city-centre and the Cardiff Bay waterfront.

The wider Capital Square development will also help to transform public transport facilities in this part of the city centre, with a new bus station helping to enhance connections to the rest of the city, the wider region and to Cardiff Airport, London and beyond.

It is one of the most exciting developments in the capital for a decade and is expected to be first of many new investments into Cardiff's Central Enterprise Zone over the coming years. Another clear sign of growing investor confidence in the City of Cardiff as a business location was confirmation that a new internet exchange – one of the major intersections of the internet – will be created in Central Square, immediately adjacent to the new BBC development.

These investments, alongside the excellent news that fast-growing US cyber security firm Alert Logic has chosen to establish their Headquarters for Europe, the Middle East and Asia in the Central Enterprise Zone demonstrate that Cardiff is a city that can attract jobs and investment in a highly competitive environment. With support of the recently launched Cardiff Business Council we have a leading role to play in lifting Wales out of the recent recession and onto a more sustained path of economic recovery.

24: ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

I am pleased to report that the Parks service was currently implementing proposals that will see the introduction of further Wildflower and Meadow Areas across our public open space provision which will result

in an estimated 4.7 Hectares of grassland converted across 27 sites. This approach is consistent with this Council's objective of promoting and increasing bio-diversity and challenge the hierarchy of management regimes currently in place ensuring that they are fit for purpose.

In addition to these areas the service is also piloting alternative and more informal maintenance regimes across a number of green space sites throughout the City, which also includes highway land. These regimes will also have the potential to create interest, improve the visual amenity and increase bio-diversity. I do recognise that the Council needs to strike a balance and it is vitally important that we engage with and seek the views of local communities in respect of our objectives and indeed cater for the needs of all users of our parks and green spaces, which we are taking every opportunity to do through this programme of change.

Cabinet has highlighted the importance of benchmarking and learning from others, with this in mind I can report that officers from the Parks service are currently compiling the annual benchmarking submission to the Parks Core Cities Group, this submission adds to the benchmarking and comparison work that the service undertakes in partnership with Greenspace Wales and the Association for Public Service Excellence.

Cabinet has also made clear the importance of engaging with local communities in the design and delivery of services and as you may be aware the Parks service provides a comprehensive programme of outreach work designed to meet this objective. I am very pleased to report that for the financial year 2013/14 in excess of 16,000 volunteer hours were recorded. The wide ranging work undertaken by volunteer groups and individuals serves to add value to the service delivered engenders a sense of ownership and results in environmental improvements at a local level.

Really Rubbish Awards

I had the honour of joining over 250 primary school pupils from 24 Cardiff schools to celebrate the Superheroes of Recycling as part of the annual Really Rubbish awards show this month. I was really impressed as I'm passionate about teaching our young children the value of reducing, re-using and recycling as they really care about the planet. The Really Rubbish event always shows how enthusiastic and knowledgeable they are and this year was no exception.

The standard of entries was excellent, so many teachers, pupils and schools are going the extra mile with two schools shortlisted for the key Green School of the Year award. Pencaerau Primary had worked tirelessly on their eco-conservation and has beautiful surroundings to show for it and Llysfaen Primary carry out an outstanding range of environmental activities and demonstrate how they embrace the 3R's on a daily basis so it was a good decision in the end to announce them as joint winners. But congratulations to all the winners and entrants, they really are an inspiration.

Tidy Towns Bids 2014 – Successful Bids

The following bids have been successful as part of the Tidy Towns 2014 initiative:

Cardiff West Community Pride Project

This is a community event/road show to raise awareness and put together volunteer action groups to focus on addressing local issues. Action includes planting around disused/overgrown green spaces, installation of signage and posters on community notice boards to encourage reporting of issues, cut back overgrown vegetation around the Taff trail at Tongwynlais and litter pick around the area and planting of 7 community orchard and soft fruit locations in areas of deprivation.

Cost - £11,493

Full funding awarded £11,493

Lydstep Park

Installation of pedestrian pathways to encourage use and enjoyment of the park, installation of litter bins and installation of railings to avoid motorcycle annoyance. Planting of wildflower meadows.

Cost - £120,000 - £60,000 requested.

Full Funding awarded £60,000

Clarendon Road Local Shopping Parade

Street regeneration including installation of litter bins, street trees and the cutting back of overgrown vegetation.

Cost - £120,000 - £20,000 requested

Partial funding £16,000

**The panel agreed funding trees and path repairs, but not new litter bins as this is the responsibility of the local authority.*

Bedford Street Neighbourhood Regeneration Scheme

Street regeneration project including the installation of railed and planted tree pits to discourage fly tipping hotspots, litter bin installation, road surface and markings improvement, installation of bollards to prevent problem parking.

Cost - £116,785 - £60,000 requested

Partial funding £55,665

**The panel agreed to fund trees, tree pits and protective railings, plants, a bench and bollards. The other elements were the responsibility of the local authority.*

Proceeds of Crime Enforcement Unit

To employ two financial investigators to investigate and present a case to the courts to remove all income from evidenced criminal activity against the guilty individual, following successful prosecution.

Cost - £60,000

Full funding awarded £60,000

**This is subject to the local authority funding the unit in years two and three.*

The panel also wanted to stipulate that any spare capacity to take on more cases than come to light in Cardiff should be used to assist other local authorities.

Graffiti Trouble Spot Removal/Prevention

To employ one operative to train a trainee staff member in removal of graffiti and prevention using preventative chemicals. Preventative measures also to include street art murals to be carried out with the community to prevent further graffiti.

Cost - £60,000

Partial Funding £12,576

The panel agreed to fund the street art element. The staffing element was high and considered lower priority for TT funding.

Primary School LEQ Workshops

To provide bilingual workshops, covering all LEQ issues to the remaining 73 Cardiff primary schools, who did not receive the workshops in last years Tidy Towns funded project.

Cost - £31,100

Partial funding £10,000

**The panel agreed to cap funding at a maximum of £10k per authority.*

Total Allocation £225,734

25: ORAL QUESTIONS

QUESTION TO THE LEADER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor Clark*

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?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

A report will be presented to the July meeting of Cabinet outlining the delivery strategy for Central Square including the process for delivering a new central bus station as part of an integrated transport hub. I'd like to take this opportunity to make it clear that the administration remains totally committed to the delivery of a transport interchange that is in keeping with World Class design standards that has already been set by the new BBC Headquarters building.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Clark*

Keeping in mind that an Environmental Scrutiny Inquiry found the majority of Cardiff residents wanted the bus station to be in front of the train station; that Labour Local Election literature said the bus station in front of Cardiff Central Railway Station is so important; and that Professor Stuart Cole from the University of South Wales said that the best sites for a new bus station would be on the site of a current bus station or Marland House, will you commit to building the new bus

station in front of the train station or will the views of local people be disregarded?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I think it's really important that we look at the next steps report that comes through at the July Cabinet meeting. We do need to consult with people. We need to collect all the facts in terms of the pros and cons of the two main sites that we are looking at the moment. But I agree with you that we need to move very quickly now and establish where that bus station will be, and to work with partners to make sure we deliver this City a fantastic new transport hub.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Craig Williams*

Can I ask a very specific question which is - will you honour your manifesto commitment to put it north of the station or do you regret having that specific commitment in your Labour manifesto to Council.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I think the main thing, as I've said to Councillor Clark is that we now go out and consult with people, gather all of the facts, its very important that we get the best bus station, the best transport interchange for the people of Cardiff and that's exactly what this administration will do.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor Walker*

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?

What measures can he and the Council take to prevent the radicalisation of young people in the city?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

Firstly let me express my concern for the families affected by the latest revelations in the press and reassure Members across the chamber that

there are support structures in place to provide assistance where necessary.

Cardiff has been a Home Office Prevent Priority Area since May 2012 and a great deal of multi agency activity does take place across the city already, in order to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and violent extremism. A dedicated Home Office Prevent Co-ordinator is in place to oversee activity right across the range of activities that organisations throughout the City are involved in, and an All Wales Higher/Further Education Prevent Coordinator is also in place to deal with issues related to universities and colleges. Both of these individuals are Council employees, our joint work is led by a Counter Terrorist Board which is chaired by a senior Council officer and has multi agency representation as well. The Board is updated on all relevant Counter terrorism issues and that actions are taken to mitigate threats, risk and harm to individuals and communities in the City. The Board feeds into an All Wales Prevent Board and all Wales Contest Board structure as well.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Walker*

There are some reassurances contained in your answer but could I just comment that the only Community Leader that I have heard on the national news condemning what has happened, and speaking out, is the former Plaid Councillor for Riverside and I just wondered whether you will be calling on other community leaders to speak out on this matter and take the lead on it for Cardiff?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I think its very important that where extremism exists that we take very strong stand against it and I think we'd all join together within the chamber to send that strong message to communities across the City, and work with them in partnership to make sure we don't find this threat going on in our City, and we contain it, and we work in partnership with those communities going forward.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Ali Ahmed*

I'm sure the Councillors and citizens of Cardiff will agree with me that this is a worrying time for us, especially for Muslims. Its one of the

issues that the Imam's, the Mosques, the Community Leaders, and a number of people have been working together throughout the city with the Police and I don't think obviously this is something that the community want to be publicised as well. AM's, MP's and Police visited a number of Mosques, all the Imam's are working very closely and I do want to mention that some MP's have been very active in Cardiff and we are working together. We are condemning what happened, we do not have any of these peoples mind/values within our society, there's no room in our society, its only a tiny bit, but that tiny bit is too much for us to be honest. Some "idiots", if I can put it this way, are causing some of those problems, they are not from within Cardiff values, and they are from outside Cardiff, influencing some of those vulnerable children in our society. I'm a parent like everybody else; this is something we do not want. The community is working very hard with the Police and every other department.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

That's absolutely right. I totally endorse what you said Councillor Ahmed. I also think it's important to emphasise that Cardiff has a very strong record in terms of community relations and community cohesion, and I know that you and many other champions in our community will make sure that that strong record continues.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor Sanders*

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'.

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?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

The position hasn't changed from I believe Councillor Robson's comments to a statement back in April. The formal name of the Council itself has not changed, it will continue to be used in all statutory documentation, legal notices and legal proceedings including Council Summons of course which is before you today. Members will be aware that I outlined the change of name in my statement at that April Council meeting, the new Council branding was then introduced on 15 May as part of an update to the brand tool kit used by the Council's own Communications team as well.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Sanders*

Thank you for that answer confusing as it is. Could I just ask you then to clarify in your statement that in the article where your blog is quoted where it says 'this might seem like a small thing but for me there's a lot in a name' if officers are now being asked to call themselves under a different name- City of Cardiff Council - and yet in official documentation, like the Summons to attend today, it is the former name or the official name, could you just explain to our residents, which name we are going to go by?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I don't think it's really different to where we were before. We were branded as Cardiff Council and the official name was the City and County of Cardiff, so there is no difference there and I've got every confidence in officers and the communications team to make sure that that new branding works and works very well.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Goodway*

Lord Mayor, I'm reassured by the Leaders statement that there's no intention at all to change the statutory name of the local authority, but if we are saying that legal and formal documents should carry the official name of the authority not the branded name, can I just draw the Council's attention that today there are reports before the Council that uses the terms City of Cardiff Council in its title and there is no such Council meeting this afternoon.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

Thank you for those comments Councillor Goodway. You are happy with the brand, that's good to hear. I've had some very positive feedback from Members of staff and from the community, Cardiff Council should certainly not be afraid of using the word City in it, and I look forward to working with you and other Members across the chamber to make sure that we make that message very loud and clear to residents that we are the City of Cardiff Council.

TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY QUESTION

Question: *County Councillor Richard Cook*

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 Cardiff Council's statutory duty is achieved?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

The Council's longstanding commitment to improving facilities and routes for cyclists and walkers is consistent with the Active Travel Wales Act, this is evident from the delivery programme contained in the Strategic Cycle Network Plan and continued work on the development of a walkable neighbourhood plan for the City. The Welsh Government is currently consulting on a draft action plan and statutory guidance on the delivery of the act, which includes throughout examples of best practice drawn from the Cardiff cycle design guide. It is anticipated that the new structure within the directorate will deliver a highly skilled effective multi disciplined team with appropriate specialisms embedded to ensure that the Councils statutory guidance duties under the Act continue to be fulfilled.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Richard Cook*

Could you tell me when the new structure will be in place and could I have your assurance that cycling and walking would be put on an equal footing with cars/vehicles because there are some of us in the Council who think that in the past this hasn't been the case and if we are going to

get this 50/50 modal split that is constantly quoted by Officers, we haven't got any chance if the Transport/Highways department don't treat cycling/walking equally to vehicle traffic.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

The policy for us is very clear, cycling and walking is extremely crucial it will be embedded within the LDP as well and part of the LDP Master Planning process as well, which is why we are saying it will be a 50/50 Modal Split. I cannot give you unfortunately an exact date at this moment but I can assure you it's certainly a priority.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor Aubrey*

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?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

The Minister for Local Government business has made clear that local authority mergers are going to happen and that a map of the new boundaries will soon be published by the Welsh Government. It will mean a likely reduction in the number of local authorities to potentially 10 or 12 from the existing 22 as outlined in the Williams Commission Report that was published earlier this year.

Initial discussions have been undertaken with the Vale of Glamorgan and the first joint local service board meeting was held earlier this week with public service colleagues from the Vale of Glamorgan. As I mentioned in my earlier statement, the issue of reorganisation was also considered at the recent WLGA Annual Conference in Llandudno with discussions to date being centred on issues of boundaries and potential merger costs. These are indeed important issues which will require further clarification.

Cardiff like many authorities across Wales is also facing significant reorganisation in the context of pressing funding challenges which we must bear in mind as we progress this reorganisation agenda.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Aubrey*

Obviously we as Councillors do need to have information as soon as is possible as to what that map is and also as to what the process will be. I suppose the question at this stage is what the difference between a voluntary merger and involuntary merger?

I suppose the question is “how in terms of a voluntary merger”, it does make it sound as if we are making that decision. It sounds very much from your answer that we are not making that decision and my concern would be that we should not be making that decision that certainly we as a 75 should not be making this decision, so I think we need a supplementary just to ask, that that sort of information is brought to us as soon as is possible. Obviously the Minister needs to make her statement first.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I will of course ensure that when we do get further details that they are brought to the chamber. There is a considerable amount of uncertainty at the moment, there is an internal labour party consultation that will run until the end of September and we also need to consider some of these budgetary challenges at the same time as I mentioned in my earlier answer, but the commitment is there obviously to engage with all Members because we will be impacted by the effect of reorganisation or potential reorganisation in the future.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

Having listened to your answer, what is the point of doing LDP's all over Wales when Council's are going to merge? Do you agree that it's a complete waste of money and we should be lobbying Welsh Government to do something about it?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

We've already heard from previous answers from the Cabinet Member and we will see in the debate later today, that it's crucial that we adopt a LDP in this City and that is long overdue. We all know that any reorganisation of local authorities will take a great deal of time, potentially going beyond 2017/18, into the next decade. It is vital that this City gets an LDP now and that is something that this administration will ensure we deliver on.

TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY QUESTION

Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

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 minimalised*. 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?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

The Welsh Government response to the deposit LDP does not amount to an objection to the LDP, it refers to an objection by its BMV agricultural land division to an individual planning application. To accommodate the provision of the new jobs and homes which Cardiff needs, it is essential that Greenfield sites will be required. This was made absolutely clear by the inspectors rejection of a brownfield only approach set out in the previous administrations withdrawn LDP. The deposit LDP meets evidence needs whilst protecting large tracts of countryside and strategic river corridors including high quality agricultural land in the river adjacent to Old St Mellons, much of the lowest quality agricultural land

in Cardiff correlates with high landscape value such as Garth Mountain and the Caerphilly Mountain Range. These are strategically important to Cardiff's setting and represent poor locations for new developments for a number of factors. The plan therefore seeks to protect such areas from development for good reason.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

Is it not the case that in your overwhelming desire to push through an LDP, any LDP, that you have not given sufficient weight to the objections of members of the public and of public bodies that have detailed local knowledge of Cardiff including its surrounding countryside?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I certainly do not accept that. Welsh Government response to the deposit LDP actually reads as follows: 'the Welsh Government considers that the LDP should thoroughly evidence the selection of sites and demonstrate that any loss of BMV agricultural land is minimised, only used when fully justified as set out in the PPW para 4.10.1. If you need any further clarification you will need to speak to the legal officers.

Supplementary Question: *Councillor McEvoy*

How does building on Greenfield sites equate with your electoral pledge not to build on greenfield sites?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

As you are well aware we have a statutory duty which we have to build on Greenfield sites, 60% is on brownfield sites and 40% is on greenfield sites, it was the failure from yourselves and others who you were in coalition with that created this massive problem. Lets be absolutely honest about this, you produced a plan which you knew from day one was going to fail.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor Robson*

Where do you envisage a redeveloped Cardiff bus station will be located?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I would refer the Member to the response I gave earlier to Councillor Clarke.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Robson*

I notice in your response to the earlier question that you said there was a report coming to July Cabinet, indicating the location of where the bus station will go. Do you think it would have been beneficial to try and get 2 different processes to work together so we haven't had this period of a couple of months confusion where many Cardiff residents think the bus station cannot go perhaps where you want it to go because of the BBC development, welcome though that is, and it would have been beneficial for those 2 items to come together at the same time and have it as a cohesive approach, it's a little bit bitty at the moment.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

Clearly we were constrained by the BBC decision and it very much was down to them when they made that announcement but we have moved very quickly since then to make sure that we bring a Cabinet paper in July that will clearly outline the next steps towards delivering that world class transport interchange that we want to see in this City and I intend to make sure that happens and obviously work with Members in this chamber and with people across the City, to make sure that we bring together as many of the potential ideas and services that people want to see coming from that facility.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Govier*

Part of the reason that Labour were overwhelmingly elected in 2012 because we were a party of delivery. Are you therefore pleased with the progress we have made in just 2 years to transform the Central Square area or enable the transformation of that area and put in place real proposals, bringing forward to develop the bus station after 8 years of failed promises, failed delivery and failed services in that area.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

Absolutely. I would completely agree with the Member I think its going to be very telling as we see over the next 3 years, the real difference on the ground in a very important gateway entrance to the City, and what a difference that will make to Cardiff, its reputation both at home and abroad and I look forward to that day when we get to the finished product, I think it will be something truly special.

TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY QUESTION

Question: *County Councillor Richard Cook*

The last cycle hire scheme in Cardiff finished in December 2011, what progress has been made on finding a new provider?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

Discussions have recently taken place with a potential partner. It is anticipated that this could now allow us to reopen talks with the Welsh Government regarding funding for placement schemes for the City.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Richard Cook*

Thank you Councillor I welcome that, I think you said it depended on Welsh Government funding or talks with the Welsh Government, Can I encourage you to proceed quickly with those talks with the Welsh Government because since the last scheme finished over 2 years ago, one of the best ways to increase cycling in the City is to have bikes around that are used by tourists and perhaps used by students who aren't so confident on the roads as other bike users, wobble on the roads and not sure where they are going to go, therefore the car users slow down, that sounds counter intuitive, but would you agree that by putting in a cycle scheme we can rapidly increase the number of people cycling in Cardiff and move towards the modal split which you talk about.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I certainly understand the point you're making. Certainly if you look at Cathays, it's a perfect example of that; there's been an increase in cycling and walking etc. I would certainly endorse what you are saying as far as

us having further talks with the Welsh Government, certainly we will be doing that.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Woodman*

Could I just seek some clarification from Councillor Patel. The questions does say the last cycle hire scheme in Cardiff, it doesn't say Council run, and there are many cycle schemes still operating in Cardiff Pedal Power being one of them. So I'm just surprised that you assumed it was Cardiff owned when the Councillor didn't say it.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

Let me make it absolutely clear, I did not say it was Council run I did say partners in my statement very clearly it says and I'll read it, discussions have recently taken place with a potential partner' so I did not say Cardiff Council or anyone else, I said a partner.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE QUESTION

Question: *County Councillor Bridges*

What is the Council's view of priorities set at local PACT meetings?

Would a local problem deemed to be a PACT priority be afforded priority status by the Council when resolving it?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

There are a wide variety of issues raised at the PACT meetings which require different responses dependant on the nature of the concerns raised by residents. Where the issue relates to Council services, then this is fed back to the relevant directorate and officers will respond as appropriate. Where there is a priority which requires a multi agency response, then these will be routed via the established partnership mechanisms that we have in place such as the 6 neighbourhood partnerships and the quality of life problem solving meetings. The Council responds to any concern regardless of the source and endeavours to resolve the issue as effectively as possible.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Bridges*

My question was, if something is made a priority, is that reflected in how the Council deals with it. I know how the Council deals with issues reported to them but if residents say this is one of the top 1, 2 or 3 issues in the ward in particular month, do the Council then elevate the speed of the response and the seniority of the response so that it actually gets addressed quickly and at the highest possible level.

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

The thing is with your question Councillor Bridges is that all problems whether PACT priorities or not are deemed a priority for those people who raise them so I don't think we have a mechanism that afford priority status for PACT priorities, however if a Ward Member goes to their PACT meeting, comes back with and represents their constituents, on priorities that are raised at PACT, I refer from my own PACT and I know other Councillors here do too, then I'm pretty sure that that Council will deal with it accordingly so there's no specific mechanism everybody's problems can be seen as important.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Robson*

I wanted to come in on this question as I was interested in the answer as I'm sure Councillor Bridges was as well. Occasionally as Councillors we get tasked at PACT meetings to do things and they are set as a priority and go in the minutes as such. I don't understand your answer on this because the Police when they are given a PACT priority, it is a priority for them. It is where they put their resource and therefore if this is a mechanism which we as Councillors and as a Council are meant to engage with we have to look to give it some kind of priority or at least an understanding from our officers that this is what it is. They come to a public meeting and raise that point when asked what your priority is. I hope that perhaps it's something you can revisit and revisit the whole way that PACT is treated throughout the Council.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Bradbury*

This is something for local Councillors in partnership with Police and other agencies involved in PACT to deal with in their PACT meetings. Now when the Council as I stated in my answer to the question that

Councillor Bridges asked, gets a problem, they deal with it via the relevant officers and mechanisms available to the Council. I mean unless there's any specific issue in Gabalfa and Rhiwbina that I'm missing I think the process has worked pretty ok at the moment but I'm happy to meet with the pair of you to discuss it further. There's a wide range of meetings where Councillors deal with a wide range of problems and not all of them I have to say, PACT isn't always the best forum to deal with Council led problems.

TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Question: *County Councillor Walker*

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.

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.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

Transport infrastructure and other measures to support sustainable travel will be secured through the master planning of the major strategic sites by developers working in collaboration with Council officers. This work will be done with reference to the requirements of the LDP master planning framework and site specific frameworks for individual sites in North East Cardiff. Planning applications submitted for individual phases of the strategic sites will be subject to comprehensive transport assessments which will enable the Council to secure the measures necessary to support sustainable travel within those phases and to contribute to achieving the 50/50 modal split for the wider site.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Walker*

My question was when will they finalise and circulate such a report and you weren't able to answer that because if you were going to place 10,000 people in a high density location, if you haven't got a viable transport strategy, then the whole thing is going to collapse and it could

be chaos, so the sooner they are able to circulate such a report within the master planning process the better, so when will they be able to do that?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

As the sites start to come forward and obviously we are waiting for a report from the Welsh Government (Mark Barry), the master planning process and the infrastructure plan section 106, CIL's and WAG funding will all play a big part, but the master planning, talking to the planners when the application is coming in will deliver the infrastructure and the other projects as well.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

The Metro report on the 21st February, on which you voted for and passed as a Cabinet Member stated that there would be strategic projects delivered over the next 15 years and we've seen that confirmed today, so they're not decades away as has been stated. Para 8 of the report talked about early delivery, possibly the easy wins the answer referred to. Para 11 says the highest rated scheme to go forward is the North West corridor which is basically as you know the rapid transport corridor through Fairwater and Cowbridge Road East which seems to be a 4 lane highway now or reopening the rail. It was the former Cabinet Member through the media that discussed the reopening of the rail. Back to the point, para 8 and 11 of the Metro report on February 21st 2014, how can you accuse us of scaremongering when you passed that report?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I think I need to refer you to the background technical paper no 5 Transportation and I will read a small paragraph out from that. The report outlines a wide range of options, there is currently no definitive alignment to the rapid transit corridor route in the North West of the city. Options presented in the Arup study have no formal status as development proposals and I will refer to your issue with Cowbridge Road, it is possible to categorically rule out in the future any proposals for a bus only use along Cowbridge Road East and any proposals to introduce large scale one way circulation traffic proposals in this area.

ENVIROMENT QUESTION

Question: *County Councillor Holden*

What progress has been made in the last two months to act on the Motion to Council calling for a new allotment strategy?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

It's good to see people who are keen on allotments asking the questions about it. In view of the ongoing financial constraints and accelerating moves towards self funding allotment service, the allotment strategy group which comprises of officers, local site secretaries is developing an interim delivery plan which will address the major issues facing the service by 2017. The areas to be addressed include repairs and maintenance, water supplies, chicken, bee and rabbit keeping; local management of sites, updated agreements and support for increased take up, updated tenancy agreements, new allotment provisions in the LDP is key. It is anticipated that a full review of the allotment strategy will be undertaken in 2017 following these strategies.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Question: *County Councillor Chris Davis*

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?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

The Council recognises the benefit of any actions taken to address issues associated with payday lending and promote Credit Unions. Sadly following legal advice the London Borough of Islington confirmed that it did not have the power to pass a by-law prohibiting payday loan companies from operating in the Borough. This was just one of a number of recommendations that were made by the Islington Fairwater Commission in order to address inequalities, which we are currently

reviewing. I'm pleased to say that a report will be brought forward to Cabinet in September to firmly set out our approach for addressing access to credit that will build on the work of the Cardiff Credit Working Group and will bring together best practise from City's such as those involved in co-operative Council innovation network so that we can collectively address this key issue.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Walker*

I was hoping you were going to say that Islington had been successful but, and before I realised what my question would be you answered it in that sense so I suppose the only thing we could possibly ask you to do is to invest to save somewhat in promoting credit unions far more widely and really get the messages out there about the differences in interest rates and the benefits of using the credit union or better still to not having to borrow at all.

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

It's great to see that the credit unions have cross party support across the chamber. We are trying our best to promote the credit union and in year one so far we have developed the debt brokering service which assists residents in debt and consolidate any indebtedness for Council payments, we've continued to provide support for people in debt through offering payment plans for residents in Council tax arrears but we need to do more in terms of promoting the credit union and its something that the leader is passionate about and its something every Member in this chamber should be passionate about and I'm happy to work across the party divide with any ideas that people have to promote the credit union movement.

CITIZEN & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DEMOCRACY
QUESTION

Question: *County Councillor Bowden*

Can you provide advice on the number of words and lines Ward Members should be submitting when asked by officers for their comments on consultations?

And will you be advising Members on how any of their comments may be paraphrased by officers?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

As you may be aware, the Council's Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee has also raised the issue of provision of related guidance on Ward Member Consultation. As a result, the County Clerk and Monitoring Officer has advised that this matter will be considered by the Constitution Committee at its meeting in September.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Question: *County Councillor Bridges*

What steps will you take to ensure that no further emergency closures are needed at Central Library as a result of faulty infrastructure?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

Whilst the recent closure of the library for a 2 day period for essential maintenance was regrettable, the safety of our staff and customers is paramount. The decision to close the library was taken following advice from a structural engineer who declared the area unsafe which is why the library had to close. By definition an emergency is caused by unforeseen circumstances that no one could have predicted, the latest previous incidents are as all work and material comply with the required standards and building regulations. However the rest of the panels are being checked as an additional precaution to confirm that they are sound and to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. Work was completed 2 years ago to ensure the safety of the internal glass panels in the main doors and we do not foresee any further issues within either of those parts of the building, we are confident that the building is sound but there can be absolutely no guarantee due to the size and complexity of the central library building. As a result officers in the library service are working closely with colleagues in Facilities Management and Strategic Estates as well as external contractors who were responsible for the build in order to rectify any issues.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Bridges*

Thank you for that response, it's quite comprehensive and reassuring so I appreciate that. As the custodian of our cities libraries, you know the

summer break is coming up, I'm sure Members would like some recommendations for summer reading, what were the last 5 books that you read.

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

It's an interesting one actually. I read Alun Sugar's autobiography, I've read the collective diaries of Tony Benn, and I know Members opposite will loves these ones, Memoirs from David Lloyd George, a liberal with principles, what happened to them. I recently finished Nye Bevan and Jack Straw's autobiographies, so an extensive reading list. I would advise anybody in Central Library to pick up any of these books they're not just for political anoraks like you and I think.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Richard Cook*

A very well read Cabinet Member, lets hope that if you continue reading with this Cabinet Portfolio work. The new Central Library is a wonderful building but it was constructed as part of a s106 agreement with the developer for St David's and it brings me to wonder as to whether the effort was put in to construct the library as was put in to construct the retail part because I'm not sure there's been any problems with the retail part of St David's 2 so have we been able to recoup any of the costs of the remedial work from the original developer.

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

I cannot say too much on this because discussions are ongoing with the original developer and officers however I take on board your point and I think they are on the record.

CORPORATE SERVICES & PERFORMANCE QUESTION

Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

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?

Reply: *County Councillor Hinchey*

Members will be aware that Cardiff is an affiliated Member of both the Mayor for Peace and Nuclear Free Local Authorities. My understanding is that the Council has two nominated representatives with the Deputy Leader of the Nuclear Free Local Authorities along with Councillor Bridges. The Deputy Leader has been involved with booking of County Hall for a 'Pathways to Peace' event in September at the same time as the NATO summit. This is also an international event that will attract speakers from various European cities as well as all over Wales. Similar conferences have taken place successfully in other European cities. Members will remember the conference that took place in Ireland fairly recently and the summit has been quite successful. Perhaps to save some time for a supplementary, I can tell you that the full commercial rate is being charged for the use of the venue.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

Thank you very much Lord Mayor, thank you Councillor Hinchey for that it was very interesting, I wonder if you could outline the programme of the event for me.

Reply: *County Councillor Hinchey*

I'm afraid Councillor Rees that I can't outline the events programme; I'm sure that if you were that interested Councillor Lent will invite you and give you some details or even perhaps a Membership form.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

I look forward to seeing the events programme and list of invitees.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Woodman*

I know this will be a peaceful alternative and I'm just curious as to what the maximum capacity will be for this event and that the numbers will be controlled at the door because unfortunately even with peaceful events some people like to sabotage them and I'm just wondering how that will all be managed, thank you.

Reply: *County Councillor Hinchey*

I'm sure you're aware that a lot of planning is going into the NATO summit and the Chief Executive and Members of the SMT have been doing a lot of work in terms with both the police and other foreign office officials and we've been fully involved with that. Likewise I'm sure that you're aware that any protest going on at the same time will have to be carefully managed and we've been having fairly lengthy conversations with the police to make sure that public safety is number one.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Woodman*

What is the maximum capacity that would be accommodated?

Reply: *County Councillor Hinchey*

I'm not sure what rooms have been booked, which rooms are being used. I will certainly get you some information on capacity that should be fairly straight forward.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor Cowan*

Please could you make a statement regarding the position relating to the appointment of Assistant Directors in Education & Lifelong Learner, Adult Services and Children's Services?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

The Assistant Director for Education and Lifelong learning appointment process has now been concluded and we are awaiting final checks ahead of a formal offer being made. In respect of the Assistant Director Children's Services post – that will be advertised towards the end of July and there are also no plans to proceed with the Assistant Director for Health and Social Care post.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Cowan*

In 2012 there was a press article where 4 current Cabinet Members and 1 Assistant Cabinet Members were quoted saying 'I would personally

struggle to explain why those at the top merit pay at these levels especially as at a time we are faced with difficult decision about frontline service delivery'. Obviously that is quoted from the press so I'm sure that it is absolutely accurate so can you confirm whether any more of the new appointments at this level are being contemplated and if so in which areas.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I'm not aware of any other appointments at this level but I have to stress that when we do proceed with an assistant director or director post there is a rigorous assessment as to whether there is a strong business case to do that. I think you will see from the two first appointments in particular those are two key priorities for improvement within the Council and I do think its absolutely right that we put in capacity where there is a strong business case to do so.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

With Play Centres across the city in some very challenged areas in crisis, don't you think it would be better to alleviate their problems at the tune of £20k rather than employing a new deputy director for the same sum. Just to be clear including pension etc. it is £120k.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

As I explained earlier if there is a strong business case for doing so in key areas for improvement, there is a robust business case process for doing that and its something that we've done and will continue to do where we see the need for that to happen. I have to say as part of the next 3 year programme of change we will be looking right across the organisation including our SMT, I think its absolutely right that we do that but these posts are critical at this moment in time in terms of that improvement agenda in both Children's services and in Education.

ENVIROMENT

Question: *County Councillor Dilwar Ali*

Are there any plans by Cardiff Council for outdoor fitness facilities at local parks to encourage adults to exercise and socialise?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

We have invested extensively in outdoor provision for fitness in recent years by utilising s106 monies and external grant funding. Some of our best examples are the two Adizones that were developed out of the Olympic legacy project as well as the Marie George Gardens, Schooner way and Heath Park outdoor gyms. There are over 40 similar developments across the city making good provision for this particular activity. Any future provision is likely to be linked to new residential developments and the LDP in addition to these fixed facilities there are a number of fitness organisations operating in our parks particularly targeting adult fitness through military and outdoor fitness programmes.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Dilwar Ali*

I have local residents have been contacting me about do you have any plan for Hayley Park in Llandaff North.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I'm not aware of any plans at the moment but if you want to get in touch with me and make some suggestions I'm sure we can take them into account.

ENVIROMENT

Question: *County Councillor Clark*

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?

If so, did you agree that separate collections of these materials should be implemented?

If the council has not responded yet, do you plan to agree that Cardiff's current mixed recycling service should end?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

The Council will be responding to the current Welsh Government consultation which closes on 21 July. The Council needs to consider carefully the full impact of any future service charges for both the public and our recycling performance and of course in terms of financial viability. The legal requirement local authorities to evidence best technology, economic and environmental practical solution for these areas. The work is ongoing currently and no decision will be made until we have the facts.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Clark*

Keeping in mind that the Welsh Government are asking for the recycling arrangements to be in place from 1 January 2015, will you support nearby Councils like the Vale of Glamorgan/Caerphilly and Monmouthshire and reject the separate collection of recycling materials across Cardiff.

Reply: *Councillor Derbyshire*

At this stage we are not proposing rejecting anything as I said our consultation period finishes on 21 July, we'll be looking at how the evidence stacks up and at that stage we'll make a decision about what we want to suggest to the Welsh Government and we don't. We prefer to avoid confrontation which is the best way of going forward so we will be putting to them our findings once we've got them and discussion will no doubt take place following that.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Govier*

It's an EU Directive not a Welsh Government Directive.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE QUESTION

Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

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?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

The site of the former Welsh Tennis Centre on Ocean Way was operated by Virgin Active Health Clubs who decided to surrender their lease with the Council on 24 January 2014. It is important to note that this is the third commercial operator that has not been able to build a sustainable health/sport related business on this site. The Council is now considering a range of options for the future use of the site including potentially non-sport related activities. The Council is also in discussion with Tennis Wales and will work with them to find a solution that will hopefully meet their long term requirements.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

I've been contacted by local residents who are concerned particularly for the future of young tennis talent in Wales and having no indoor facility which is available to ordinary people during the winter months which is so vital for tennis. Can you just inform me how much money has gone into that building over the years?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

I don't have those figures with me at the moment. I can tell you that I met with Tennis Wales recently to discuss a wide range of options for them and their future and it's important that we try to find them a solution to the problem that they've inherited. As I've stated in my answer this is a commercial club/company that has done this, not the Council. A commercial company has pulled the lease and surrendered it to the Council and we have a duty as part of that to find an opportunity for Tennis Wales to ensure the future sustainability of tennis in this County.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Bowden*

This might actually help my colleague – I'd like you to confirm please Councillor Bradbury that there is to be an arrangement for preferential use of the tennis courts at Heath Park, that are actually going to see trees being cut down and tarmac going in to enable a private entrepreneur to run a business there, but it would be preferential use by him, but it might actually be useful if these tennis players that Councillor Rees is referring to could have access to that.

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

The matters relating to the parks are pertinent to Councillor Derbyshire but the issue of sport participation are in my portfolio and I would be more than happy to take on board any suggestions that will help Tennis Wales find a sustainable home.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE QUESTION

Question: *County Councillor Marshall*

Following the closure of the Splott Hub consultation, can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Hub and 25m pool?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

As you are aware the Cabinet decided in January this year to proceed with the development of a community hub for Splott. We are in the process of reviewing the Councils Capital Programme in light of the Minister's statement at the WLGA last week regarding the worsening economic position. As a result our reengineering exercise is underway. Once the results have been received and considered I will update the relevant Ward Members on any next steps as I have done since I took the post.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Marshall*

Obviously the residents of Splott and the Star area are quite anxious to know what is happening. Will the Cabinet Member give an assurance to the residents of Splott and Star area that the money that was confirmed as put in the Capital Budget for the new Splott Hub and 25m Pool, is still secure and will be utilised, the money that was put aside to deliver the promised project on the identified and agreed site of the former Splott pool, and will you be able to give us a timeline for that please?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

No, as I stated to you and your ward colleagues previously, if there are any change I will discuss them with you in a meeting before any other announcements, however as I stated the whole capital programme is

currently being reviewed therefore it would be irresponsible of me to come here and give you that assurance at the moment.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Howells*

I'm extremely worried that we're hearing this information here in this Council Chamber despite all the promises that have been made. I will reiterate the question – can you give us a timeline as to when we are going to get what was promised for the Splott/Tremorfa/Adamsdown and Roath area, because it's not just Splott, it's a wider area, because residents will quite rightly feel they've been led up the garden path if what was voted through in the budget just in February is now being reviewed. So please can you get a statement out there to the communities involved because what you've said today set the alarm bells ringing for me and I'm sure some other Members have not to mention the communities we represent.

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

Clearly the Local Members are concerned about what I've said, but what I am stating is we are doing a value engineering exercise. I haven't announced any cancellation of any project; I haven't announced any changes to any project as of yet; and it would be wrong of me to do so. So therefore like I've stated I'm happy to meet with any Local Members to discuss this further but until I am in a position to give these assurances I'm not willing to mess around the people of the Star community by giving promises that I might not be able to deliver in the future.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER, (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS)

Question: *County Councillor Woodman*

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? If so, can this Council have sight of the assessment?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

In preparing for the NATO summit, the Council team has been working with the Welsh Government and other partners to identify ways in which the associated benefits of this major international conference can be fully realised. Our plans are based not only on the lessons learned from the successful European Council meeting in Cardiff way back in 1998, but on the 16 years since then of our extensive experience of hosting and maximising the economic potential of international events/conferences that have been held in the city.

In identifying opportunities to market the city we pay high regard to security principles which have been set by NATO and the UK Government, and also guidelines issued by our own Government in Wales. In addition as the event is to be hosted in Newport, we are aware that many of the delegates will be staying in hotels and spending time outside of the City.

Cardiff's team is currently finalising the NATO brand and marketing plan which will be implemented during the period of the NATO conference both within Cardiff and outside the City. This includes reviewing opportunities for key transport corridors and a range of media advertising opportunities to get messages across during this crucial period.

I am confident that based on our experience to date we will be able to maximise the opportunities presented by this major conference, and I am pretty certain that we'll be able to boost the City's credentials as an investor and visitor destination as well.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Woodman*

Will you look at how organisations that are responsible for promoting in terms of tourism and business development in Cardiff, intend to use this opportunity as well? Will there be a joint approach between the Council and those organisations because you've mentioned about NATO and what they want, but you didn't quite cover about the organisations that actually promote these.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I'm sorry I didn't quite catch the question but certainly the event is being hosted by NATO itself, the information around that is being tightly

controlled. We are doing as best we can through the arrangements that are in place to maximise the opportunities that exists and also to communicate the impact of the conference and any events that may take place in the Cardiff communities in the City.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Woodman*

What I asked was would you look at organisations that are responsible for promoting Cardiff in terms of business and tourism development, how they intend to use this opportunity. I know you said NATO is controlling the publicity but obviously how are they going to try and benefit from this. Are you going to look into that or leave it all to NATO?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

We are working with Cardiff Business Council and others to make sure we maximise the opportunity for the City. I've been meeting with owners of buildings in the City to look at whether we can do wraps around them, with key investor messages and marketing and branding, so that's something we will be very keen to maximise and we'll be taking that work forward in due course.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Huw Thomas*

As the Leader is no doubt aware, the North Atlantic Treaty that funded NATO was signed by the then Labour foreign secretary Ernest Bevin and as events in the Ukraine have recently shown, it remains our strongest bastion in the face of unchecked foreign aggression. Will he therefore reassure the Chamber of the City of Cardiff continuing support for NATO and our welcoming of it to the City in line with the Welsh Governments welcome to NATO to Wales, and will you reassure the Chamber that the Council will play its part in the hosting the event?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

We will clearly continue to do all we can as a Council to support the great investment and marketing potential of this event which is indeed one of the largest ever to be held in Wales and I can assure you that we are doing all we can to maximise those opportunities.

TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY QUESTION

Question: *County Councillor Mitchell*

What is the brownfield/greenfield split in the deposit LDP?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

Just over 60% of the homes provided in the plan are on brownfield sites and just under 40% are on Greenfield sites.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Mitchell*

We need to move this debate on away from simplistic arguments that we have been presented earlier, but I would like you in particular to comment on the need for social housing in the context of driving forward the LDP and the other schemes the Council is involved in.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

The Plan incorporates a target of 6953 affordable dwellings up to 2026 which will be delivered by requiring 30% of homes on Greenfield sites to be affordable and 20% on brownfield sites reflecting evidence site viability factors, for example in relation to the provision of affordable housing from the North West Cardiff strategic site it is likely there will be in order of 1500 new affordable homes.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Graham Thomas*

Can you just help me to understand at a basic level why the Council doesn't now or in the proposed LDP ensure that developers use underused brownfield sites ahead of our green spaces.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

Depends obviously how its been worked out there's evidence based and the clear split is absolutely 60/40 and it is being used for example if you look at Arjo Wiggins development site that's being used which is brownfield site, so when ever there sufficient brownfield sites they are being used.

QUESTION TO CHAIR OF LICENSING COMMITTEE

Question: *County Councillor Love*

What steps can the Council take to control the number of betting shops in a given area?

Reply: *County Councillor Parry*

There are no specific provisions to control the number of betting shops within the gambling act 2005 or a statutory guidance. There are currently very few problems associated with betting premises in Cardiff. The premises are well run and actively promote the licensing objectives. There haven't been any cases in Cardiff of gambling premises having their licenses reviewed since the implementation of the Gambling Act in 2007.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Love*

In the majority of cases, most cases if they are gambling its similar to going for a drink, a recreational activity, but what potential services, support can this Council provide for families or individuals where gambling is having a detrimental effect.

Reply: *County Councillor Parry*

I do understand your concerns. If you would like to discuss this as another time, I can speak with you about it or I can write a reply, thank you.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE QUESTION

Question: *County Councillor Love*

Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on what the Council are doing to support Credit Unions?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

The Council recognises the importance of promoting saving and responsible lending and works closely with the Cardiff and Vale Credit

Union to achieve this. Since the move in to the City Centre Advice Hub last year this service is much more accessible and foot fall has increased significantly. Funding has been provided to fully advertise the services that the Credit Union offers and to provide information about the comparative interest rates. We fund a school savers project to promote savings at an early age and have also supported a pilot of the Jam Jar account which helps tenants to budget and ensures that their rent is paid. This year we are working with the Credit Union to extend the number of outlets by encouraging the use of volunteers and we will be putting improved monitoring in place to see if the credit union is essentially reaching our more financially excluded citizens.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Love*

Given the additional funding provided by Welsh Government specifically to increase levels of promotion and advertisement for the Credit Union, the plans that you have outlined, have these been taken into account in receipt of the additional funding?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

Yes, any plan the Council has will have taken into account any funding the Welsh Government puts forward, so yes.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

Do you think it was a retrograde step by Welsh Government to support Moneyline Cymru so heavily by more than £1m and not support Cardiff & Vale Credit Union with the same amount and I would be interested to know the difference in public support for Cardiff & Vale Credit Union and Money Line Cymru, with the money they receive from Welsh Government.

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

Well I'm not sure if that's a question or a statement, all I can comment on is what we are doing here. We are very much supporting Cardiff & Vale Credit Union and will continue to do so for as long as this party is in power.

QUESTION TO CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

Question: *County Councillor Stubbs*

How many development appeals have been lost in open countryside largely due to the lack of an LDP?

Reply: *County Councillor Michael*

Two appeals against the Council's decision to refuse planning permission for developments in the open countryside have been lost following the withdrawal of the previous LDP. They relate to allocations of 79 homes at Michaelston Road and 150 houses at the Church Road, Llanedeyrn Village sites. As a result of these decisions in December 2012 it can be seen that the Council is very much on the back foot in terms of planning new developer proposals. The need for a new plan in order to take back the initiative is therefore acute.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Stubbs*

So would you agree with me that people want sustainable controllable developments, the only way for this to happen is to adopt an LDP and the previous failures to do so have made it more difficult for potential developers in the open countryside?

Reply: *County Councillor Michael*

I couldn't agree more, I think the failure of the last administration has put us on the back foot and it's taken a good 4/5 years to try to recover from frankly the negligence of the work that was done previously. There is a need for new homes in the city, there's a need for a development plan within our borders and I couldn't agree more.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Bowden*

I just wanted to comment and to ask Councillor Michael whether in fact questions 25 and 26 are actually pertinent and relevant in this context. We're going to be having our conversation and discussion and debate about the LDP because I think we've got to remember that if there have been appeals and successful appeals and we have spent money attempting to defend the appeals that we actually have a democratic and legal

process in place in the Council and at Planning Committee and that the Committee is entitled to refuse an application because that's what democracy is all about and I think we keep our discussions about LDP to the debate.

Reply: *County Councillor Michael*

I'm sorry, I'm a bit confused, I mean this is a public open process where Members are entitled to have information. The Member is asking for this information which is on the public record and he has been given it. I don't understand why your reluctant for me to give somebody public information.

QUESTION TO CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

Question: *County Councillor Stubbs*

Has the Council lost costs in attempting to defend green field planning applications?

Reply: *County Councillor Michael*

The costs awarded against the Council when it lost the appeal on decision to refuse planning permission for the development of Church Road Llanedeyrn Village. The costs were approximately £91k.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Stubbs*

It's really disappointing to hear that residents are still paying for the failures of the previous administration to adopt an LDP and do you agree with me that the failure to adopt an LDP was financially wasteful and environmental vandalism.

Reply: *County Councillor Michael*

I think your right. I mean the Council at the moment are having to make huge cuts, unprecedented cuts, but we are hamstrung really because every time somebody comes up with a planning application in the Countryside, the Committee hasn't got the ability to turn it down, if we do there's always the chance of being taken to appeal and costs awarded with something like 35 major applications on our books we are running the

risk of losing what could be several million pounds and I agree with you entirely, due to the negligence of the last administration.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

I really don't think it's appropriate for the Chairman of Planning to be making that kind of statement because he's pre determining applications which may come in so he should have been stopped. The questions were clearly phrased and sent in to actually try and stymie the LDP debate. The fact that 2 appeals were lost is not a reason for Cardiff to grant permission. Is it appropriate that because 2 planning appeals were lost, should Cardiff not grant permission to applications were developers are seeking to push through a decision which may be regarded in law as premature because there is now planning law to support Councils refusing applications which are premature when the LDP is being considered.

Reply: *County Councillor Michael*

What I said is 35 major applications on the books are being discussed. I never actually explained or said or made a comment on any of them so predisposition doesn't come into it.

Quite frankly what I'm doing once again, as I explained to Councillor Bowden is giving you public information which is on the record. You could find it yourselves if you ask the right questions.

So if you have any evidence that you believe something wrong was done, there's the monitoring officer, feel free to contact her.

26: WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME ANNUAL MONITORING
REPORT 2013 – 2014

The Council was asked to agree and approve the content of the 2013/14 Welsh Language Scheme Annual Monitoring Report prior to the presentation to the Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner in accordance with The Welsh Language Act 1993 and Welsh Language Measure (Wales) 2011

Proposed by Councillor Bale
Seconded by Councillor Huw Thomas

RESOLVED: - That the Council's Welsh Language Monitoring Report be approved for submission to the Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner in accordance with the Welsh Language Act 1993 and Welsh Language Measure (Wales) 2011.

27: FAIRWATER COMMUNITY POLL

The Council was asked to consider what action, if any, to take in response to the Fairwater Community Poll held on 30 April 2014.

Proposed by Councillor Sue Lent

Seconded by Councillor Graham Hinchey

Following a debate a recorded vote was taken on the proposal. The vote was as follows:

FOR: (38)

Councillors: Ali Ahmed, Joyce, Ralph Cook, Goodway, Magill, Thorne, Stubbs, Derbyshire, Patel, Corria, Richard Cook, Govier, Michael, Morgan, Parry, De'Ath, Hinchey, Weaver, Murphy, B Thomas, McGarry, Lomax, Elsmore, Bale, D Williams, Javed, Knight, Gordon, Dilwar Ali, Davis, Simmons, Groves, Love, Marshall, Merry, Bradbury, Lent, Keith Jones.

AGAINST (24)

Councillors: G Thomas, Dianne Rees, Walker, McKerlich, Hudson, Graham, C Williams, Bowden, Howells, Burfoot, Lloyd, David Rees, Boyle, Aubrey, Davies, Bridges, Woodman, Clark, Kelloway, Carter, Hyde, Chaundy, Ford, McEvoy.

ABSTAINED (4)

Councillors: Holden, Robson, Cowan, Saunders

RESOLVED - That:

(1) the information set out in the report be noted; and

- (2) no further action be taken in response to the Fairwater Community Poll held on 30 April 2014.

**28: CARDIFF DEPOSIT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN:
SUBMISSION FOR INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION**

The Council was advised of the purposes of the report as being to:

- Provide an overview of the representations made on the Deposit LDP and alternative sites consultation stages together with an outline of responses to the main issues raised including whether or not focussed changes were considered necessary in order to ensure the LDP was sound and if minor editing changes were required to resolve/update text;
- Secure approval for the submission of the Deposit LDP and the required accompanying documents to the Welsh Government for independent examination; and to
- Secure delegated powers for the Cabinet Member and/or Senior Officers to agree potential changes to the Deposit LDP as part of the independent examination process in accordance with Welsh Government guidance.

Proposed by Councillor Ramesh Patel
Seconded by Councillor Michael Michael

Following the debate Councillor Gareth Aubrey proposed that the report be referred back. Councillor Rod McKerlich seconded the proposal.

A recorded vote was taken on the reference back.

FOR (23)

Councillors: G Thomas, Dianne Rees, Walker, McKerlich, Hudson, C Williams, Bowden, Howells, Burfoot, Lloyd, David Rees, Boyle, Aubrey, Davies, Bridges, Woodman, Clark, Kelloway, Carter, Hyde, Chaundy, Ford, McEvoy.

AGAINST (39)

Councillors: Ali Ahmed, Joyce, Ralph Cook, Goodway, Magill, Thorne, Stubbs, Derbyshire, Patel, Corria, Richard Cook, Govier, Michael, Morgan, Parry, De’Ath, Hinchey, Weaver, Murphy, B Thomas, McGarry, Lomax, Elsmore, Bale, D Williams, Javed, Knight, Gordon, Dilwar Ali, Davis, Simmons, Groves, Love, Marshall, Merry, Bradbury, Lent, Keith Jones, Mitchell

ABSTAINED (3)

Councillors: Holden, Robson, Cowan

The reference back was lost.

A recorded vote was taken on the report as proposed.

FOR (39)

Councillors: Ali Ahmed, Joyce, Ralph Cook, Goodway, Magill, Thorne, Stubbs, Derbyshire, Patel, Corria, Richard Cook, Govier, Michael, Morgan, Parry, De’Ath, Hinchey, Weaver, Murphy, B Thomas, McGarry, Lomax, Elsmore, Bale, D Williams, Javed, Knight, Gordon, Dilwar Ali, Davis, Simmons, Groves, Love, Marshall, Merry, Bradbury, Lent, Keith Jones, Mitchell

AGAINST (23)

Councillors: G Thomas, Dianne Rees, Walker, McKerlich, Hudson, C Williams, Bowden, Howells, Burfoot, Lloyd, David Rees, Boyle, Aubrey, Davies, Bridges, Woodman, Clark, Kelloway, Carter, Hyde, Chaundy, Ford, McEvoy.

ABSTAINED (3)

Councillors: Holden, Robson, Cowan

RESOLVED - That:

- (1) the content of paragraph 11 and Appendix A be noted and accepted and the Deposit LDP together with all supporting documentation

listed in Appendix B be approved for submission to the Welsh Government and Planning Inspectorate in accordance with the LDP Regulations; and

- (2) in accordance with Welsh Government guidance and in order to facilitate the efficient operation of the examination process, it was agreed that measures were put in place to permit effective dialogue between the Independent Inspector and Council representatives as detailed in paragraph 15 of this report.

29: NOTICE OF MOTION

The Lord Mayor advised there was one Notice of Motion.

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor Boyle and seconded by Councillor Kelloway.

This Council:

1. Notes the positive impact the Pupil Premium/Pupil Deprivation Grant has had in redistributing money to improve the educational opportunities of pupils most affected by poverty.
2. Tasks the Cabinet Member for Education to publish in the annual report on school performance an account of how the city's school's properly target PDG money at those pupils for whom it is intended, highlighting examples of best practice and inappropriate use;
3. Stresses the importance of an early indication from the Welsh Government as to the level of next year's grant so that schools can plan ahead effectively.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Magill and seconded by Councillor McGarry:

Paragraph 1 Deletion of the words 'Pupil Premium'

Paragraph 2 Deletion of the words in the first line 'tasks the Cabinet Member for Education to publish'

Paragraph 2 Deletion of the words following the word performance 'an account'

Paragraph 2 Insert the following after the word performance ‘already reports on the disparity in performance between those children and young people in receipt of free school meals and those who are not and as part of tackling this performance gap will discuss’

The Substantive Motion would read:

This Council:

1. Notes the positive impact the Pupil Deprivation Grant has had in redistributing money to improve the educational opportunities of pupils most affected by poverty.
2. The annual report on school performance already reports on the disparity in performance between those children and young people in receipt of free school meals and those who are not and as part of tackling this performance gap will discuss how the city’s schools properly target PDG money at those pupils for whom it is intended, highlighting examples of best practice and inappropriate use;
3. Stresses the importance of an early indication from the Welsh Government as to the level of next year’s grant so that schools can plan ahead effectively.

Following a debate a vote was taken on the amendment as proposed.

The amendment was carried.

A vote was taken on the Substantive Notice of Motion as amended.

The Motion was carried.

30: URGENT BUSINESS

In accordance with the pilot Council Procedure Rule 3(xv) the Lord Mayor advised that he had not been notified of any urgent matters for this meeting.

31: APPOINTMENT OF NEW INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Council was asked to approve the appointments of three new independent members (and one reserve appointee) to the Council's Standard and Ethics Committee

RESOLVED - That:

1. subject to receipt of satisfactory references as determined by the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Committee Chair, the appointments of Mr David Hugh Thomas, Ms Mary Roe and Ms Hollie Edwards-Davies as independent members of the Standards and Ethics Committee, with effect from 28th July 2014, each for a term of six years be approved;
2. subject to a vacancy arising within the next six months and the receipt of satisfactory references as determined by the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Committee Chair, the appointment of Ms Freda Lewis as independent member of the Standards and Ethics Committee, with effect from a date to be confirmed by the Monitoring Officer, for a term of six years, be approved.

32 : SCHEDULE OF MEMBER REMUNERATION 2014/15

The Council was asked to approve the Council's Schedule of Member Remuneration 2014/15 in accordance with the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) Regulations.

RESOLVED – That

1. the Council's Schedule of Member Remuneration 2014/15, as set out in Appendix A to this report be approved; and
2. delegate authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer to update the Schedule of Member Remuneration within the Council's Constitution and to make any necessary amendments to the 2014/15 Schedule from time to time during the municipal year in order to reflect any changes in membership of the Council, Cabinet or Committees or as a result of any Supplementary Reports issued by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

33 : NOMINATIONS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Council at its Annual Meeting on 29 May 2014 elected the Chairs and Deputy Chairs (where appropriate) of Committees established by the Council; and received and approved nominations from political groups to the seats allocated on each Committee.

RESOLVED: That the following appointments be made:

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Iona Gordon
Constitution Committee.	Councillor Graham Hinchey
Licensing Committee.	one vacancy
Public Protection Committee.	one vacancy
Policy Review and Performance	one vacancy
Glamorgan Archives	one vacancy

34: NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Constitution provides that the Council will, from time to time, receive nominations and make Member appointments as necessary to serve as representatives of the Council on outside bodies.

RESOLVED: That the following nominations to serve on Outside Bodies be agreed:

APSE (Association for Public Service Excellence)	Councillor Michael
Business in Focus	Councillor Bradbury
Community Health Council	one vacancy
Cardiff Bus	one vacancy
Cardiff Business Technology Centre	Councillors Howells & Boyle
Ffotogallery	two vacancies
Grassroots Cardiff	Councillor Lent
LGA General Assembly	Councillor Elsmore
Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust	Councillor Bradbury
SACRE (Standing Advisory for Religious Education)	Councillors Elsmore, Gordon & Javed

35: LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS:

The report asked Council to approve the Local Authority School Governors.

RESOLVED: That Council agreed the following appointments to the Local Authority Governors to the School Governing Bodies.

<u>School</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Start of Vacancy</u>	<u>Applications</u>
Llanishen High School	Llanishen	09/05/2014	Ms Elizabeth Roth
Grangetown Primary	Grangetown	03/04/2014	Mr Kris Harris
Peter Lea Primary	Fairwater	29/10/2011	Mrs Patricia Thomas
Rumney Primary School	Rumney	21/05/2014	Mr Matt Swindell
Severn Primary School	Riverside	31/01/2014	Ms Christine Newman
Severn Primary School	Riverside	18/05/2014	Ms Hannah Pudner
Ysgol Gymraeg Melin Gruffydd	Whitchurch	12/3/2014	Councillor David Groves
Ysgol Mynydd Bychan	Gabalfa	20/05/2014	Dr Andrew Connell
The Court	Llanishen	02/10/2013	Mrs Glynis Webb
The Hollies	Pentwyn	03/02/2013	Mr Joel Williams
Llanedeyrn Primary School	Pentwyn	22/07/2014	Mrs Nicola Whitfield
Ysgol Gymraeg Cod Y Gof	Fairwater	22/07/2014	Mrs Sian Rolph

36 : APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY, PARENT AND STAFF SCHOOL GOVERNORS TO NEW TEMPORARY GOVERNING BODY.

The Council was advised that the report asked for approval to appoint Local Authority, Parent and Staff School Governors to a new temporary Governing Body for the new school in Pontprennau.

RESOLVED: That the Local Authority, Parent and Staff School Governors to the Temporary Governing Body be approved as follows;

Local Authority:

Councillor Georgina Phillips
Councillor Dianne Rees
Mrs Susan Powell

Parent:

Prof Amanda Coffey

In accordance with pilot Council Procedure Rule 17 (f) the following Written Questions were received for considerations and response ahead of this meeting. A full copy of all written questions together with the answers were circulated to Members by email and published on the website in advance of the Council meeting and are included as a record in the minutes of the meeting.

37 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

W1	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN</u></p> <p>Can you advise Members of the Council's agreed method of submitting petitions and objections, including that of iPetitions?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council Procedure Rules contained within the Council's Constitution allow for petitions to be delivered to the Council by an Elected Member at a meeting of Full Council on any subject within the remit of the Council or its statutory functions. The classes of petitions and how they are considered are set out in Rule 20 of the Council Procedure Rules.</p> <p>Petitions in relation to planning matters are submitted in accordance with the Planning Committee Procedure Rules for consideration by the Planning Committee and at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>There are also occasions where Petitioners wish to present Petitions directly to the Cabinet Member/s.</p> <p>Currently, the Council does not have provision for the submission of e-Petitions. However, I can confirm that this facility is being considered as part of the roll out of technology updates to the Council's Committee Management System.</p>
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CHAIR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
(COUNCILLOR JAYNE COWAN)

W2	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN</u></p> <p>There is a paucity of information for Local Members about issues which affect Local Authorities, and which are being discussed within Welsh Government. Is there any mechanism for the Council to enable councillors to be linked in to these in an effective way, and for us to be able to access the Welsh Government library?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>I am pleased to advise that this issue is currently being addressed. The County Clerk and Monitoring Officer will present her Delivery Plan for 2014/15 to the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee on the 1st July. The Delivery Plan, I am advised, will include a commitment to provide an online library service for members.</p> <p>With the new technology which is currently being rolled out to members, I think more and more members will be continuing to access information online. The Members Library historically has relatively low usage, so officers are now focussing on providing a wide range of information electronically which they hope members will find informative and helpful. If you have any suggestions on information which could be provided, please let me know and I will raise your comments when the issue comes before the Democratic Services Committee.</p> <p>When the research has been completed in this regard, all members will be consulted on what they would like to see from an online library, playing close regard to the limited resources available.</p> <p>The exact levels of information that could be publicly available through the National Assembly for Wales' Library Service is just one of the areas being investigated and will form a part of the report which will be written by the Scrutiny Research Team.</p>
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE
(COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY)

W3	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER</u></p> <p>Please could you list in actual cash terms and in descending order, the level of subsidy provided to each of our leisure centres across the City including those</p>
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run in partnerships with the council such as the international pool?

Reply

Leisure Centre	2013-14		
	Net Subsidy (£)	Attendance	Subsidy per head (£)
Cardiff International Pool	939,389.45	642140	1.46
Pentwyn Leisure Centre	700,560.64	287354	2.44
Fairwater Leisure Centre	497,195.98	274656	1.81
Western Leisure Centre	493,768.59	270475	1.82
Eastern Leisure Centre	493,764.86	251281	1.96
Channel View Leisure Centre	477,587.05	80878	5.90
Cardiff International Sports Stadium	341,607.34	186865	1.83
Llanishen Leisure Centre	329,087.25	482261	0.68
Star Centre	302,884.77	89142	3.40
Maindy Swimming Pool	280,481.50	274452	1.02
Splott Swimming Pool	136,010.00*	73644	4.33

**plus additional contribution of £183,116 from Corporate Initiatives fund.*

The above figures represent the 2013-14 outturn position, which was reported to Cabinet on 12 June 2014 as part of the overall position for the Sport, Leisure & Culture Directorate. The figures do not include central support or internal departmental support costs.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE
(COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY)

W4	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>What are the ownership patterns of land in Cardiff, broken down by ward?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council can only provide you with information about the land which it owns or has an interest in. If you require information about other land ownerships in the city, then I would refer you to the Land Registry for England & Wales, which holds information on registered land and property ownership and may be able to assist you further on request.</p>
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EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
(COUNCILLOR DAN DE'ATH)

W5	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER</u></p> <p>Can the cabinet member please outline the steps being taken by the council in terms of the commissioning review in order to secure Grangetown Play Centre?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>As requested by the Cabinet, officers from the Sport, Leisure & Culture, Children's Services and Education & Lifelong Learning directorates have been meeting to plan a way forward in accordance with the budget line regarding Children's Play that was agreed by Council in February 2014.</p> <p>An issues paper is being prepared for consideration by the Cabinet, which will include a sum of money to commission play services. However, due to the level of financial savings that the Council is facing, I am unable to provide any guarantee that Grangetown Play Centre's future can be secured. It will obviously be our aim, but it is too early in the current budget process to make any firm commitments at this stage.</p>
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EDUCATION AND SKILLS
(COUNCILLOR JULIA MAGILL)

W6	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER</u></p> <p>What is the percentage of teachers currently under a performance management review?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>All teachers have a statutory annual performance management review. There are currently three of 3,230 teachers (0.09%) in school or corporate posts across the city where capability concerns have been identified. This process is being managed within the framework of the Schools – Capability Policy and Procedure.</p>
W7	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER</u></p> <p>In the last 2 years, how many teachers have been removed from post due to poor performance?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>No teachers have been removed from post due to poor performance.</p>

ENVIRONMENT

(COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE)

<p>W8</p>	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN</u></p> <p>Could you tell me in which Decision Register, and on what date, was the Decision made to dedicate the remainder of Heath Park, the Cathays High School Playing Fields and adjacent woodland through the charitable trust to King George V and which resulted in a deed being executed between the Council and Fields in Trust dated 8th October 2010?</p> <p>Could I please be provided with a copy of that Decision in the Decision Register?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The former Chief Executive approved the dedication under his general delegated power to take appropriate action to ensure effective delivery of services. The land in question was used for school pitch purposes at the time and a Town & Village Green application was proposed. Counsel's Advice was that such an application could have succeeded. That would have caused potential operational difficulties in terms of residents from the neighbourhood having an unrestricted free right to use the pitch for sports and pastimes. The application was averted by the land being dedicated to the Trust which made it inappropriate for the Town and Village Green application to be accepted. The land was dedicated with the express stipulation that school use was to be permitted.</p>														
<p>W9</p>	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLARK</u></p> <p>Please could you provide the figures for the numerator, denominator and % result for each quarter in 2013/14 for Performance Indicator: "WMT/009 (b): The percentage of municipal waste collected by local authorities and prepared for reuse and/or recycled, including source segregated biowastes that are composted or treated biologically in another way"?</p> <p>Please could you also provide the overall annual % result for 2013/14</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="293 1626 1434 2029"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="293 1626 751 1700" rowspan="2">WMT/009 (b)</th> <th colspan="4" data-bbox="751 1626 1434 1664">2013/14</th> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="751 1664 922 1700">Q1</th> <th data-bbox="922 1664 1093 1700">Q2</th> <th data-bbox="1093 1664 1264 1700">Q3</th> <th data-bbox="1264 1664 1434 1700">Q4</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="293 1700 751 2029"> Numerator (the tonnage of local authority municipal waste prepared for re-use, recycled and/or collected as source segregated biowastes and composted or treated biologically in another way by the local authority) </td> <td data-bbox="751 1700 922 2029"> 22712.66 </td> <td data-bbox="922 1700 1093 2029"> 24063.47 </td> <td data-bbox="1093 1700 1264 2029"> 19823.63 </td> <td data-bbox="1264 1700 1434 2029"> <i>currently being validated</i> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	WMT/009 (b)	2013/14				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Numerator (the tonnage of local authority municipal waste prepared for re-use, recycled and/or collected as source segregated biowastes and composted or treated biologically in another way by the local authority)	22712.66	24063.47	19823.63	<i>currently being validated</i>
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<p>Quarter 4 performance information is awaiting confirmation as the data is currently with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) for further validation. As a result, the overall annual result is not yet available.</p>					

W10

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLARK

What enforcement action has been taken and on how many occasions to tackle wheelie bins being left out at inappropriate times between 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 in Cathays?

Reply

Throughout 2013-14, a total of 802 formal Waste Education and Enforcement actions were recorded in Cathays. Of these, 29 were related to this issue of wheelie bins being left on the highway. In this circumstance a notice served under section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act is served on householders that formally specifies the times at which waste can be presented for collection on the highway.

The Waste Education and Enforcement team continued to work alongside the student liaison officer, to maintain positive relations between all three universities in the city. Various outreach sessions were undertaken, during which information relating to recycling and waste collections was distributed. Examples of these sessions include:

- attendance at 10+ Environmental Champion walkabouts, door knocking residents reminding them of their responsibilities;
- facilitating a waste management training session to the student volunteers, to ensure correct recycling and waste information was being portrayed at walkabouts/outreach sessions;
- Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) tours; and
- Attendance at all Fresher Fayres, along with a stand at Cardiff Metropolitan University's Green Day.

The team also developed relationships with local letting agents and landlords via

	<p>the Get It Out For Cardiff campaign. During this time, the team was able to compile contact details for key stakeholders, in order to be able to send targeted information about waste in frontages, and promotion of the bulky waste collection scheme, to landlords with a view to this being distributed to tenants.</p> <p>In addition, the team are in the process of designing and considering the merits of producing a wheeled bin sticker, to be ready for the new academic year, as a visual reminder to pull bins back into frontages.</p>
W11	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLARK</u></p> <p>What enforcement action has been taken and on how many occasions to tackle inappropriate levels/environmental impact of waste left in the frontages of houses in Cathays between 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Throughout 2013-14, a total of 802 formal Waste Education and Enforcement actions were recorded in Cathays. Of these, 84 were related to the impact of waste left in the frontages of houses.</p> <p>84 Intention to Serve Notice letters were issued to residents/landowners giving them 7 days in which to resolve the issue or make contact with the team to advise how and when the issue will be resolved.</p> <p>Following the first stage, officers were then only required to issue one Section 215 Notice and one Litter Clearing Notice.</p>
W12	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER</u></p> <p>Please could you provide me with the number of enforcement actions taken against the below offences in the ward of Grangetown since May 2012?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Fouling • Litter offences • Incorrect Waste Presentation <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Whilst the Council does not formally log all the patrols, engagement and awareness raising activities that are undertaken, I can confirm that the following formal action has been taken in Grangetown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Fouling = 38 investigations and 11 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued. • Litter offences = 45 investigations; 4 warnings and 41 FPNs issued. • Incorrect Waste Presentation = 1462 investigations and 51 FPNs issued.

It is worth noting that the team deals with over 200 reactive calls every week in addition to its proactive education and awareness raising activities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS
(COUNCILLOR PHIL BALE, LEADER)

W13

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN

You have spoken about your desire to break down what you see as the 'silo' mentality within Council operating methods. Could you please advise what steps you have taken, and what more you intend to do?

Reply

I believe that breaking down silo-working within the Council - and across the wider-public sector - will be vital in tackling many of the complex, cross-service area issues that we are facing.

Cabinet Portfolios are designed to be cross-directorate in nature, with the intention of encouraging more cross-portfolio working amongst Cabinet members.

Furthermore, the Organisational Development Programme put forward by the Chief Executive and adopted by Cabinet in May of this year had at its heart a programme of integration across Council departments and an unprecedented commitment to working as one organisation, as demonstrated by our 'One Council' approach which is already being progressed.

This will mean, for example:

- Bringing together previously separate processes - such as housing assessments, social care assessments and health assessments – so that they are accessible through a single "gateway", thereby improving the customer experience and deliver savings.
- Integrated service delivery, as is being developed through joint work, both between Council departments and with the Health Service, on integrating health and social care services;
- Implementing a corporate approach to cross council issues such as property management; and
- Communications & employee roadshows.

TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY
(COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL)

W14	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES</u></p> <p>Is it correct that the current proposals for the Eastern Bay Link Road suggest that Cardiff Council are planning to downgrade the road from a dual carriageway (as was previously proposed) to a single carriageway?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I can confirm that the Welsh Government is planning to construct the Eastern Bay Link, not Cardiff Council. On 10 July 2013, the Welsh Government Minister for Economy, Science & Transport announced that <i>“Eastern Bay Link is an important element in improving access to the Central Cardiff Enterprise Zone and enhancing connectivity within the city region”</i> and that she intends to progress the Eastern Bay Link.</p> <p>The Welsh Government website currently includes information on the Eastern Bay Link, which was last updated on 23 May 2014: http://wales.gov.uk/topics/transport/roads/schemes/ewsouth/eastern-bay-link/?lang=en</p> <p>As of 26 June 2014, it states the following:</p> <p><i>“We will be building a dual carriageway between Queensgate and Ocean Way called the Eastern Bay Link.</i></p> <p><i>This new road will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>improve access to Cardiff Bay</i> • <i>improve access to the Cardiff Central Enterprise Zone</i> • <i>enhance connections within the Cardiff City Region”</i>
W15	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES</u></p> <p>What would it take to get you to agree to review the council’s resident-only parking policy in view of the fact that 90% of residents surveyed in Gabalfa do not believe it is fit for purpose?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>You will recall that, in 2011, a comprehensive review of the policy was carried out, including much public consultation and, on the basis of the replies received from the public; some fundamental changes were made to the policy. Some of those involved changes to legal Orders which were completed in 2012. Hence, I would not expect to review the policy again before 2017.</p> <p>It should be noted that the resident parking scheme is designed to protect residents from external parking pressure, usually from commuters and shoppers.</p>

	<p>In that regard, it is an effective scheme and is used widely across the city.</p> <p>Residents include long established family groups, as well as transient students and medical students for whom their “digs” are their primary residences while they are studying in our city.</p> <p>I believe that the 90% rate of discontent you refer to applies to Clodien Avenue and the group of streets to the south. I believe the parking pressure there comes not from commuters and shoppers, but from residents themselves. In these cases, where residents have more cars than can fit into a street, the scheme cannot resolve parking issues, and indeed, is not intended to address that issue.</p>
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Signed: _____

Dated: _____

(The Meeting finished at 21:45)