

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at City Hall, Cardiff on Thursday 24 July 2014 to transact the business set out in the Council Summons dated 18 July 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, Richard Cook, Corria, Cowan, Kirsty Davies, Chris Davis, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Evans, Ford, Goodway, Gordon, Govier, Graham, Groves, Hinchey, Holden, Howells, Hudson, Hunt, 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, Stubbs, Benjamin Thomas, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Thorne, Walker, Weaver, Craig Williams, Darren Williams and Woodman.

Also: Prof. Maurice Pendlebury, Independent Member, Audit Committee and Richard Tebboth, Vice Chairperson, Standards & Ethics Committee

Apologies: County Councillors Ralph Cook, Goddard, Simmons and Walsh.

Sir Jon Shortridge, Chairperson of the Audit Committee and Paul Stockton, Chair of the Standards & Ethics Committee.

38: 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.

39: MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meetings held on 26 June 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) Attendance Record: Page 12
The inclusion under those Present: Councillor Hinchey and McGarry; and under Apologies include Councillor Hunt.
- (b) Minute No 25: Oral Questions
Page 28 - Transport, Planning & Sustainability Question
Question: *County Councillor Richard Cook*
Third line correction of the word nothing to '*noting*'
- (c) Minute No 25: Oral Questions
Page 31 - Transport, Planning & Sustainability Question
Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*
Ninth line inclusion of the words '*is minimalised*' after BMV which was omitted from the original question.

40: 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 declaration was made:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Councillor Woodman	Item 11: Oral Questions	Member of Cardiff & Vale Credit Union

41: LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Good Wishes to Councillor Monica Walsh

On behalf of all Members the Lord Mayor sent best wishes to Councillor Monica Walsh who was unwell and we hope that she is making good progress.

2. Awards

Long service recognition for Hazel Davies

The Lord Mayor was pleased to visit Pentyrch Primary School recently to congratulate School crossing patrolwoman Hazel Davies as she celebrated 40 years of service helping children to cross the road safely. Hazel is well known and loved by all children, staff, parents and carers at

Pentyrch Primary School where she has been making sure they get to school safely for 17 years. But despite her long service, Hazel who also lives in Pentyrch has no plans to retire.

Construction Excellence Awards, Young Achiever of the Year 2014

The Lord Mayor congratulated Daniel Rossiter in the Projects Design & Development, within Economic Development, an Architectural Technician who took top spot in the category of Young Achiever of the Year with his work to develop young people. His roles, over and above his design duties, include Continuing Professional Development Co-ordinator; and he has forged links with Universities through his PhD studies and administers a work experience placement programme. He has also made his mark as a key member of the Constructing Excellence Wales Building Information Modelling steering group to support initiatives around Wales.

3. National Service of Commemoration on Monday 4 August 2014

The Lord Mayor was delighted to be invited to take part in the National Service of Commemoration on the evening of the 4th August 2014 at Llandaff Cathedral, marking the 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of World War One.

4. Lord Mayor's Charity Events

The Lord Mayor wished to remind Members of a Coffee Morning and Cakes in aid of the Lord Mayor's Charity Tenovus had been arranged by Councillors Dilwar Ali and Siobhan Corria for Saturday 26 July 2014 from 10.00am to noon in Llandaff Library.

5. Chief Whip

Congratulations to Councillor Garry Hunt on his appointment as Chief Whip, and the Lord Mayor looked forward to working with him and wish him well in his new role.

42: PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1: to the Cabinet Member – Environment

Question: Mr Andrew Williams

Could you advise of what plan was in place to deal with the impact of no rubbish collections in Cardiff during the Industrial Action (which I fully

supported) on 10 July 2014, as it seemed as if there was no plan in place, and residents were not told to not put out green bags unless they were signed up to TIDY texts, which not everyone is, and subsequently the streets were covered in rubbish?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I can confirm that a plan was put in place in those wards where waste was scheduled to be collected on the 10th July. These were Adamsdown, Splott, Rumney, Llanrumney, Old St Mellons and Trowbridge.

As a result of the reduced resource that would be available as a result of the industrial action the waste collection service prioritised the collection of food waste, hygiene waste and residual waste subject to availability and resource on the day. The plan also identified that there would be no collection of green bags and garden waste from the 10th July and these collections would take place when they were next scheduled, which happened to be a fortnight later – that is today. The plan was communicated to the media via a press release on 8 July.

Information relating to the disruption to waste collections was provided on the Council's Website, which was updated regularly. In addition messages were distributed via twitter and tidy text on 9 July, and at least 32 tweets were sent out between 9 and 14 July. Connect to Cardiff was also advised and a briefing note was provided to all Councillors.

Please accept my apologies if you did not become aware that these services were affected on 10 July through any of the communication channels.

Supplementary Question: *Mr Andrew Williams*

The rubbish on the street in Splott and Adamsdown are not just due to the result of the industrial action, but due to the residents there not putting the correct waste in the correct bins.

What if anything is going to happen to those people as a result of them putting bins out weeks early and putting food in green and black bags?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

Obviously there were a number of issues resulting from the strike and residual waste that was left from that and we did take action around the Splott area in particular to try and reduce the problem.

However there is an issue I think, and ongoing issue as you have outlined around the areas, and perhaps one or two other areas as well, where residents seem to be becoming less aware of what they need to be doing and at the right time. As a result we are looking at ways of trying to reinforce that message, because my view is that education is better than penalty.

But obviously if people continue to abuse the system there is a process in place of fines, and there have been a number in the past and going forward there will be more fines if people singular fail to do what they need to do.

Question 2: *to the Cabinet Member - Early Years, Children and Families*

Question: *Mr Wing*

Your statement at the play centre meeting on 4 July that play centres should "continue to be provided by the council" was most welcome. You would have witnessed the total dismay of the play centre representatives present about the lamentable lack of progress in bringing forward firm proposals designed to save our centres. The promised Green Paper has not been published and there are no clear options to take forward.

When will the situation be rectified and will it be in time to put new models in place by 1 April 2015 or is the Labour Council going to let us down once again?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

The meeting to which you refer on the 4th July was a consultative meeting involving friends of play centres; Play Wales; Menter Caerdydd Families First; Cardiff Third Sector Council and others convened by City of Cardiff Council.

A number of views were expressed at that meeting, but I am not sure that your recollection of what was said at that meeting accurately reflects the comments that I made.

There has been a great deal of consultation on the future of play centres in Cardiff including and during the recent budget setting round, through which thoughts and comments were invited. Rather than presenting a *fait accompli* to the community, we have been keen to hear suggestions and proposals from a local level in recent months.

Cabinet will be considering Children's Play in early autumn which will be followed by further consultation. Without prejudicing the Cabinet decision to be taken it was made clear at the meeting on the 4th July that the Council is already open to receiving expressions of interests from those community groups who would be interested in taking on the future management of their local play centre.

Supplementary Question: *Mr Wing*

Is the Council going to commit to bringing forward some or any proposals before the funding of the play centres is stopped?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

Yes definitely. As I said we will be bringing forward proposals in early autumn, but I just wanted to make it clear that there is already the opportunity if friends groups want to take on the management of the centres that we can start looking at that straight away.

The Lord Mayor thanked the Public Questioners for their questions and attending the meeting.

43: PETITIONS

The following petitions were submitted:

1. Councillor Ford – Over 400 signatures in relation to the re-opening of Waungron Road Recycling Centre;
2. Councillors Corria and Dilwar Ali – 161 signatures from residents in Llandaff North asking the Council to mitigate against the impact of additional cars that come into the area when using Hailey Park for Touch Rugby Wales;
3. Councillor Howells – Approx 500 signatures from Adamsdown and Splott calling for Splott Pool to be re-opening and for essential services to be kept at the Star Leisure Centre;
4. Councillor Hinchey – approximately 50 signatures from St Joseph Bowling Club in Llwynfedw regarding poor maintenance of the green at Llwynfedw Gardens and the fact that they are paying the Council for maintenance but the greens are have not achieved the standards promised.

44: STATEMENT OF THE LEADER

Bilingual Cardiff

The Council's commitment to a Bilingual Cardiff was further emphasised at Tafwyl. The event, which was attended by around 16,500 people, raised the profile of the Welsh language in Cardiff and is now one of the most prominent and inclusive Welsh language community festivals in the Welsh calendar. Tafwyl is an example of how partnership working can deliver for the city, with the Council hosting the event, external partners such as the Welsh Government and Cardiff University providing funding and other community stakeholder groups organising activities.

This is important because Cardiff is becoming an increasingly bilingual city. Cardiff was one of the few local authority areas in Wales to see a rise in both the number and percentage of Welsh speakers in the 2011 census. In the city, well over a quarter of our children and young people in the 5-15 age groups are now fluent Welsh speakers. In fact, since 1991, the number of Welsh speakers in Cardiff has doubled, and our commitment to a Bilingual Cardiff is therefore clearly well-paced.

Looking Outward: Strategic Engagement with the LGA, Co-Operative Councils and English Core Cities and twin cities

Core Cities & Manchester City Council

Next week the Leader would be travelling to Manchester to meet with Chris Murray, Director of the English Core Cities Group, a network which represents the eight largest cities outside of London. Whilst in Manchester meetings were held with the Leader of the City Council, Sir Richard Leese and their Chief Executive Sir Howard Bernstein. Sir Richard is an influential figure in British politics and has played a key role in establishing a successful city region approach for the greater Manchester region.

There is much we can take from strategic engagement with other key cities across the UK and it is important that Cardiff is part of the broader policy discussion. The current debate on devolution of powers to cities and regions in England for instance, is crucial. Cardiff must be part of this important policy agenda at the national level so that both the city and the wider region remain competitive.

LGA Conference

In early July the Leader attended the LGA Annual Conference to discuss the issues affecting English Authorities. Whilst there the Leader addressed a fringe event organised by the Co-operative Council Innovation Network, which considered different approaches to service delivery and successful case studies.

Stuttgart

Two weeks ago the City of Cardiff welcomed a delegation from Stuttgart – which is Cardiff’s longest-standing twin city. Our German guests included the city’s Deputy Mayor as well as representatives from departments dealing with Foreign Affairs, Culture, Urban Development and Sport. Next year will be the 60th anniversary of the important link between Cardiff and Stuttgart and plans are already underway to celebrate this. Both cities are also looking to develop a programme of collaborative projects and learning exchanges focused on areas of mutual interest.

Lugansk

The Leader expressed Cardiff’s sympathy and support to our twin town of Lugansk during this incredibly traumatic period and hope that peace will soon be restored so all its civilians can go about their daily lives as normal. Cardiff has been twinned with Lugansk since 1959.

Economic Development

Central Square

At last week’s Cabinet meeting it agreed on the next steps to support the regeneration of Central Square, building on the recent decision by BBC Wales to locate their new £170 million headquarters building within this major new regeneration scheme. The Cabinet has agreed an eight week programme of engagement with residents and other stakeholders to take place during August and September on the proposed location and design of a new central bus interchange to replace our existing bus station.

Social Innovation Fund

Cabinet recently agreed to set up a new Social Innovation Fund, as part of the 2014/15 budget, to help kick-start the development of new social enterprises in the city. Social enterprises can be invaluable as they

support community development, help to tackle social problems and provide employment to those whose opportunities may otherwise be limited.

Alert Logic

This month Cardiff has also seen US cyber security firm Alert Logic move into temporary accommodation ahead a move to permanent headquarters in Cardiff's Central Cardiff Enterprise Zone. This will become the company's first European headquarters, which will create 130 highly skilled jobs in the city.

Meeting Cardiff Airport

In line with the administrations ambitions for the city, the Leader recently met with representatives of Cardiff Airport. Improving connectivity, both within the city, but also with other cities, is an important part of developing a more competitive Capital City-Region, and it was reassuring to see that Cardiff Airport has seen an improvement in passenger numbers and new routes added to their services since its acquisition by Welsh Government.

The Friendly Games

The Leader wished Glasgow a successful Commonwealth Games and, to all the dedicated athletes representing Wales, the very best of luck from the City of Cardiff Council.

A number of questions were raised and the Leader responded .

- In relation to the Metro he emphasised the Council's commitment to the Metro project and working with Welsh Government and City Region Board;
- in relation to the proposed Welsh Language Learning Centre announced at Tafwyl the Leader referred to the wish from participants at the Bilingual Conference event in March to provide an open language space to people in Cardiff. The proposals are at a very early stage and the Council sees this as a collaborative project working with stakeholders and partners in Cardiff who would bring a variety of services to the project and funding opportunities.
- in relation to discussion with Network Rail and the current consultation on Central Square and the options the Leader confirmed that he had met with Network Rail and discussed the proposals to achieve a world class interchange in Cardiff.

- the Leader joined Councillor Marshall in congratulating Cardiff Central Youth Club who had played a large part in training four gymnasts part of the Team Wales at the Commonwealth Games.
- the Leader emphasized the importance of engaging with all levels of government and core cities in Europe and Britain, and drew attention to the city of Glasgow which was in discussions on a City Deal settlement. For the City Cardiff to be competitive within this arena it needed to be at the heart of those discussions.
- in relation to the location of the Central Bus this was part of the eight consultation to take place in August and September, and that Elected Members have a responsibility to encourage constituents and stakeholders to participate and give their views.

45: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE STATEMENT

Neighbourhood Partnership Fund

The second round of bidding for the Neighbourhood Partnership Fund closed on 14th July 2014, and all applications received have been circulated to Elected Members to ensure everyone has had an opportunity to comment on the bids submitted in their area prior to the Panel process taking place. The Cabinet Member was pleased to advise that there had been a lot of interest in the Fund and he thanked Elected for their involvement in helping to shape some of the 103 applications put forward.

Regarding timescales, the Cabinet Member confirmed that the Panels had been taking place over the last week and considering the applications against the published criteria. All Panels had also been set up to be politically independent with no participation from the Cabinet Member. However, in light of the new Neighbourhood Partnership arrangements, Lead Elected Members are now invited to attend their respective Panel session in an observer/advisory role.

It is anticipated that all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications during the week commencing 4th August.

The new Fund represents a fantastic opportunity to help shape services in neighbourhoods and the Cabinet Member looked forward to seeing some new ideas emerging as part of this round.

Cardiff Events

A number of successful events had already taken place this summer. The Council continued to work in partnership with a number of organisations to help to successfully to deliver their events including Everyman Open Air Theatre, Armed Forces Day, Tafwyl, BSI Speedway. Other successful events hosted by the Council include:

Big Gig - The City of Cardiff Council's Battle of the Bands competition for over & under 18s received a record number of entries of a very high standard. The final was held in the Globe 3 July and the winners were Albatross Archive (An Experimental jazz meets melodic indie resulting in remarkably accessible songs from this fascinating duo). The prizes included a recording session at Musicbox Cardiff with top Producer Charlie Francis (REM, Future Of The Left), Airplay on Nation Radio, An interview and coverage in South Wales Echo, Places on various Welsh Music Foundation courses, Passes to go to the award winning Sŵn Festival and the chance to play at the Hub Festival, Cardiff's newest urban music event

Cardiff International Food and Drink Festival 11-13 July 2014, Roald Dahl Plass -A record 70,000 people attended this highly popular event with over 100 local & national food producers – many selling out of produce by the end of the weekend. This year the festival also had a new festival sponsor on board -Vueling Airlines and Cardiff Airport

Future events to look forward to include

- Classic Car and Boat Rally, Cardiff Bay on 8-10 August
- Cardiff Harbour Festival hosts the Extreme Sailing Series Act 5 Cardiff presented by Land Rover 22- 25 August
- Cardiff Country Fair Cardiff Castle 27-28 September
- Cardiff Bay Beach Opens 25 July – 31 August
- P1 Welsh Grand Prix of the Sea Cardiff Bay 26 & 27 July
- UEFA Super Cup Festival – Hayes / Fanzones 28 July – 12 Aug
- Cardiff Carnival - City centre 9 Aug
- Wales Thai Festival - Cooper's Field 3-4 Aug
- Pride Cymru Bute park 16 Aug

A number of questions were put to the Cabinet Member and he responded to matters raised. The Cabinet Member recognised the success of the events team in putting on the Welsh Proms at St David's Hall; the need to

support the Kidney Wales 10k run on Sunday 7 September 2014; and the support to small Community Groups of the Neighbourhood Partnership Fund set up by Councillor Thorne and the importance of improving the mechanisms to raise awareness of the Fund and the timing for submitting applications for funding.

The Cabinet Member agreed to investigate the matter in relation to the Neighbourhood Partnership Fund being used by Council departments to fund services such as the Cold Calling Zones;

46 : HEALTH, HOUSING & WELLBEING STATEMENT

In the UK there will be soon be a million people with dementia. Estimates of future projections show that across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan numbers will increase by 53% between now and 2030; for Cardiff, that equates to over 5000 individuals living with dementia. As Members of the City of Cardiff Council we need to consider how to adapt to the projected dramatically changing population.

In light of this, at Cardiff Metropolitan University last week a three-year plan to tackle the issue was launched. This has been developed for and with people with dementia and their carers, in order that they can live well with dementia. Working in partnership with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, the Vale of Glamorgan Council, third sector partners to address current and future need, the plan is based on helping people avoid, delay and cope with dementia.

Under-diagnosis remains an issue both for the locality and nationally. The current diagnosis rate for Cardiff and the Vale is 44%, which means that over half the cases go undiagnosed. Nationally, it is worse at 39%. Having mapped the estimates of the number of people in the community estimated to live with dementia, steps now need to be taken within our communities to ensure that people are more aware of dementia and know how to signpost to appropriate agencies if they suspect cognitive impairment.

The Cabinet Member looked forward to bringing plans forward for Cardiff to become a dementia-supportive community. In response to questions she advised that each Cabinet Member had signed up to be Dementia Friend and in the autumn the Cabinet Member would provide an opportunity for all Elected Members to sign up also; and work in a co-productive way with Community & Adult Scrutiny Committee, Health

and Third Sector and suffers and carers. The Cabinet Member also undertook to consider the measures to be put in place to support measurable performance indicators.

47 : ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

Parks

The Cabinet Member was delighted to confirm that Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) had granted the Council a Stage One pass for its funding submission under the Parks for People funding stream for the Parc Cefn Onn Access Project as part of the Council's wider Parks Partnership Programme.

Parc Cefn Onn is a Grade 2 listed historic country park situated in the Lisvane ward and the project aims to restore and interpret the historic Dingle at the heart of the garden, improve access and provide facilities within the park to encourage people with a wide range of abilities to visit and to develop the park as a gateway to the wider countryside beyond the city. The project will see the provision of new footpaths, signage, viewpoints together with biodiversity improvements, which will elevate the site's country park status and promote links to the river corridor paths which underpin the city's sustainable transport network, including the footpaths and bridleways linking to the neighbouring authority of Caerphilly. The total project costs are estimated to be in the region of £550k, and if successful project delivery will commence in 2016.

This was very encouraging news and work would now begin on preparing the detailed submission in conjunction with stakeholders of the project in particular the Friends of Parc Cefn Onn, who would be at the very heart of the project building on the Council's co-production agenda.

Bereavement

The Cabinet Member with Kevin Brennan MP attended the unveiling event at Western Cemetery of information panels provided in conjunction with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission setting out information about the history of Cardiff's war dead, as part of the commemorations to the people who gave their lives in 2 World wars.

The plaques feature a QR (Quick Response) Code which can be scanned using mobile devices to access more information and personal stories

about some of the 150 service personnel commemorated in the cemetery. The technology embedded in the panels will make sure that visitors to Western Cemetery can make a real connection with the lives of those laid to rest there. We owe a debt of gratitude to the servicemen and women who gave their lives on our behalf and these excellent panels will help ensure their sacrifices will not be forgotten with the passing of time.

In response to a number of questions the Cabinet Member recognised the importance of keeping Local Members informed and involved in developments of such projects such as Cefn Onn Park; and he was happy to discuss matters relating to Roath Park to address urgent problems.

48 : AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

The Lord Mayor welcomed Professor Maurice Pendlebury and invited him to present the second Annual Report of the Audit Committee on behalf of the Chair, Sir Jon Shortridge who unfortunately has another meeting commitment this evening.

Professor Pendlebury advised that the Committee had met on five occasions with each meeting having an agenda containing both standard and specific items. Attendance of both Council Members and external Members reflected the important role of this Committee and the Committee had welcomed at its June meeting a new external Member Mr Ian Arundale.

The Committee's Work Programme was drawn up to take full account of its terms of reference with a wide range of issues brought before the Committee, focusing on a number of key risks and challenges faced by the Authority in the last 12 months; and all Members have been encouraged to bring any concerns they have forward so that agendas could be set taking account of changing risks and priorities.

Reports and updates have been received on key items such as the Budget, treasury Management; Risk Management and internal audits, and invited a number of officers to attend to provide assurance in relation to mitigating key risks or to respond to concerns raised by Members or audit reports.

In looking forward to 2014/15 and beyond, and given the continued financial pressures facing the Council, the importance of an effective Audit Committee remains critical. The Council is going through a period

of organisational change and significant savings have to be made. In this, the Committee recognised its essential role in challenging assurance and the impact of resource reductions in the financial environment. Other items of concern to be monitored include Children's Services; School Governance and Compliance; Contract Management and Procurement.

The Committee also undertook a Self – Assessment in 2014 which was very useful and the actions arising from this work were set out in the report.

The Lord Mayor invited contributions from Members during which a number of matters were highlighted: -

- ongoing concerns about compliance issues – this would be monitored during 2014/15;
- monitoring of School budget and controls;
- matters relating to cases of fraud and impact on the financial control of the Council and the challenges of the reduction in capacity and finances and the importance of Audit and Risk Management;
- the embedding of Performance Management and the work need to continue the improvements that had been seen at the beginning of this municipal year;
- the lessons learnt from the investigation into the project management process at Thornhill Road Children's Home.

RESOLVED – that the Chairperson and Members of the Committee be thanked for their work and the second Annual Report of the Audit Committee be endorsed.

49 : STANDARDS & ETHICS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Lord Mayor welcomed Mr Richard Tebboth , Vice Chairperson of the Standards & Ethics Committee who was attending to present the tenth Annual Report of the Standards & Ethics Audit Committee on behalf of the Chair, Paul Stockton who unfortunately had a long-standing commitment this evening.

This was the tenth Annual Report and focused on a year of significant progress on substantial work. The Committee had implemented the Local Resolution Protocol agreed last year by the Council to deal with low level Member on Member complaints relating to conduct issues without recourse to the Ombudsman. This underlines the principle that the

Council should take responsibility to regulate its own conduct and also eliminates the lengthy delay when cases do go to the Ombudsman.

In addition the Committee has reviewed the Council's Whistleblowing Policy paying particular attention to the protection of vulnerable children and young adults as well as the miss use of resources; focussed on working positively and constructively with Councillor Jayne Cowan, Chair of Democratic Services Committee and Elected Members to develop and approve guidance to support them in their use of social media; dealing with complaints and receiving information from the County Clerk and Monitoring Officer on Complaints.

The Committee continues to extend an invitation to political group leaders and whips to meet with on an annual basis in order to exchange views and take forward the Council's priorities in relation to ethical governance.

The Vice Chairman thanked the Members of the Committee in particular the Chairperson, Paul Stockton who has stood down following six years on the Committee; and one year as an energetic and enthusiastic Chair; also the support and valuable contributions of Maureen Hedley-Clarke and Deidre Jones who were also standing down on 27 July 2014. The Committee would be welcoming three new independent members who were appointed at the June meeting of Council.

The Committee would continue to contribute to the life and work of the Council and Cardiff and considered important matters relating to Governance and Standards in the Council.

The Lord Mayor invited contributions from Members during which a number of matters were highlighted in relation to Member Training and Development; and governance matters in relation to confidential documents and access or disclosure of key information to Members.

The Lord Mayor thanked the Vice Chairperson for attending and presenting the report and on behalf of Council thanked Paul Stockton, the outgoing Chair of Standards & Ethics Committee, who had served as a Member of the Committee for six years. As Chairperson for the last 9 months he has championed the principles of good standards in public life in Cardiff and taken forward work on Social Media Guidance for Councillors and encouraged and supported Member training and development on this topic.

The Lord Mayor also thanked Mrs Maureen Hedley-Clarke and Mrs Deidre Jones, two long serving Members of the Committee and wished them all the very best for the future.

The Lord Mayor welcomed David Hugh Thomas; Holly Edwards-Davies and Lizz Roe as new Members to the Standards & Ethics Committee who would be taking up their new roles from 28 July 2014 and would bring with them a wealth of experience and expertise that will support the Committee going forward.

RESOLVED – that the Chairperson and Members of the Committee be thanked for their work and the tenth Annual Report of the Standards & Ethics Committee be endorsed.

50 : DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Lord Mayor invited the Chair of Democratic Services Committee, Councillor Cowan to present the Committee's second Annual report. Councillor Cowan thanked Members of the Committee and officers for their dedication, knowledge and support resulting in significant successes. She also welcomed support of the new County Clerk and Monitoring Officer during the last 12 months.

It had been a challenging year for the Committee in developing a cross-party strategy to ensure that all Councillors have the information, advice, support and technology they need to be effective in their work and to engage closely with their constituents, bearing in mind the financial situation the Council faces. The Committee's commitment to making better use of digital technology was an important aspect of its work during 2013/14 and the challenge of ensuring that the security standards met the requirements of Central Government. The roll out of the IT project to Members had been moving at a pace with 20 Members using the new tablets and more to be delivered in 2014/15. In a time of reducing resources, digital provision would provide a way to improve outcomes whilst delivering efficiencies, and move to a paperless Council. The feedback on the system had been good.

The Democratic Services Committee worked hard during 2013/14 to deliver the Networked Councillor Programme which was launched recently to meet the training needs of Members as identified in the first ever survey undertaken this year. The Survey revealed the area where there appeared to be most need for further development were

communicating with media tools, and effectively using IT to communicate (e.g. twitter, blogs, press releases, media training etc). In addition in response to the survey the Committee had sponsored a number of development events and would work on an ambitious and relevant programme in 2014/15 involving Cardiff Metropolitan University and Public-i. The Committee's vision was for Democratic Services to be seen, both in Wales and in the UK, as a model of good practice and innovation, and to cost less money.

The Committee appointed an Interim Head of Democratic Services following the departure of Andrew Kerr, and is working towards the WLGA Charter for Member support and development. The Chair thanked Sarah Titcombe from the WLGA who had provided support and expertise to the work of the Committee,.

The Chair looked forward to another challenging, productive and busy year in 2014/15.

The Lord Mayor invited contributions from Members during which a number of matters were highlighted;

- the roll out of the digital strategy and its benefits to Councillors working in their communities was welcomed;
- noted that the need under the Welsh Measure there was a need to appointment of a Head of Democratic Services

RESOLVED – that the Chairperson and Members of the Committee be thanked for their work and the second Annual Report of the Democratic Services Committee be endorsed.

51 : ORAL QUESTIONS

(Councillor Woodman declared a personal interest under the Members Code of Conduct a member of the Cardiff Credit Union)

ENVIROMENT QUESTION

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, ENVIRONMENT

Question: *County Councillor Kirsty Davies*

Can you provide details of missed collections on a ward by ward basis for the last six weeks?

Can you supply reasons for missed collections and how the missed collections were remedied?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

It has not been possible to provide a six week summary unfortunately of missed collections on a ward-by-ward basis in such a short timescale, but this can be collated and provided to you in writing within the next ten days.

Missed collections have primarily occurred due to seasonal peaks in waste generation and vehicle breakdowns. Inevitably the strike interrupted service provision on 10th July and several days thereafter. This data can be provided separately.

Whilst the seasonality of waste generation is not unexpected, as a result of efficiency measures, contingency within operational areas has reduced. As such, it is more difficult to adapt services where peaks in waste generation and vehicle breakdowns are experienced together. We have not got the spare capacity anymore.

A new fleet of vehicles is on order, and they will start to arrive next month. In the interim, the central services are supplying additional vehicles on reserve in order to seek to cover more effectively vehicle breakdowns.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Bowden*

I just wonder if you could just convey my thanks to your staff. We are one of the wards who have had a few issues with failure to collect in random places across the ward, but the response of the staff under the Waste Operations Manager has been fantastic and very quick to respond. In the circumstances you are dealing with I just would like to say thank you very much

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I am grateful of your comments Councillor and I will feed those back.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor Hudson*

Does the Leader agree that in the light of the air disaster in the Ukraine, this recent catastrophe highlights the importance of the NATO summit in September?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I have no doubt that such a tragic event of international significance will be just one of the many important matters that will be discussed by World Leaders when they meet at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport in early September.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Hudson*

Are you proud that the Labour Party was in Government when this organisation was set up and was a signatory to the treaty? Therefore are you ashamed that your Deputy Leader has so publicly condemned, attacked and undermined this conference all in Cardiff Councils name that her incumbency is untenable?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

The Deputy Leader retains my full support.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Bridges*

Bearing in mind the amount of disruption that is being caused by the NATO Summit; city centre road closures; several schools being closed even my beloved Newport County is having to shift some of their games to accommodate it. I think there is some concern not just about the disruption to the city but about the politics of the whole thing, and I very much share Councillor Lents view that there should be a platform on which some of those who have concern about some of NATO's action should be able to express that.

I just wonder whether you would go a little further and say why Councillor Lent retains your full support and perhaps give your own personal view of the NATO summit?

Reply: *Councillor Bale*

I think it is incredibly important that we make the most of the opportunities that this event provides. It is one of the largest events ever to be held in the UK, it is a real opportunity to showcase Wales on an international stage, and I am absolutely determined to work with all partners to make sure that we create a real legacy for the people in this city going forward.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Question: *County Councillor Cowan*

What guidance, procedure and checks do officers rely on to ensure each and every intake and assessment report is factually accurate?

What robust processes are in place to ensure this happens each and every time, what monitoring takes place and where is this data captured?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

All initial assessments are undertaken by professionally qualified staff that are bound by the Code of Conduct for Social Workers. Parents, children and family members have an opportunity to challenge accuracy and opinion when the initial assessment is shared with and signed by them prior to being finalised. All finalised assessments are signed off at completion by a Team Manager.

Initial assessments are subject to quarterly audits by Team Managers. The 2014/15 Quarter 1 audit concluded that 89.7% were satisfactory or better. The Children's Services senior management team considers these audit reports quarterly.

An external independent audit of initial assessments commissioned to support the Directorate's Improvement Plan has concluded that the quality of initial assessments is good. These arrangements underpin good individual practice, but cannot guarantee accuracy 'each and every time'.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, ENVIRONMENT

Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

What is the Cabinet Member's view of the Waungron Rd Recycling Centre petition online attracting more than 1000 signatures and the hard petition at present running into hundreds?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I appreciate the local residents' views in the petition. However, the closure of the Waungron Road Recycling Centre was a difficult, but necessary, decision that was taken as part of the Council's agreed budget for 2014/15.

The closure was the first step in a longer term plan to provide two major recycling facilities within Cardiff – one at Bessemer Close and the other at Wedal Road. The construction of the improved and expanded Wedal Road Recycling Centre is due to be completed by the end of the 2014/15 financial year.

The Council is currently considering the most appropriate opportunities for future use of the cleared site at Waungron Road.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Aubrey*

As ever I am required at these moments to remind everyone that Waungron Road facility actually falls in Llandaff Ward and not in Fairwater Ward, though everyone on all sides seems to make that mistake.

In terms of the current state of the site, I am sure that the Council will be aware of concerns that were raised publicly by local residents both about rats on the site itself and also fly tipping in the immediate area. I just wondered what arrangements are in place for monitoring the current state of the site while it is in its fallow period until a decision is made on it, and also what monitoring is in place to check on how persons coming to the site and finding it closed, whether they are actually then going forward to either Bessemer Road or Wedal Road, as we hope they would?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

When it was in operation there was an annual contract for rodent control and that was in place by between Waste Management and Pest Control Section, and even though the site is closed now the contract was agreed while the site lay dormant, and there are 8 proactive visits per year plus any additional follow up visits to call out as required so it still being monitored and as far as I am concerned that seems to be fine.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor McGarry*

Will the Cabinet member make a statement on the progress of the Cardiff debate?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

As you know, the Cardiff Debate has been established as a three -year engagement programme on the future of public services in Cardiff.

This was launched last month with a series of nine ‘on-street’ engagement sessions at which we have been asking people about which services matter most to them and their ideas for how services could be delivered differently in the future. The questions have also formed part of an online survey.

All of the results for the first round of events have been circulated to Members and shared more widely with the public via social media and partner networks.

A further 11 engagement sessions will be held throughout the summer, which will include a number of ‘drop in workshops’ so that some of the key issues can be explored in more detail.

We also aim to hold a Cardiff Debate session in as many more communities as possible, and I would welcome any ideas that you may have on potential venues or existing events which the Cardiff Debate team could attend over the coming months.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McGarry*

I just wondered how we were ensuring we could meet the black and ethnic minority groups and included in the debate and how the people

who can't go on the internet can be made aware of it; people such as the elderly and infirm, and how we make sure we reach everybody across the city.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I think it is a very very important point, certainly some of the feedback in previous consultations over budgets is that we haven't been able to reach some of those harder to reach communities. I think that is at the heart of the CD itself, I know there was a great deal of interest when they recently held a workshop in Butetown for example and the and the recent white paper from Welsh Government about reforming Local Government going forward from Lesley Griffiths, the Local Government Minister makes clear that engagement with communities is absolutely critical at this moment in time because the impact on services, particularly the most vulnerable will be felt most by them, so I absolutely endorse your comments and take them on board.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Cowan*

You know that I am a big supporter of Social Media and use of technology but I am sure that you read in an email that we received recently that it cost nearly £3,000 to have a video at some of the events. I am just wondering what your views and thoughts are and whether or not we should have used in house mobile phones and use of You Tube and other channels as opposed to spending £3000, money which we simply to don't have?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

As you may have seen from my blog recently, we did actually use an in house team to do a vox pop video of Cabinet last week which was really interesting. We having to be open to trialling new technologies, I think it works out to be 0.05p or something if you divide it by the number of people in this city. I don't think you can really put a price on engaging the vulnerable in services that really matter to them and that they need.

I certainly think that it is really important going forward that we continue to drive forward that engagement agenda.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Question: *County Councillor Boyle*

Children's Services have had five different Cabinet members in just over two years of the current administration. What are the risks to the service's reputation and efficiency as a result of such upheaval?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

Children's Services has been subject to a recent external inspection of its services to Looked After Children by the Care and Social Services Inspectorate for Wales, the outcome of which we expect to be positive.

I fully intend to continue the excellent progress which my predecessors have made and to ensure continuity of focus and priority. I look forward to working constructively with all Members.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Boyle*

I agree with that and the Scrutiny Committee continues to work constructively with yourself and officers. I do go back to the Directors Report earlier this year when he talked about the small network of Social Workers who can find employment in many neighbouring councils particularly if the word on the street in relation to Cardiff is negative. He also referred to SIB investors who will want to be reassured that we are a safe bet and that a constant upheaval on the political level doesn't create a sense of a safe bet and we do now need some stability on that political front. Is that unreasonable?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

I don't think that I would describe it as political instability really, I think it is more important that we have stability of the work force and that is what we have really been addressing particularly since Tony Young came in as the new Director.

I think we are going a long way with that and a long way to altering the image of Cardiff for Social Workers. I think the Cardiff Cares Strategy that we have had and the video and everything has been really good, and that and other measures are definitely showing results and we are

recruiting really well at the moment and expect by the autumn not to be using any agency staff which is really positive.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Corria*

A recruitment strategy for Social Workers; a support of permanent staff in terms of enabling them to act up; and the reduction of interim agency managers; Cabinet Members visiting services through the service areas; certain budget protection for Children's Services; the introduction, hopefully, of a Social Impact Bond; cultural change within Children's Services where staff feel valued; an attempted remedy at Thornhill Road in terms of looking at re-using that building; hopefully a positive LAC inspection and the indications are so; and obviously the National Adoption Service.

Do you think that these achievements demonstrate the Labour party's commitment to protecting children in this city?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

Yes, I would agree that they do and I have touched on some of them, particularly the recruitment and retention and the inspection report.

I think you are right to draw attention particularly as well to the National Adoption Service and that Cardiff won the contract for the whole of Wales, I think that is really positive and it shows confidence in us as a city being able to provide services for children.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER , CORPORATE SERVICES
AND PERFORMANCE

Question: *County Councillor McKerlich*

Can you advise the level of savings achieved in the first quarter of 2014-5 against the £48.3 million of savings approved in the budget and can you set out any reduction in the general reserve and any reduction in earmarked reserves for any purpose other than the earmarked purpose of the reserve?

Reply: *County Councillor Hinchey*

It is projected that £43.6 million savings will be achieved in 2014/15, of which around 50% has been achieved during the first quarter.

As you are aware, the 2014/15 budget also included a general contingency of £4 million in recognition of the size of the savings proposals for this year.

There are no plans at this stage to reduce general reserves or alter the purposes of any earmarked reserve.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McKerlich*

I am not entirely clear what you meant by that answer, you said £43.6 million will be saved in the year, of which 50% will be saved in the first quarter. Does that mean you are going to save £87 million in the year or does it mean that in the first quarter you are expected to save £11 million but in fact are languishing at £5.5 million?

There is a considerable difference between these two but I am sure the ambiguity is not intentional!

Reply: *County Councillor Hinchey*

I will certainly write to you and give you some evidence of it. But what I am saying is that 50% of those that were to be projected or achieved have already been sought.

It is projected that £43.6 million savings will be achieved in 2014/15, of which 50% are projected to be achieved during the first quarter.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, SAFETY, ENGAGEMENT AND DEMOCRACY

Question: *County Councillor Sanders*

In addition to the nominated Member Champions being proposed today, could you list all 'champions' that are currently in place, which portfolio they are within, and the objectives and priorities each has in this current municipal year?

Finally, could you outline which elected member or cabinet member has responsibility for each?

Reply: *County Councillor De'Ath*

Member Champions are well established within local government and it has long been custom and practice in Cardiff for individual Cabinet Members, due to their respective portfolio responsibilities, to undertake what is essentially a Lead Member role, where relevant and appropriate.

To date, such roles have covered a wide range of issues, including anti-poverty, armed forces, biodiversity, carers, children & young people, older persons, risk management and sustainability.

In addition, certain Committee Chairs will also undertake such roles. For example, the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee is also the Council's Member Development Champion.

I can't list all of these for you in the time available to me, but would be happy to provide you with a list following the meeting.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Sanders*

Thank you for that list and I welcome some more information. With regards to the Older Persons Champion, I realise that this is outside your particular portfolio, but I could just simply ask publicly that this important area of service delivery, particularly with the new Older Persons Commissioning Plan hopefully coming at the end of the year, and also the Dementia Service delivery improvements that we are seeking, that that particular Member Champion role really takes that forward in that way?

Reply: *County Councillor De'Ath*

The County Clerk and Monitoring Officer will be developing specific individual role descriptions over the summer for the new champions and will certainly reflect on what you have said.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Howells*

Sort of touching on that, whilst we have agreed for the 3 Member Champions to go forward today as unopposed business, we do have some concerns in terms of reference and accountability.

How will Member Champions be held accountable for statements they may make purportedly on behalf of the Council?

Reply: *County Councillor De'Ath*

I certainly agree with you it is important Member Champions are accountable, and I have planned to have Member Champions to report annually to the Council on activities and appear before Scrutiny as requested. I would welcome any other recommendations you might have.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, ENVIRONMENT

Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

What is Councillor Derbyshire's response to the plague of rats affecting local homes since the closure of Waungron Road Recycling Centre?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

In terms of the question I must admit that I am extremely disappointed that a Councillor wishes to make comments like this which talks about plagues of rats which has a real impact on not just his own ward but the wards of other Members in this Chamber.

There is no plague of rats as you allege in your question.

No requests for the treatment of rodents have been received recently from local residents in the vicinity, nor have there been any reported sightings of rats around the site. However, the Pest Control team would be happy to discuss any concerns that local residents may have or to investigate further.

I am aware that you did make an enquiry on 4th July. A Pest Control Technician then visited the area and found no signs of rodent activity. Test bait was also laid in order to confirm this.

A follow up visit was then made on 15th July and only one test bait was found to have been taken, which was by a dry gully outside of the Railway Pub. Poison bait has now been placed there and officers will make a request to colleagues in Highways that the dry drain is addressed as a potential source of rodents.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

I did write to the Council as you have said. Are you may be saying that the residents of Western Avenue are misleading me and somehow not telling me the truth?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I am not quite sure why you are speaking to the residents of Western Avenue, but if they wish to contact the Council and report a plague of rats as you say, then let them do so. We found no evidence.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Mitchell*

I can concur with my Ward colleague that there are 4 houses on Western Avenue actually in the Ward, so he is right in that respect. Given Plaid's plagues of rats, swarms of in migrants, hoards and floods of social benefit claimants - given all these signs of the Plaid apocalypse, can we expect the imminent construction of a Nationalist Ark any time soon?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

One of my colleagues very kindly supplied me with the definition of plague; which this Councillor did actually say and it is written down for all of us to see. One of the answers was a wide spread affliction, calamity or evil as direct punishment by God. Perhaps that is what the problem is.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor Corria*

Can the leader give an update on plans for the bus station?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

Following the exciting announcement by the BBC that it will be relocating to Central Square, temporary arrangements will need to be put in place for a period of time from early summer next year to accommodate the change of city centre bus movements.

As outlined in a report to Cabinet last week, plans to accommodate services displaced temporarily from the bus station are being developed in conjunction with bus operators and other stakeholders.

An 8-week public consultation on the permanent location for the new integrated transport hub will begin in August and I would encourage people to use this time to let us know their views on how we can develop a new, world class facility.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Craig Williams*

In terms of the bus station is the option south of the station viable, and if it is viable are Network Rail in principle happy to sell that land presumably, and is there a capital allocation within the next Council budget to secure that land to build a bus station?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I don't want to take away Councillor Patel's thunder when he announces more of the work.

I know Members have had opportunities to attend briefings on the Bus Station and the developments going forward and I am sure that period of engagement with Members will continue.

Clearly part of that 8 week process will involve issues that people will need to be aware of; the time scales of delivery of each site; the costs involved; all of those things will come to the fore. We are going out and using a range of organisations to make sure that we have got all the information in place and when we have collated all of that we will certainly make sure the public are aware of the pros and cons of both options.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER , ENVIRONMENT

Question: *County Councillor Howells*

Who is responsible for the cleansing regime of the new pedestrian bridge, the Smart Bridge that connects Adamsdown and Butetown?

For the last few weeks, the bridge has been anything but smart with litter, broken glass bottles and fag ends strewn throughout. The situation isn't

helped by the fact that there are no litter bins nor bins for cigarette butts either on the bridge or on the approaches to it.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

The new bridge at Pellett Street is a privately owned structure, which was built by JR Smart Builders Ltd. as part of the Central Cardiff Enterprise Zone development. In due course, this will be owned and maintained by Network Rail.

The footpath that links the new bridge with Tyndall Street was also built by the same developer and, together with the walking surface on the bridge, is subject to an adoption agreement. In due course, these will be adopted by Cardiff Council as a public footway.

However, until such time as the path and bridge walking surface are adopted, which is estimated to be at least 12 months from now, the responsibility for maintenance and cleansing remains with JR Smart Builders Ltd.

I have asked officers to raise this issue with the developer so that the issue of litter at this location can be addressed.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Howells*

I do not know if you are aware, but two days this week the bridge was closed already for maintenance. Can you ensure that when you are having discussions with them that not only is the bridge kept clean, but it kept as open as possible? Because, as you are no doubt aware, because of a supplementary you have got further on, but the Windsor Road Bridge and the Black Bridge will be closed in the future and this will be one of the main pedestrian routes from that part of the city into Adamsdown. Can you ensure, in your discussions, that it is not only kept clean but it is kept open?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I think we have to be a little careful here because I was lucky enough, along with a number of other Councillors, to go to the opening ceremony, and I saw for myself about the bridge and the fact that this company had, as part of the public private partnership, actually given us a very suitable bridge for residents to use, and also supporting our Active Travel bill

where it provides a safe route for cyclists and wheel chair users. I will mention this to them, but I think we have to be cognisant of the fact that we had a great deal, owe them a great deal of thanks for building and opening the bridge in the first place.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

Can the Leader reassure Council that Cardiff has adequately planned for any protestors who may choose to demonstrate in the City during the NATO conference?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

Clearly, it would be inappropriate to discuss specific intelligence relating to the security of the summit, but I am advised that for all aspects of the event, including arrangements for managing protestors, security and policing remain under review and will be adjusted accordingly.

NATO, the Police and the Council each respects the right for peaceful protest and those people planning to exercise their legitimate right to protest should agree plans with the police in advance.

Supplementary Question: *Councillor Dianne Rees*

Will you confirm your support for NATO, as Leader as Cardiff Council, and reassure Cardiff citizens that you will condemn any anti NATO protests or possible peace camp protests which result in disorder or civil unrest?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

There seems to be a great deal of interest in my own personal views of NATO. I am not sure whether World Leaders, as Leader yes indeed, I am not sure whether World Leaders themselves would be interested in my particular views.

I would certainly say that if there are instances of violence, no one would want to see violence on the streets of Cardiff, and I certainly would not

support that. But in the case of peaceful protest as I said in my original reply, we do and will accommodate peaceful process accordingly.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Lomax*

During the visit of the Heads of State of NATO to South Wales it is going to have a huge impact on the communities of Cardiff and also the Vale of Glamorgan. We are given very little information of how this is going to impact on us - children going to school; school hours being changed; people being able to access their places of employment; and also buses not being able to run. It is going to disrupt - I think the security is a bit over the top and it should be scaled down. We do not have this problem when we have Royalty coming to Cardiff, we have rolling blockades and it does not disrupt the work of the city.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

As you will be aware this is a UK Government event. We are obviously working alongside them and officers are providing support where necessary. I am limited in what I can say, but I can assure you that we are doing whatever we can as a City Council to minimise the impact of this UK Government summit.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, TRANSPORT, PLANNING
AND SUSTAINABILITY

Question: *County Councillor Robson*

Now that the Westminster Government will give English Councils power to stage motor races on public roads, will you lobby the Welsh Government to introduce a similar power for Welsh councils?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I have no intention to lobby the Welsh Assembly Government on this and the reason for this is quite simple, because the Council already has powers to stage motor races on our public roads.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Robson*

That's interesting because the Westminster Government's response to the proposal to authorise Motor Sport Events on Public Roads talks about

devolution in paragraph 5.16 and says that any new legislation there will need to enable the national governments, Welsh Government to regulate to appoint their Ministers to be the authorising body for motorsport events in their countries, so if we can check without officers to get some clarification on that.

My point is more substantial, if we have power will we start to look to see some serious motor sports driving around the streets of Cardiff?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

As you are well aware, and I am taking a guess at the date but I think that it was around about September 2012 when we hosted the Worlds GB so therefore these events are already taking place. When these organisations come to Cardiff, they put their bids in, our officers and the Council will sit around the table with them and discuss those bids.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McKerlich*

Rather than organise motor racing around the streets of Cardiff most people living in the North West of Cardiff would be much more pleased to hear his plans for where normal motorcars are to proceed rather than be stopped in endless traffic jams.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I will stick to the main point that the Councillor over there has made which is the serious point about actual events rather than what you are speculating about.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

Could the Leader enlighten the City as to which members of the ruling Cabinet perform their £30,000 plus roles as part timers?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I understand that this information is publicly available on the Register of Members' Interests, which is on the Council's website.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

I asked a question of the Leader and it seems that he is made a little uncomfortable in giving the answer and is referring me to the website as happened previously, so much openness.

Maybe the question is does the Leader agree with me that someone who is getting paid more than £30,000 a year should be full time, and he should ensure that his Cabinet is full of full time Councillors and not people part time earning a full time salary?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I would say that a web site is a pretty open forum if I am perfectly honest with you. I find it very difficult that since March 2014 my Cabinet has launched one of the largest debate exercises for the people of Cardiff; we have got agreement with the BBC to come into Central Square; we have launched a three year organisational development programme; we have started work in terms of going to the market on leisure and cultural venues. My Cabinet is working incredibly hard, and I am very comfortable that the time and commitment they've put it is really delivering for the people of Cardiff at the moment.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor Gordon*

Will the cabinet member make a statement on disability access and cycling facilities as part of the new central transport hub?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I'm very proud to say that the Council is seeking to put in place a new integrated transport hub that provides state-of-the-art facilities for all users. This will include modern facilities for cycle use and storage that will encourage cycling and the safe and easy interaction with other modes of travel.

It is the Council's aspiration to provide the most accessible modern transport interchange in the UK, with the needs of all users being taken into consideration from the outset in its design.

In recent years, the Council has engaged with representative groups to assist with the development of concepts and requirements for a new hub. Now that this has become a reality under this Labour administration, we will be re-engaging with these stakeholders, including cycling organisations and access & disability groups, as a core part of the delivery strategy.

The 8-week consultation period which begins in August and that will provide an opportunity for the public and other organisations to have their say and I would certainly encourage you and other members to ensure that people contribute to in that exercise.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Gordon*

I am glad you appreciate that people catching trains from Cardiff, or arriving by taxi or whether they are cycling there need to be dropped off at the entrance as soon as possible. I still want to reiterate that very single communication I have had with everyone I have met has been ‘what is happening to the bus station?’

Do you agree that access to the Central Station is more important than a forecourt looking gorgeous for the new office buildings in Central Square?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I certainly take the point about proximity that is a very important factor and will be taken into account in terms of the design. I re-emphasise the importance of everyone really contributing in the consultation exercise so that we can get the very best legacy station from the investment that will be going in to it.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Clark*

Will engagement take place with a shopmobility scheme which facilitates the use of wheelchairs in this city about whether they want to move to the new Transport Hub?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

As I said earlier in my reply, every organisation and partner is able to contribute and I know that my colleague Councillor Patel will be

releasing further details on that exercise as soon as it is available. I am sure he will be making sure that Members are one of the first to get that information.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Question: *County Councillor Bowden*

As at 18th July 2014, the day when schools closed for the summer holidays, Headteachers in Cardiff had not formally received the results of their pupils from this year's Welsh Government tests. At the school where I am governor they have to scroll through 420 sheets for each year group to get the results for each child as there are 7 sheets for each child, one English for reading, then Welsh, then Maths procedure in English then Welsh then reasoning in English, then Welsh and finally an explanation sheet. It is extremely time consuming and the amount of printing necessary is very costly. There is no overview sheet for maths this year, one of the few aspects of the tests which was good last year, and no real explanation for parents on how the standardisation has been changed either.

As a result of this chaos, schools will have had to postpone until September the reporting of test results to parents. This is unacceptable in terms of school governance and so I would like to know what representations the Council is making to the Welsh Government in the light of this serious shortcoming.

Reply: *County Councillor Magill*

The 2014 tests National Reading and Numeracy Tests were taken between the 7th and 13th May. Schools then had less than a month until 6th June to mark and upload the test data. A data validation process was then carried out by the Welsh Government.

The indicative timetable promised a report to parents and carers by 15th July. This date was always going to be too late for schools to assemble useful information for parents before the end of term.

There is ongoing dialogue between the Local Authority, the Central South Consortium and Welsh Government about the difficulties experienced this year and how this can be improved for the future.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Bowden*

My concern is how parents are going to receive this, as far as our school is concerned we knew we had to get the Year 6 results out and managed to do it by the skin or our teeth on Friday afternoon, but no other results will go out until September. Parents are left wondering what happened to the test results. I do think it is incumbent upon the Welsh Government to explain to parents what is going wrong and they can say that it is logistical, we have logistical problems but it isn't good enough. Could you do more to support that please?

Reply: *County Councillor Magill*

I think the indication from my first answer was that there are frustrations all around with the way that this has gone this year. There is going to be some publication, during the month of August I believe, when the national statistics will be released, but obviously parents are interested in the results in relation to their own children.

I think the whole system needs to learn from what's happened this year and we will be lobbying certainly to try and get an improved system by the time we come round to the tests again next summer.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

Question: *County Councillor Howells*

From December 2014 to September 2016, work will take place to replace 4 bridges that link Adamsdown and Splott; namely the Windsor Road Bridge, Beresford Road Bridge, Splott Road Bridge and the pedestrian bridge off Kames Place (the Black Bridge). This work has the potential to cause traffic gridlock in the area.

What work has been undertaken to draw up a traffic management plan that ensures that this work causes minimum disruption to local residents and businesses and when will these plans be discussed with ward members?

What restrictions will be put in place in respect of the permitted hours within which this work can be undertaken so that the quality of life of residents who live adjacent to the railway line isn't unduly impacted?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

Network Rail is leading on this project and will be responsible for preparing and agreeing traffic management plans with the Council.

The first structure to be worked on will be the Windsor Road Bridge and the associated road closure is planned for after Christmas. Other related minor works may also be required in advance of the road closure.

Network Rail will also have to determine working hours. However, as these works relate to a section of railway that forms part of the main line into Cardiff and South Wales, then it is likely that substantial works may need to be undertaken during the night.

The Council will try to ensure that the work causes minimal disruption, although some impact is unavoidable. Once these plans are in place, they will be shared with Ward Members and will be subject to Member and public consultation led by Network Rail.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Howells*

Are you able to advise me when the Council first became aware of this work being planned for Bridges, for key routes between Adamsdown and Splott, and why Ward Members have not been notified about it before? The first I heard about this work is when I did some digging when the application for the Windsor Road Bridge was submitted so I would appreciate your answer on that please.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I will obviously have to put that in writing to you when we were made aware of that.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Huw Thomas*

I share Councillor Howells concerns about the impact this will have on our Wards particularly I understand the concern of Adamsdown residents wanting to come to the Paradise Lounge in Splott of course.

I met recently, in late 2013, with the Director for Transport where we discussed a wide range of projects to look at the transport issues we face in Splott, particularly the long running issues with through traffic of

heavy lorries, and also the congestion charged by the disastrous changes to make Clifton Street one way.

Will the Cabinet Member consider, off the back of the disruption that will be caused by these works, to look again at the whole infrastructure around Splott to improve the traffic situation overall there?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I would be happy to look at those points you have made. I think that it is important that we may need to get together and have a proper conversation with the senior officers on this. I have got similar concerns to those of the residents and I have heard from Clifton Street, especially from the businesses who still continue to complain about the chaos they have on a daily basis. Certainly I think the whole of these areas need to be looked at.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Question: *County Councillor Graham*

Can we please have an update on the site of the former children's home at 150 Thornhill Road?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

Officers from across number of Directorates have been involved in assessing the feasibility of a number of options with a view to utilising the facilities of 150 Thornhill Road for the benefit of Cardiff families.

The Director of Children's Services has been concerned to ensure due diligence in considering potential options and this has necessitated the bringing together complex factors into a clear business case.

The Director is awaiting confirmation of further financial matters before finalising a report for consideration by Cabinet by October or sooner.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Graham*

I am quite confused. This matter was discussed at length last year due to the merry-go-round of Cabinet positions; it was not your predecessor, but

your predecessor's predecessor that was actually dealing with it, even though that was only Christmas time. At the time the Council was seeking alternative uses for the site because there was the false belief that there was a legal covenant for the site, that it could only be used for the original intended purpose.

When it was decided that the only obvious solution was a disposal of the site why has it taken so long, why is there still no disposal in sight, and if it is not going to be disposed of, I think you owe an explanation not just to me and to the public, but also to your colleagues in the Cabinet as to why you have a site worth £2 m and we have such difficult budget problems are you sitting on this site doing nothing about it when that money could be used for other purposes?.

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

With respect, I think I have already answered that question in my first question about the complexities of the business case and we are taking it forward in the autumn. That's not a particularly long time scale given what tends to happen with these kinds of issues.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Corria*

As soon as the Labour Party took office in 2012 we tried to remedy Thornhill Road. Councillor Cook looked at other operators operating the building but it is clearly not suitable as a children's home.

What we actually did when I was a Cabinet Member was consulted with the residents that we have consulted with over a number of years and we invited them into the children's home to have a look around and talk about the Youth Offending Service moving there. Councillor Graham then extended that invitation to lots and lots of residents who turned up on mass, which is fine for politicians but it is not fine for officers having to be surrounded by residents who have been fed misinformation.

Do you think, that Councillors should attend meetings called by the Director of Social Services when there is an issue to do with their ward which is Thornhill Road which Councillor Graham did not do?

Reply: *County Councillor Lent*

I think what has been extremely unfortunate in this process is that the proposal as Councillor Corria referred to, to locate the Youth Offending

Team scheme to Thornhill Road, there was a band wagon effect in that a Local Councillor, I suppose I would put it, as scare mongered in the local area, and I think that is very unfortunate and that is really what's resulted in this delay because clearly the consultation with the local residents is that they did not want the Youth Offending Team there so that has led to a process to do something else with it, and it is unfortunate.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, SAFETY, ENGAGEMENT AND DEMOCRACY

Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

Could the Council face legal challenge since Cardiff officers are unable to refer male victims of domestic abuse for non-judgemental support, yet refer females in the same circumstances for the said non-judgemental support to organisations financially supported by the Council?

Reply: *County Councillor De'Ath*

I would like to begin by clearly stating that the Cardiff Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership recognises that domestic abuse occurs amongst people of all ages, classes, ethnicities, cultures and religions and can affect everyone irrespective of their gender or sexual orientation.

Cardiff has been the forerunner in the development of services specifically for male victims of domestic abuse, in addition to those which have been provided historically for women.

The Dyn Project, funded by the Welsh Government and operated by Safer Wales Ltd, is the main access service for advice and assistance. The all-Wales helpline provides support and safety planning for men experiencing domestic abuse from a partner.

Additionally, the only all-male refuge in Wales is based in Cardiff. This scheme is operated by Gwalia Care & Support and is one of only a handful of specialist projects in the UK providing accommodation and support to men who are fleeing situations of domestic abuse.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor McEvoy*

The question was none judgemental support. Do you understand what that is, so if you do understand could you please explain because you have not referred to it at all in your answer.

The problem is that the question of non-judgemental support has not been addressed.

I will re-state the question, can you explain why there is no non-judgemental support available for men and, unless I am very much mistaken the project you have just mentioned, does not provide non-judgemental support, maybe you can clarify that for me, because the last time I asked it, it didn't.

So to reiterate the question, why is there no non-judgemental for support in this city but agency upon agency upon agency for females why is that?

Reply: *County Councillor De'Ath*

I must say to you Councillor that I am not persuaded that men are discriminated against in relation to these services in the way you seem to suggest. If you have examples of this happening I am happy to discuss them with you and take action. This may be appropriate.

In the time I have been in this Chamber I have heard you ask a number of questions around this issue mostly to my colleague Councillor Thorne, and not being happy with the answers you have received, I must say you to I am of a similar view on this to Councillor Thorne, and I'm willing, happy to take forward the excellent work she started in this area.

All I can do is to assure you that I and this administration are committed to helping individuals and families affected by domestic violence without prejudice.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Love*

Does the Cabinet Member acknowledge that the number of people, women affected by instance, or experience domestic violence, is acknowledged as being generally higher than those affected by men and subsequently the service provision responds to that level of need?

Reply: *County Councillor De'Ath*

I do yes.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Question: *County Councillor Corria*

The children of Gabalfa Primary have been waiting several years for improvements to be made to the school building. Will the cabinet

member confirm a date for the works to the outside of the building to commence and will the cabinet member write to the school council confirming the dates?

Reply: *County Councillor Magill*

Officers are looking at the consolidation of Gabalfa Primary School at 1.5 forms of entry and issues specific to the permanent establishment of Ysgol Glan Ceubal and nursery provision.

Potential design proposals have been presented to the Head teacher and she has chosen an option for the design team to progress with. The programme, if progressed, would be for investment works to start on site at Gabalfa Primary School in September 2015, with completion scheduled for early summer 2016.

Repairs to the external hard play area will be carried out in new term.

I shall, of course, be very happy to write to the School Council with this information.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Corria*

Would you write to the School Council of Gabalfa School, they recently held a briefing event for Julie Morgan AM and explained how the impact of the works not being done was bearing on their education?

Reply: *County Councillor Magill*

Yes of course I am happy to do that, and in fact I would be quite happy to go and meet the School Council to talk to them about their concerns directly if that would be helpful.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Boyle*

Just going to use this as an opportunity to put in a pitch meanwhile for Springwood Primary where I am Chair of Governors and we need a new roof, £300,000 worth of it, I suspect we won't get that but we could do with £30,000 patch up of the roof because it floods every time there is any rain.

I think the point is, is that there is a certain amount of confusion within Governing Bodies and within Schools as to where the responsibility now falls for major infrastructure repairs. Does it come out of our delegated budgets or does it not? I think, as Governing Bodies we are now finding that a challenge to know where support comes from Local Authority or whether these big infrastructure repairs fall entirely on the school?

Reply: *County Councillor Magill*

I think given what you have just said and the fact that actually it is an area that we have been refocusing attention on within the Council in terms of the way that decisions around asset management are made, it would be timely in the new term for us to write out to all schools to clarify the position, because you are right, some areas of maintenance do fall within the schools delegated budget but once they get to a certain level it becomes the responsibility of the Local Authority.

It is against the background of the very difficult position in which we find ourselves and as you will be aware that does not only impact on the revenue position of the Council, it impacts in a very problematic way in terms of our access to capital.

I think in terms of clarifying who is responsible for what it would be useful if we did that.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Question: *County Councillor Woodman*

How much money does Cardiff Council pay to Cardiff and Vale Credit Union by way of revenue support, and how much does the Vale Council pay?

Please provide figures for 2011/12, 2012/13 & 2013/14.

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

The Council does not make any direct financial contributions to the Credit Union, but has assisted the Credit Union by subsidising operational costs such as office accommodation, utilities and telephone charges, as well as providing officer advice and support.

In the financial years from 2011/12 to 2013/14, the Council subsidised office accommodation charges of £25,300 per annum, as well as telephone charges of between £2,000 and £3,000 per annum.

In 2011/12, the total figure was £27,736.

In 2012/13, it was £27,392 and, in 2013/14, it was £27,893.

The Council has no information about any financial support that may or may not be provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

At last month's council meeting you answered my question about the closure of the indoor tennis courts at the former Welsh Tennis Centre by stating that you were working closely with the WLTA on the provision of indoor tennis facilities at the Welsh National Tennis Centre site. Can you provide a detailed outline to the council of the schedule of meetings and communications sent to them and the nature of your responses?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

I met with representatives from Tennis Wales on 13th May and instructed officers to engage in discussions with the Lawn Tennis Association.

Officers from the Economic Development and Sports, Leisure & Culture Directorates have since met with Tennis Wales and the LTA to discuss a way forward and to help identify a sustainable solution for the provision of indoor tennis facilities in Cardiff.

A project team between the Council and Tennis Wales/LTA has now been established and a number of options are being explored.

This work is being taken forward with the full support and participation of Tennis Wales and the LTA and, once I am able to provide further information on the preferred solution, I will happily make that information available to all interested parties.

I also made it clear that I would be very happy to meet with them again and officers are currently seeking to identify a suitable date for this to happen.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

You did not actually answer my question with the dates other than the first date you gave me. I would like to have those dates of all communications with the WLDA over this matter sent to me in writing please?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

I am happy for that to be done, like I have said I have nothing to hide. I am happy to meet with them at any time. I am happy, not just for my meetings that I have had and my correspondence, but correspondence for officers as well if that gives you any peace of mind that we are working on some sort of solution on this.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Huw Thomas*

I welcome Councillor Rees interest in this which sits in my Ward of Splott and Tremorfa. It is a very worthwhile facility and I do hope that a solution can be found, but I would also like to put on record my thanks to Councillor Bradbury for the support he has given over the last few weeks to ensure that the Star Hub continues to go ahead, which in my opinion, will have a far greater impact on the residents of Splott and Tremorfa. Does he agree with that statement, that it has a greater impact?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

I do but I am not sure how it relates to the WLTA and Tennis Wales, but I do welcome your support and the support of the community, for that facility and hopefully I can bring forward more detailed plans as to what we are planning to do that in the coming months.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor Chris Davis*

Will the cabinet member make a statement for how the council can support small business in Whitchurch village?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

The Economic Development team provide businesses with advice on identifying and securing loans, grants, equity and premises from a range of organisations.

It also offers a Connection Voucher Scheme, including for businesses in Whitchurch, which can provide funding for the capital costs of up to £3,000 towards the costs of installing a high speed broadband connections.

I would also highlight a range of business rate relief schemes are available for local businesses; details of which can be found on the Council's website.

This month, we launched a new Social Innovation Fund to support social enterprises with start-ups in the city and of course local SME's can also join the Cardiff Business Council for free, which offers exciting opportunities now in terms networking and development opportunities for that sector.

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, SAFETY, ENGAGEMENT
AND DEMOCRACY

Question: *County Councillor Love*

Will the Cabinet member make a statement on how the council can engage with the Gender based violence, domestic violence and sexual violence bill introduced by the Welsh Government?

Reply: *County Councillor De'Ath*

The main objective of the Bill is to ensure improved and consistent preventive, protective and support mechanisms in the public sector delivery of relevant services to combat gender based violence, domestic violence and sexual violence.

The new statutory requirements to deliver against this objective include the need for joint strategic planning and joint implementation and monitoring across statutory partnerships.

In Cardiff, we have a successful track record of innovative partnership activity which means that the mechanisms are in place to enable an effective joint approach to comply with the future statutory guidance.

Developments are being planned in areas such as:

- Public awareness raising;
- The development of a comprehensive “ASK and ACT” culture that will increase the confidence of victims to disclose abuse and assist in enabling early intervention;
- Improved training for all relevant staff; and
- Improved joint commissioning of services.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Love*

Given the well documented intergenerational effects of domestic violence, sexual violence, financial violence, any form of violence in the family, I welcome your comments about designing services through the commissioning process. Would the Cabinet Member commit to involving service users in the commissioning process?

Reply: *County Councillor De’Ath*

I am happy to do all that I can to ensure service users are involved in the process. The commissioning process is actually changing as a result of the Bill, strategic reporting structures will need to be reviewed in light of the recommendation to re-commission all domestic abuse services in the city under a 2 year contract, pooling all current funding from the Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Welsh Government.

Outline agreement has been reached with the three main funding bodies and the PCC’s office has commissioned an independent review of current services which will inform the process for re-commissioning.

I will certainly do all I can too.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

Could you outline please what arrangements the Council has in place to identify girls who are risk of female genital mutilation and forced marriage in view of the Prime Minister’s intention to make these abhorrent actions illegal in the UK?

Reply: *County Councillor De'Ath*

We are certainly trying to provide as much training as we possibly can, and I am working in partnership with Police Commissioner to make sure that everything is in place to ensure that council officers are fully primed to spot this happening

QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH, HOUSING AND WELLBEING

Question: *County Councillor Darren Williams*

Will the Cabinet member make a statement on the effects of the “Bedroom Tax” on Cardiff residents?

Reply: *County Councillor Elsmore*

As of 1st July 2014, the number of Cardiff residents affected stood at 2,863. This figure has decreased by 1,331 since the initial review of Council’s records, which was carried out in October 2012.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Darren Williams*

It is concerning to hear the large number of people that are affected by the “Bedroom Tax” in Cardiff, although good to know that number is going down. Will you join me in welcoming what appears to be a growing political consensus in opposition to the “Bedroom Tax” given the recent and somewhat belated acknowledgement of the Liberal Democrats of its iniquitous effect on disabled people?

Reply: *County Councillor Elsmore*

Before I respond to your supplementary, I wish to commend the work of staff and my Cabinet Member predecessor, Councillor Thorne, for her leadership in driving forward such a proactive approach, and also to thank officers for their sterling efforts to assist people of Cardiff in responding to the impact of the “Bedroom Tax” .

I agree with Councillor Williams that there absolutely is a growing political consensus drawing from all sides that this regressive and discriminatory tax falls heavily on individuals.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Boyle*

Thank you for those statistics and it is encouraging to hear that decrease. It would be useful to know if there have been any evictions as a consequence of the charge or also how many families are living in overcrowded conditions because that is the other side of the issue?

Reply: *County Councillor Elsmore*

What I pleased to say, that there have been no evictions carried out to date for “Bedroom Tax” arrears. In terms of overcrowding, yes, you are right there are issues of overcrowding in Cardiff and that is certainly something that I will be picking up, in terms of my portfolio, and I think is something we need to look at in a speedy way.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor Love*

Will the Cabinet member make a statement on support for small business in Riverside?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I would refer you to the answer I provided earlier in response to a similar question from Cllr Davis.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Love*

Having spoken to many local businesses, micro businesses, in Riverside there is no evidence that the recovery is trickling down into businesses in Riverside, many have said they are struggling.

I would like to, in addition to all the fantastic support that you are offering small businesses that you have outlined previously to Councillor Chris Davis’ question, I would like to invite you to come and speak to some of the Riverside business owners to potentially consider how we may be able to connect the Cardiff city centre up to the businesses, particularly on Tudor Street there are some fantastic businesses there that originate from all over the world. I personally would love to see the new staff perhaps working in the BBC or other new business developments

being attracted to the city to come and have their hair done, or their nails done, or their lunch, or buy some spices or enjoy some Chinese food on Tudor Street. I would like to extend that invitation for you or your officers to visit.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

You rightly say that Cardiff is a fantastic vibrant multi-cultural city and we should certainly do all we can to support those varied business.

I am more than happy to come down to the Ward and to meet with businesses, and I also intend to raise the issues that you have highlighted with the Cardiff Business Council to see what more we can do to raise the profile of ethnic businesses within the council itself.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Craig Williams*

I was very disappointed to hear a Councillor in this Chamber talking down business and the growth in business in this city and will the Leader welcome today's figures in terms of this country being upgraded once again. GDP looking like it is over 3% and the IMF saying this is the fastest growing county in the G7.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

The reality is that the economic recovery is not affecting everyone equally. There are people that are still suffering as a result of the austerity measures that are coming through from Westminster.

This administration is doing everything it can to minimise the impact of that and I can assure that that will not let up over the months and years ahead.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Carter*

Coming back on the comments made by Councillor Williams and the response that the Leader gave that certain parts of the country are doing better than others at the moment. Would the Leader make a commitment to lobby his colleagues in the Welsh Government to be doing more to increase growth in Cardiff and across Wales?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I certainly do not think that Welsh Government need any steer in terms of economy growth and development, they have only just recently been celebrating record inward investment figures into Wales. I think we need to be doing everything we can and we are doing everything we can to really build on that, the recent addition into the Cardiff Enterprise zone in partnership with Welsh Government, a really clear signal that this City is delivering in terms of growth and jobs.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Question: *County Councillor Huw Thomas*

Following the encouraging news about the proposals to open a Welsh Community Centre in the city, can you elaborate on the plan, the timetable and location?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

We are currently working with partners to explore options for the development of a proposed Welsh Language Open Space in Cardiff.

This builds on the energy and ideas generated as a result of the Bilingual Cardiff Conference that was held and indeed at which you spoke in March earlier this year.

Given your role as well as the Chair of the Bilingual Cardiff Members Working Group, I would certainly welcome and thoughts or suggestions that you have so that we can work with partners to ensure that this becomes a reality.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Huw Thomas*

I am pleased to see that support the Welsh Language in Cardiff is having under your leadership. I

I would like to ask if we could have an idea of the timescales for this project as it is obvious that the idea of a Welsh Language Centre has been in the offing for some years, and there is therefore an argument that we move forward with this as soon as possible. As Chairman of the cross Party Bilingual Working Group, I would be happy to support this. I

would ask also what is your opinion will be the size of the centre and the annual resources needed - whilst noting your comments about the fact that we will be working in co-operation with partners?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I think the starting point has to be what the Welsh Language Community wants to see in terms of services before we start talking about size and potential buildings. I very much welcome your offer to work on this project, I think it is an exciting project, I met recently with Menter Caerdydd, they are very encouraged by the progress we are making now in Cardiff in terms of Welsh Language issues, and there is real to potential to pool some of those organisations together to create a really exciting hub, both in terms of education, in tourism and arts culture as well.

I think it is a model that we have already seen with the advice hubs when we have been able to bring organisations together to minimise costs and to bring added value and networking together and that is something they are willing to engage with, and I very much hope we can take the proposal forward.

Supplementary Question: *County Councillor Cowan*

Just to put on record really, you may not be able to provide it for me at this moment in time, but can you provide and publish any advice which you took in advance of making the announcement - I appreciate that it is not in its final stages yet - and details of the legal and financial implications before you made the statement and also the press report on the 12 July. I appreciate that it is only in the initial stages, but I would like to see copies of the advice you took before any statements that you made.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

I think if you had come to Tafwyl and heard the speech you would have heard that I was very clear that we would be working with partners now to see what we could do to deliver this hub. I gave my commitment to work with those partners to deliver it. I think it is an exciting opportunity, I don't think we should be looking at the cuts agenda and seeing that as something that holds us back from being creative, coming up with innovative solutions and certainly coming up with ideas that there is

clearly energy in the city to support, and that is very much part of the Cooperative Council ideal that we are pushing in Cardiff

52 : BUDGET STRATEGY 2015/16

The Lord Mayor invite the Cabinet Member, Corporate Services and Performance, Councillor Hinchey to present the report on the establishment of the financial strategy for the Council in readiness for the preparation of the 2015/16 revenue and capital budgets and to update the financial strategy to meet the continued significant financial challenges facing the Council in the medium term. In response to the risks attached to delivering savings of the expected quantum on a year on year basis the report sought to put in place savings targets for directorates not just for 2015/16, but for the life of the Medium Term Financial Plan.

The Cabinet at its meeting on 17 July 2014 had considered and agreed the recommendations in the report.

The Cabinet Member highlighted the seriousness of the worsening financial position for the Council and the significant reduction in funding from the Welsh Government resulting in a 4.5 % cut equating to budget gap next year £45.5m , and £124. This reduction is set against an increase demand for services particularly from the most vulnerable and the impact of Welfare Reform. The impact on service delivery will mean that the Council will need to look at the provision of services differently, which will result in the Council to go through a period of radical change, which will necessitate consideration of arrange of service delivery models; business process models; the development of new income streams and to realign itself to a sustainable resource base. Cardiff is an economic driver for the region, and contributes to the Welsh economy, and needs to be recognised by Welsh Government in its financial settlement.

The Strategy needs to be the administrations key aims of making a better future for the city; creating jobs and opportunities for all; prioritising education and helping those who need it most; and putting the co-operative agenda at the heart of the Council. The Welsh Governments requirement to protect Schools Delegated Budget impacts further on other budgets. The new Chief Executive has implemented a programme of organisational change to respond to the financial challenge. The programme will review the shape and model of the Council; look at partnership working; and increase engagement with the work force.

The Budget Strategy planning assumption allowed for an increase in Council Tax of 5% every year for the next 3 years and work was required for the people of Cardiff to understand and be involved in shaping services. Reports will be submitted to Cabinet in September on policy decisions that need to be taken in respect of emerging service provision. The Cardiff Debate a 3 year programme of engagement and work has already started with discussions with Trade Unions; and the Finance Spokespersons, as well as engagement with Scrutiny. The Capital programme remains under severe pressure. The financial reality is stark, and it must be accepted that in 3 years time the Council will be smaller and more resilient organisation.

The report outlined the timetable for the budget process to allow for the presenting of the Budget Report to Council on 26 February 2015.

The Cabinet Member commended the report and the report was seconded by the Leader, Councillor Bale. The Leader explained how he would continue to lobby the WLGA and Welsh Government ; the choices for the Council and its citizens; consultation through the Cardiff Debate; Scrutiny and with Councillors; engagement with Core Cities in UK and Europe; regeneration of the city; new bus station; and other major projects.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the budget strategy and invited comments from the Finance Spokespersons and Members in which a number of points were made, including the need to make further representations to Welsh Government about Local Government finance; the delivery of savings targets in year and future years and the need for monthly reports to all Councillors; ensuring the process identifies and allows for opportunity to look at options for savings; the provision of detail around the policy decisions earlier; the importance of equality impact assessment; the need to plan for the future shape of the Council; concerns about timescales; the importance of engagement and a clear explanation of proposals and effective consultation; the need for mechanisms to be put in place for scrutiny of the proposed policy decision, budget proposals and Corporate Plan. There were significant concerns about the impact on the future Capital programme and matters around the Council's borrowing and revenue budgets.

The Cabinet Member responded to the issues raised and reiterated the need for robust financial planning.

RESOLVED - That the budget timetable as set out in Appendix 1 be adopted and that the work outlined is progressed with a view to informing budget preparation.

53 : ESTABLISHMENT OF A CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Following a Joint Inquiry undertaken by the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee and the Corporate Parenting Panel on the role and status of Corporate Parenting in Cardiff, and the associated constitutional changes recommended by the Constitution Committee, the Council was asked to consider the recommendations of the report and approve the nominations for the vacancies on the new Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee as set out on the amendment sheet.

The Deputy Leader, Councillor Lent as the portfolio holder for Early Years, Children and Families presented the report. She drew attention to the foreword of the Chair of the Task and Finish Group, Councillor Evans which raised the issue of the status and reporting of the former Corporate Parenting Panel; the need to raise the profile of corporate parenting within the local authority; clarification of the terms of reference of the new Committee; the need to establish clearer lines of accountability. These new formal reporting requirements of the Committee will ensure that its work will be held to account by Cabinet, Children & Young People's Scrutiny Committee and Full Council, and ensure that the subject of corporate parenting is moved from the peripheral vision of a Council to the clear focus of centre-stage scrutiny.

The Lord Mayor invited contributions from Members. The current Chair of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Richard Cook and the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel, Councillor Evans underlined the importance of the Council's role as a Corporate Parent and the need to protect and support children and young people in particular those that are most vulnerable in society.

The report was commended to Council.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the establishment of a Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee (pursuant to section 102(4) of the Local Government Act 1972), to replace the current Corporate Parenting Panel be approved;

- (2) the terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee as set out in paragraph 10 of the report be approved;
- (3) the recommendations in respect of membership of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee set out in paragraph 12 of the report be approved;
- (4) the following Members be appointed to the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee in accordance with Recommendation (3) above: -
Deputy Leader - Early Years, Children & Families - Councillor Lent; Cabinet Member - Education & Skills - Councillor Magill
Cabinet Member - Safety, Engagement & Democracy - Councillor De'Ath; Councillors Corria and Evans; there were 4 vacancies to be filled;
- (5) the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any necessary changes to the Constitution in respect of the recommendations above.

54 : CONSTITUTION UPDATE

The Constitution Committee at its meeting on 11 June 2014, considered a report on various Constitution amendments required to reflect recent legislative and organisational changes and recommended that Council consider the proposed changes in respect of: -

- New Standing Orders Regulations on Senior Officer appointments;
- Members' remote attendance at meetings; and
- the appointment of Deputy (or Assistants to) Cabinet Members.

The Deputy Leader, Councillor Lent commended the report, and this was seconded by Councillor Hunt.

It was noted that the County Clerk and Monitoring Officer would report further to the Constitution Committee on the role and responsibilities of Assistants to Cabinet Members and within the scrutiny process.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the amendment of the Employment Procedure Rules as set out in Appendix A and the amendment of the Terms of Reference of the

Appointments Committee and the Employment Conditions Committee as set out in Appendix B, in order to reflect the new Standing Orders Regulations be approved;

- (2) the draft Remote Attendance Standing Order set out in Appendix D, subject to any further amendments be approved; and
- (3) the recommendations of the Constitution Committee in respect of the proposed amendment of Article 7.5 'Assistants to Cabinet Members' as set out in paragraph 21 of the report be noted.

55 : SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

The Lord Mayor invited the Chairs of each of the Scrutiny Committees to introduce their Annual Reports for 2013/14.

(a) Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Lent as Chair of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee during 2013/14 presented the Annual Report. The year had been extremely busy, with full committee meetings, 'Call-in' meetings, Task and Finish inquiry meetings; visits to service areas; work programme forums; and listening day for Looked After Children. In addition, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee had met in joint session with the Community and Adult Services Committee to scrutinise areas of common interest such as the Director of Social Services Annual Report.

The Committee monitored the Education Business Plan, Children's Services Business Plan, Families First, progress on the ESTYN Action Plan; Children's Service Performance Management, South Central Consortium and the Integrated Family Support Team Annual Report. In the area of pre-decision scrutiny the Committee fully scrutinised the Review of the Children's Library Service; the proposed budget for Children's Services, Education Service, Youth Service, and Children's play, and the proposed closure of the Council Nursery. In terms of policy development the Committee had explored the work of the Cardiff Youth Council, Adoption Service, and the Cardiff and Vale Safeguarding Board.

A key inquiry into Child Health and Disability was undertaken following concerns from parents around access to services. The inquiry focused on looking at models of good practice and a report was published earlier in

the year. The Committee held a further listening event this year, following the two successful events in 2012/13. The event was extremely successful. More recently, following a Council debate the Committee has been undertaking a joint inquiry with the Community and Adult Services Committee into Tackling Human Trafficking in Cardiff. Members heard from local agencies, the Police and the Crown Prosecution Services, and third sector agencies. The inquiry is currently considering their key findings and recommendations.

Councillor Lent thanked Members who participated in the work of the Committee; the co-opted members who had given their time; the many witnesses from within the Council and from external bodies and organisations who have attended the Committee; and the research and scrutiny officers who have provided invaluable support to the Committee. In particular she thanked the Principal Scrutiny Officer, Martin Hutchings and Scrutiny Support Officer, Nathan Swain for their hard work and innovative way they supported the Committee and its enquiries.

The current Chair of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee commended the work of the former Chair and Committee and advised on the key items for future scrutiny by this Committee, which would be drawn into a Work Plan at a meeting of the Committee in August.

The Chair responded to questions on the report and indicated that the work programme going forward would build on a number of key topics going forward.

(b) Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Groves, Chairperson of the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee presented the Committee's Annual Report, and thanked Councillors Patel, De'Ath and Sanders who had skilfully and enthusiastically chaired the Committee during 2013 and 2014. He also thanked witnesses; Committee and Scrutiny support staff for all their diligent and hard work throughout the year.

The Annual Report outlined the busy workload undertaken by the Committee in 2013/14 including specific inquiries; contributions to policy development and consideration of draft policy; pre-decision scrutiny in a number of significant policy areas; monitoring of performance and the implementation of previously agreed actions; and consideration of a number of briefing papers. All of these have been

followed through either with formal reports or letters to Cabinet, Officers and to external partners, sharing recommendations and concerns.

Two joint were held with the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to consider the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales Annual Review; and Annual Report in to the effectiveness of Social Care Services; and, along with meetings with Members from Economy and Culture; and Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committees to consider the establishment of Citizen Hubs.

The Chair responded to questions on the report and indicated that the work programme going forward would build on a number of topics considered during the year.

(c) Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Williams, Chairperson of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee presented the Committee's Annual Report for 2013/14. He thanked Members for their hard work and co-operation in working across political boundaries to focus on a range of important issues. The Committee had a productive relationship with Cabinet Members and senior officers, had developed useful links with professional and community-based organisations, and had supported the Council in grappling with a number of pressing economic and organisational challenges.

The Committee had considered a number of issues in relation to the city's economic and cultural development; the preservation of Cardiff's leisure, commercial, cultural and heritage assets in difficult financial circumstances; major sporting events and community sports participation; and learning and employment prospects for our varied communities. The Committee had produced a number of evidence based and practical recommendations for the Cabinet to consider.

The Chair thanked the Committee Members, officers and external stakeholders who've contributed to and supported the work of the Committee during the year.

The Chair responded to questions on the report and comments

(d) Environmental Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Mitchell, the Chairperson of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee introduced the report and highlight the work of the Committee over the last 12 months. The Committee was keen to ensure that scrutiny was just not a reactive body but one which has a constructive role to play in local government through reviews, working groups and cross-party pre-decision scrutiny.

It had been a challenging year with extreme financial pressures forcing the Council to fundamentally review how services are to be delivered and the management of its services to citizens. There had been a cross-party professional and collective approach to the scrutiny of a wide range of subjects.

During the year the Committee looked at a number of key issues - Cardiff Outdoors Project; Control of Dangerous Dogs in Cardiff; Ward Based Cleansing Trials; Sustainable Energy Options for Cardiff; Cardiff's Strategic Transport Vision and Greener Grangetown. The Dangerous Dogs report was presented in the House of Lords and the Assembly in an attempt to secure Dog Control Notices in the UK and Wales.

In addition to the Committee had supported a Joint Task and Finish Inquiry on the Local Development Plan (LDP) that provided a critical analysis of the most important and statutory key document for the capital city of Wales.

Going forward the Committee intended to focus on a smaller number of key issues facing the Council to ensure that its support and impact is maximised; build on the work done during the Cardiff Outdoors inquiry; scrutinising a range of Alternative Delivery Models for the provision of a number of Environmental Services; the development of a new Waste Management Strategy; the Council's drive to produce more renewable energy; and plans to develop a new bus station for the city.

The Chair thanked the Committee Members for their support and contributions, and all those witnesses for attending and giving up their time to give evidence, and finally the officers - in particular the Principal Scrutiny Officer, Richard Bowen.

The Chair responded to questions on the report and comments made in relation to topics considered by the Committee.

(e) Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Howells presented the Annual Report of the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee 2012/13. The Chairperson indicated that the Scrutiny Committee had worked very hard over the last year. The Chair thanked Committee Members who had sat on the Committee over the past year for their hard work and dedication; and the many witnesses who have appeared before the Committee to help us formulate its recommendations to the Cabinet; their expertise had been invaluable.

The Committee aimed to contribute to service improvement through robust pre-decision scrutiny; vigorous budget and performance monitoring; and by providing key 'critical friend' challenge of policy. With such wide-ranging terms of reference the Committee had endeavoured to undertake a strong corporate role, considering the assessments of external bodies such as the Wales Audit Office in terms of its Annual Improvement Report and the Welsh Local Government Association in terms of its Peer Review, as well as hearing from key partners and stakeholders such as Trade Union colleagues and the Cardiff Third sector Council. Considerable time has been spent on the review of budget and performance issues, as well as to considering the impact of policy development on the delivery of services to citizens. It is clear from the comments of the WLGA Peer Review that the value of scrutiny and its importance to the democratic process is recognised in Cardiff.

Scrutiny would continue to play a central role in driving improvement and ensuring the best for Cardiff's citizens. The Committee will build on the positive relationship which has developed with the Cabinet and the Council's new Senior Management Team over the past year and will continue to provide the vital 'checks and balances' to the Council. Building on the work of the past year, testing the delivery of the Organisational Development programme and its potential impact on citizens and employees; the development of the 2014/15 Budget Proposals and what they will mean for ongoing service delivery; and shaping how Cardiff can do better when compared against its peers, are likely to be strong themes in 2014/15.

The Chair responded to a number of comments and observations made in relation to the Annual Report; and topics considered by the Committee during the year.

The Lord Mayor thanked all the Chairs of Scrutiny for their contributions and detailed reports.

RESOLVED – That the work of the Scrutiny Committees during 2014/15 as set out in their Annual reports 2014/15 be commended and noted.

56: URGENT BUSINESS

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

57: LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS:

The report sought Council's approval the Local Authority School Governors.

RESOLVED - That Council agreed the following appointments to the Local Authority Governors to the School Governing Bodies and Temporary Governing Bodies:-

School Governing Bodies

<u>School</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Start of Vacancy</u>	<u>Applications</u>
Roath Park Primary School	Plasnewydd	26/06/2014	Councillor De' Ath
Corpus Christi RC High School	Lisvane	16/09/2014	Mrs Kathryn Brown
St Teilo's CW High School	Pentwyn	23/09/2014	Councillor Sarah Merry
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr	Fairwater	16/09/2014	Rev Thomas Morgan
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr	Fairwater	16/09/2014	Mrs Ruth Parry
Creigiau Primary School	Creigiau & St Fagans	16/09/2014	Mr Wynford Ellis Owen
Lansdowne Primary School	Canton	16/09/2014	Mr Badri Singh
Pencaerau Primary School	Caerau	23/09/2014	Mrs Pamela James
Pencaerau Primary School	Caerau	23/09/2014	Mr John Skelton

<u>School</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Start of Vacancy</u>	<u>Applications</u>
St Paul's CW Primary School	Grangetown	23/09/2014	Mr Gordon Bell
Trelai Primary School	Caerau	23/09/2014	Mrs Kate Ince

Temporary Governing Bodies

<u>School</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Start of Vacancy</u>	<u>Applications</u>
New Pontprennau School –	Pontprennau	N/A	Ms Ceri Veysey

58 : NOMINATIONS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND PANELS

The Council at its Annual Meeting on 29 May 2014 received and approved nominations from political groups to the seats allocated on each Committee.

RESOLVED: That the following appointments be made:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Nomination</u>
Constitution Committee	Councillor De'Ath to replace Councillor Lent and be appointed Chairperson
Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Love

59 : MEMBER CHAMPIONS

The Council at its meeting on 19 December 2013 agreed to adopt the role description and person specification for Member Champions. Member Champions are elected Members who, in addition to their other Council responsibilities, make sure that the issue or group that they are championing are taken into account when Council policy is being developed and decisions are made. The Report of the Expert Group on Diversity in Local Government "On Balance: Diversifying Democracy in Local Government in Wales" published earlier this year, highlighted the importance of Member Champions.

Discussions between the Cabinet Member for Safety, Engagement and Democracy and the County Clerk and Monitoring Officer identified three areas as appropriate for the initial establishment of Member Champions:

- Diversity and Equality;
- Community Food Growing (to address issues raised by the Notice of Motion on Allotments to Council on 17 April 2014); and
- Cycling and Sustainable Transport

RESOLVED - That

- (1) the following appointments be agreed: -
 - Councillor Corria as Member Champion for Diversity and Equalities;
 - Councillor Gordon as Member Champion for Cycling and Sustainable Transport; and
 - Councillor Holden as Member Champion for Community Food Growing
- (2) the County Clerk and Monitoring Officer be authorised to develop specific individual role descriptions for each Champion role to ensure there is a clearly understood distinction between Cabinet member roles and responsibilities and those of Member Champions

(The Meeting finished at 20:40)

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

60 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

ENVIRONMENT

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE

Under section 92A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Councils can serve a litter clearance notice on the occupier or owner of any land to remove litter or refuse that is considered 'detrimental to the amenity of the area'. Does the Council use these powers, has it done so in the past 12 months and, if so, how often?

If not, is it considering doing so in future?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

In the past 12 months, the Waste Enforcement team has dealt with 452 issues relating to litter on private land. Officers use a range of powers to remove litter from private land, including section 92A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

In most of the 452 cases, engagement with the tenant or land owner yields results that do not require formal action. In the past 12 months, a total of six formal "litter clearing notices" have been served using these specific powers.

Section 92A can only be used when litter from private open land is causing an evidenced nuisance on the adopted highway and, in the vast majority of cases, the problem is related to a waste presentation issue where refuse has not spilt out on to the pavement or highway.

As a result, the team uses Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to tackle waste and litter accumulations that are on private land or frontages. Over the past 12 months, a total of 45 formal notices have been served using this alternative legislation.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE

Is it the case that the Council has powers under the Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 to make Dog Control Orders, which can be used to reduce the number of dogs an individual may take

on Council land, exclude dogs altogether or require dogs to be kept on a lead?

Are there any current dog control orders on the Council's public open spaces?

What would prompt the Council to apply a dog control order?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

You may recall that a Joint Report of the Environmental and Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committees was published in January of this year on the subject of the Control of Dangerous Dogs.

Through this exercise, a number of recommendations to address those issues of concern were made, including the use of current legislation in the form of Control Orders that are available to local authorities as you describe. The Cabinet will consider its response to these recommendations in due course.

There are no control orders currently in place throughout the Council's public open space provision; however, through the Park Ranger service and in conjunction with Regulatory Services, the Council is active in ensuring that dog owners exercising their dogs in these areas act responsibly.

Such measures being undertaken include education and awareness events in parks, which help to communicate information to park users about the byelaws which are in place; the risks and issues associated with dog fouling, and enforcement measures that are used by the Council, including the issuing of fixed penalty notices to those dog owners who do not act responsibly by clearing up after their dogs.

Park Rangers will also challenge dog owners when their dogs are not under control and are affecting both the safety and enjoyment of other park users. This includes professional dog walkers who may be exercising a number of dogs at any one time.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN

Can you set out when councillors will see the criteria for the assessment of 'redundant' land and scrubland within the City; how you will be engaging with Local Members; and the timescale?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

Officers from the Sport, Leisure and Culture Directorate are working alongside other Directorates to explore opportunities for securing revenue streams from land disposals, rather than just capital receipts.

The principles for this, together with the criteria for identifying such areas of land, are being worked up currently, with a view to discussions taking place with relevant Cabinet Members. No firm timeline has been set, but the current thinking is that the approach could be piloted when the right opportunity emerges.

Member consultation will continue to be a key component of any planning applications.

TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN

The Impact Study for the Capital Region Metro compiled by Mark Barry in September 2013 included reference to 'an expanded P&R at Taffs Well on the A470 which can provide a source of revenue for new tram-train services'. In her press release in October 2013, the Minister for Economy and Transport stated that £62m capital allocation has been allocated to phase one of the Metro which included park and ride (P&R) schemes. Why, therefore, was there no mention of the P&R for the A470 in North Cardiff included within the LDP?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

The Cardiff Capital Region Metro Impact Study refers to the provision of Park and Ride on the A470 at Taffs Well within Rhondda Cynon Taf and at Junction 33 of the M4 in North West Cardiff.

The Local Development Plan includes the Park and Ride at Junction 33 within the Cardiff boundary, as illustrated in the Cardiff Deposit LDP Key Diagram on page 37 and Table 2 on page 55 of the Deposit LDP.

Park and Ride is also included in paragraph 4.90 on page 67 and within Policy T3 on page 146.

The Council continues to work in partnership with the Welsh Government, neighbouring local authorities and developers regarding opportunities to provide improved Park and Ride facilities for people travelling into Cardiff. This partnership working is referenced on the Deposit LDP Key Diagram, which shows an arrow indicating such a commitment at Taffs Well on the A470.