

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 27 November 2014 to transact the business set out in the Council Summons dated 20 November 2014.

Present: County Councillor Margaret Jones (Lord Mayor in the Chair);

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

(Council on 29 January 2015 amended typographical errors on page 287 and 294 these proceedings as indicated in ***bold italics***).

103 : APOLOGIES

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Bowden, Evans, Ford, Hunt, Javed, Love, Michael and Derek Morgan

104 : 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.

105 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

106 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded Members of their responsibility under Article 16 of the Members' Code of Conduct to declare any interest, and to complete Personal Interest forms, at the commencement of the item of business.

The following declarations were made:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Councillor Gareth Aubrey	Item 7: - Local Transport Plan	As a Non-Executive Director of Cardiff Bus
Councillor Huw Thomas	Item 7: - Local Transport Plan	As an employee of Sustrans Cymru
Councillor Craig Williams	Item 7: - Local Transport Plan	As a Non-Executive Director of Cardiff Bus

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107 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Councillor Monica Walsh

The Lord Mayor was delighted that Councillor Monica Walsh was able to attend the meeting.

Councillor Walsh thanked the Lord Mayor, Elected Members from all parties and officers for their kind support and encouragement over the last 6 months. Councillor Walsh also thanked her surgeon and the staff of both Royal Glamorgan and Velindre Hospitals for the excellent care and support she had received, and expressed the importance of adequate funding for fight against diseases such as cancer.

(ii) Christmas Carol Concert

The Lord Mayor was pleased to announce that the Lord Mayor's Charity Carol Concert for Elected Members and Employees arranged in collaboration with the Lord Mayor's Charity Committees would be held on 18 December 2014 at 10.30am in County Hall.

(iii) Recognition and Awards

50 years in service in Library Service

The Lord Mayor congratulated Pam Trounce who had recently celebrated a momentous 50 year milestone in her career working for Cardiff Council Libraries Service.

Pam began working for Cardiff Libraries on 2 November 1964. She lived opposite Rhydyppennau Library and felt inspired to apply for a post when leaving school after watching the Library being built.

Since then she has been based at Llanedeyrn Library for the last 35 years but has worked in every branch at some time during her career. Pam has experienced many working environments and changes to the service during the 50 years, particularly the introduction of computers, and has risen and embraced every challenge.

Pam is also the longest serving member of Libraries staff. It's a remarkable achievement and we would like to send warm congratulations to Pam and thank her for the hard work and dedication over the years.

South Wales Fire & Rescue Service-Three Welsh Fire & Rescue Services celebrate continuous improvement win

The three Welsh Fire & Rescue Services were presented an accolade for continuous improvement at the All Wales Continuous Improvement Community National Conference

The National Issues Committee (NIC), which is made up of the three Welsh Fire and Rescue Authorities and Services was recognised for its outstanding change and leadership at the All Wales Continuous Improvement Community National Conference 2014 and its inaugural awards ceremony held at the SWALEC stadium in Cardiff.

The NIC had been shortlisted with both Monmouthshire and Pembrokeshire County Councils' Children's Services. Professor Catherine Farrell, from the University of South Wales presented the 'Outstanding Change Leadership' award to the NIC.

The award recognises the exceptional collaborative work of the NIC with regards to excellence in leadership, demonstrating vision and strategic leadership. The All Wales Continuous Improvement Community National Conference celebrated the significant amount of continuous improvement which takes place within public sector organisations across Wales. The event highlighted that a vast array of innovative and creative methodologies are being used to improve the services delivered to our communities across Wales on a daily basis. The 200 attendees were from a broad cross-section of Welsh public sector services.

108 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were submitted:

1. Councillor Sanders – 358 signatures calling upon the Council to continue to fund, maintain and run Rhiwbina Library.
2. Councillor Bridges – 85 signatures calling on the Council to consult Gabalfa residents on local parking problems with a view to increasing the number of resident-only parking spaces in the area as a matter of urgency.
3. Councillor Howells – 17 signatures requesting the Council to carry out immediate repairs to Roath Library so that it can be reopened as soon as possible, and also calling on the Council to make a commitment that Roath Library will not be closed as part of the budget cuts.

109 : LEADERS STATEMENT

Expression of Interest in Voluntary Merger – Update

The Cabinet considered matters relating to the Reforming Local Government White Paper and voluntary merger of local authorities on 9th October 2014 and approved the submission to the Welsh Government in response to the consultation questions set out in the reforming Local Government White paper. The Cabinet also resolved to delegate authority to the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive to:

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- progress discussions about the potential development of an expression of interest in voluntary merger, including with the Vale of Glamorgan Council and other stakeholders;
- discuss with the Welsh Government the potential for the development of an alternative proposal based on exceptional circumstances; and
- seek an assurance from the Welsh Government that Cardiff will not be disadvantaged in terms of any freedoms and flexibilities that may be available to other local authorities.

The Leader advised that he and the Chief Executive met with the Leader and Managing Director of the Vale of Glamorgan Council on the 28 October 2014. Following this discussion it was evident that a voluntary merger option with Cardiff was not supported by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The Vale has since agreed to develop and submit an Expression of Interest in voluntary merger with Bridgend Council. This is expected to be approved at a special meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Cabinet, which is being held on the 28 November, and then submitted formally to the Welsh Government.

Meetings with the Leaders and Chief Executives of other stakeholders (i.e. other neighbouring local authorities – Newport, Caerphilly & Rhondda Cynon Taf Councils) also took place on 6 November 2014, but did not result in any agreement to proceed with an Expression of Interest in voluntary merger. These meetings were, nonetheless, very positive and underlined the commitment of neighbouring authorities to working closely with Cardiff to deliver savings and protect services.

As a result of these discussions, the Council is not in a position to submit a joint Expression of Interest in voluntary merger to the Welsh Government by the submission deadline of 28 November 2014. Consequently the Leader advised that he was not in a position at the present time to bring forward a report to Council that outlines options for an Expression of Interest in a voluntary merger. In the absence of a willingness on the part of neighbouring authorities to pursue a voluntary merger option involving Cardiff, no alternative proposals have been discussed with Welsh Government. The Leader stated that he had therefore written to the Minister for Public Services to seek assurances from the Welsh Government that Cardiff will not be disadvantaged in terms of any freedoms and flexibilities that may be offered to those local authorities who are able to proceed with voluntary merger. The Welsh Government had confirmed previously that it would support and incentivise those local authorities who wish to begin a voluntary process of merger.

In January, the Welsh Government will introduce a first Bill that will enable preparatory work for a programme of mergers. This will include the powers to enable ministers to require the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales to start work on considering and making recommendations for electoral arrangements for proposed new authorities. Subject to the approval of any Expressions of Interest in voluntary merger by the Welsh Government, more detailed and fully developed voluntary Merger Proposals must be submitted by 30 June 2015.

The Minister for Public Service deliver has also stated in a recent interview his intention to bring forward a White Paper in January. Should there be any consequential developments the Leader would update the Council.

Armed Forces Update

In March last year Cardiff signed the Armed Forces Community Covenant to promote good relations between the armed forces and the civilian community. To deliver against our Community Covenant commitment, and to help understand how public service providers can help meet the needs of service leavers, an Armed Forces Forum has been established across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. It is chaired by the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and attended by public service providers and third sector organisations.

As members of the Forum, the city has worked with partner organisations to take forward a number of positive activities to support the Armed Forces community in Cardiff. The forum builds on the successful collaborative approach with other major service providers and ensures that issues are considered across the Cardiff and Vale regional collaborative footprint. Work is also currently being undertaken to develop a concise "Directory of Services" with organisations such as SSAFA (Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association) that can signpost the Armed Forces community to those key services that they are likely to need. This also forms part of the collaborative activity with the Royal British Legion, who have recently opened a welfare outreach centre at 18/19 High Street Cardiff.

Several events have also been hosted to support the Armed Forces Community which the Council has supported. This has included promoting services at the Armed Forces Transition event. With regards to the Community Covenant Grant scheme, Cardiff has supported a number of successful funding applications, with a combined value of over £420,000. Activities funded through the Community Covenant Grant Scheme include an initiative to retrain service leavers as youth workers as well as a project to digitalise the names and histories of local war memorials to make them available to a new generation through smartphone apps.

The Lord Mayor invited questions from Members. A number of matters were raised on the Williams Commission recommendations and voluntary mergers; and the discussions had between authorities; on-going discussions with neighbouring Councils on collaborative work already in place and future opportunities; concerns that Cardiff should not be disadvantaged because of the lack of agreement / willingness for a voluntary merger; concerns on the costs of the merger process in the current climate of reducing funding; the Councils response to Welsh Government and lack of Council involvement in the response process.

The Leader stated that representations had been made to the Minister to ensure Cardiff would not lose out financially because it could not agree a voluntary agreement; and the importance of Cardiff as a partner. An announcement was due on 28 November on those Councils that had come forward with voluntary agreement

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proposals, and the Minister had indicated that his recommendations would be announced in new year for further consultation. The Leader stressed the importance of the performance of public services and the vision for public services in the future.

In response to a question on the Community Covenant Grant initiative to retrain service leavers as youth workers the Leader undertook to provide data on the numbers involved in the scheme.

110 : SAFETY, ENGAGEMENT & DEMOCRACY STATEMENT

White Ribbon Campaign

Having recently been awarded White Ribbon status, the City of Cardiff Council has joined several other organisations in city campaigning to make a stand and pledge a big no to Domestic Abuse against women.

The White Ribbon campaign is the world's largest male led movement to end men's violence against women which sees supporters wearing white ribbons. The international day takes place annually on the 25th November with 16 days of activism and ends on 10th December. Every year in the UK more than one million women suffer domestic abuse and more than 360,000 are sexually assaulted. Although abuse against women is disproportionately higher, anyone can be affected by violence and abuse.

Domestic violence statistics show that 70% of incidents result in injury and that on average, two women in England and Wales are killed by a partner every week. But what does wearing a white ribbon really mean? It says loud and clear that you will never condone, take part in or remain silent about domestic abuse against women.

Nearly all Welsh local authorities have signed up to the White Ribbon Campaign and Cardiff Council has worked together to raise the awareness of the campaign amongst staff members continuously.

Every year BAWSO and Welsh Women's Aid hold 'Light a Candle' service at Llandaff Cathedral to commemorate the International Day to End Violence Against Women, which I attended on November 25th. The event included very moving personal testimonies from survivors of different forms of violence and a speech by Leighton Andrews, the Minister for Public Services.

111 : EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN & FAMILIES STATEMENT

Following the questions raised by Councillor Walker at last month's Council concerning Child Sexual Exploitation, the Cabinet Member had prepared a statement on this crucial issue. The Cabinet Member welcomed the interest shown by Members on this issue, not only because it is a key priority for but because it provides the opportunity to remind all Members that Child Sexual Exploitation, or any form of child abuse, is the business of all agencies, professionals, council employees

and Members in this chamber. Members have a particularly important role to play as the eyes and ears of the community, where ward surgeries and local ward networks enable Members to be alert to the early signs of emerging safeguarding concerns. It might simply be that patterns of behaviour are noticed in that are worrying you or it might be something more definite about a particular child. If Members have concerns of this nature, the Cabinet Member reassured Members that Children's Services and the Police will be pleased to advise you of what course of action might be appropriate.

The Cabinet Member provided an update on the processes in place in Cardiff to respond to any emerging patterns of child sexual exploitation or to respond to cases of concern. She emphasised it was important to be aware that those involved in child sexual exploitation go to great lengths to conceal their activity. For that reason it is a largely hidden issue which needs to be flush out and confronted.

The Cabinet Member briefed on the current position and indicated that

- We need to do much more to understand how and where exploitative adults operate in Cardiff. The latest police intelligence does not indicate that there are gangs of men organising together in the way that was characteristic in Rotherham or Oxfordshire. The fact that we haven't discovered this sort of organised activity doesn't mean however, that it isn't happening in Cardiff and the fact that it has surfaced elsewhere in Wales means that we need to do more to strengthen and gather intelligence locally. Members have a key role for members in this respect.
- There have been some particularly serious cases of predatory individuals grooming naive and vulnerable young women to lure them into sexually abusive situations. Last year Social Workers in Cardiff were directly instrumental in the arrest and conviction of one particularly dangerous man. In these and similar cases, all professionals on the ground with responsibility for child protection are highly proactive and act without hesitation to intervene; they do so swiftly, in collaboration with each other and are supported by good protocols and systems.
- It is for these reasons and learning the lessons emerging from Rochdale and Oxfordshire that the Cardiff and Vale Local Safeguarding Children Board made CSE its first priority early in 2014.
- The last twelve months have seen a number of initiatives taken to enable us to address CSE in Cardiff and these include the establishment of a Cardiff and Vale CSE Forum led by a senior police officer and actively sponsored by the Police and Crime Commissioner. This forum has been undertaking a lot of the strategic thinking and planning needed to strengthen intelligence gathering, coordination and policy and included an awareness raising conference for City social workers and other professionals held in early 2014. A members' Human Trafficking Enquiry also reported earlier this year setting out some important findings about the relationship between human trafficking and CSE.
- Finally it is worth noting that the May 2014 CSSIW Report of the Inspection of Safeguarding for Looked After Children provided a high level of reassurance that

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Children's Services staff are proactive in safeguarding looked after children who engage in risk taking behaviour or who are vulnerable and that the picture is an improving one overall.

Although the Cabinet Member was reassured overall by the determination of individual Social Workers and Managers in Cardiff and can see strong signs of good inter-agency strategic development, she was acutely conscious of the need for all Members to substantially strengthen the Council's approach. The Cabinet Member had recently attended the annual conference of Directors of Children's Services in Manchester, and one of the key areas of discussion was CSE and three key messages came from the debates. These were

- that we need to think beyond the limits of Cardiff and develop a Wales wide or at the very least a South Wales Strategy, stretching along the whole of M4 corridor as a minimum. If CSE is prevalent in the Cardiff area, then it is known to be highly mobile along major highways;
- that effective measures to tackle emergent patterns, require agencies to combine forces on the ground in well resourced multi-disciplinary teams; we saw some very good examples of best practice at the conference, based on this kind of model. No one agency has the skills or the answer. This is not something that can be bolted onto the day job - it requires specialists working closely together;
- that we need to do much more to raise public awareness and in particular equip and empower young people with the knowledge and support to recognise the signs and to provide them with good access to ways of stopping it when it threatens.

The Director of Children's Services has advised that a senior meeting of key decision makers is taking place this week - the South Wales Safeguarding Forum, led at Assistant Chief Constable level and that this meeting will be focusing on our capacity and readiness in relation to CSE in South Wales. The meeting will be considering self-assessments recently completed by each LSCB, based on a nationally validated tool, to ascertain the level of interagency effectiveness and to agree what steps need to be taken to strengthen collaboration and intervention strategically and on the ground.

The Cabinet Member indicated that she intended to update Members further on these developments in the near future, and that she had also asked the Monitoring Officer and the Director to commission the development of a clear protocol for all Members which will set out clear advice about the route for raising safeguarding concerns in general and for making specific child-related referrals in particular so that Members are better supported to play their part in safeguarding in the community; the draft protocol will be finalised in consultation with Group Leaders.

The Cabinet Member encouraged Members to sign up for the programme of Children Services and Social Care briefings that will be run in 2015/16 to support awareness and understanding of a range of complex issues and Child Sexual

Exploitation in particular. Further information about this programme would be circulated in due course.

The Lord Mayor invited questions from Members. Members welcomed the detailed statement which was essential to keep Members informed in their important role as corporate parents, and safeguarding. Members underlined the need for a multi-discipline team and welcomed the proposed Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub initiative and were interested in the timescales for this to be introduced. Members raised concerns that the policies and plans are robustly tested and effective to safeguard vulnerable children.

The Cabinet Member was committed to listening to Members and noted the matters raised and she confirmed that the Council was looking at a Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub model that meets the needs for Cardiff. Children Services are proactive and rely heavily on information from other agencies and anything to improve the system will be considered

112 : ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

Giving Nature A Home Project

The Cabinet Member had attended a Joint Project Board Meeting that is overseeing a partnership project bringing together Cardiff Council and the RSPB and under the societies, Giving Nature a Home project. The project is designed to reconnect with nature bringing it back into our city. The Giving Nature a Home in Cardiff Project is being funded until 2017 and is being supported by Tesco customers through the Welsh Governments carrier bag levy. Through research undertaken by the RSPB it was established that only 13% of children in Wales were found to have a realistic connection to nature, compared to 21% across the rest of the UK. This was a worrying statistic and there are endless opportunities for connecting children to nature in Cardiff and one of the aims of the project is to encourage young people and their families to spend more time, more regularly, outdoors enjoying the wildlife in their gardens, school grounds and parks and green spaces through a wide range of activities and events. The project will also, over time serve to develop and increase volunteer networks linked to the outdoor environment and for the benefit of the Council and users of the service.

National Tree Planting Week

Saturday 29 November 2014 marks the commencement of National Tree Planting Week, which runs through to Sunday 7 December 2014. To celebrate this event the Council will be commencing its own tree planting programme which will see 250 trees planted throughout Cardiff's parks and green spaces and streets. This year's programme is being generously supported by Cardiff Civic Society, who will be meeting the costs of the supply of specimen trees scheduled for planting throughout our parklands. Cardiff's tree stock plays a vital role in terms of shaping the character of our City as well as providing benefits including mitigating carbon emissions,

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mitigating flooding and erosion, providing habitats for wildlife, increasing property values and improving mental health and well being.

APSE Awards

The Association of Public Service Excellence has shortlisted Cardiff Council as finalists in the category of Most Improved Performer for Local Authority Parks and Grounds Maintenance Services and as a result of benchmarking undertaken throughout the UK parks and grounds maintenance group. Six finalists have been shortlisted from a benchmarking group of fifty two local authorities. An announcement on the most improved performer will be made shortly.

House Frontages Initiative

Waste Management have joined with the housing team to provide a new city wide service for frontage and house clearances. This paid service can be accessed by home owners, landlords, tenants and management companies.

As well as city wide promotion of the new paid service, this commercial venture will be promoted to problem properties by waste enforcement officers, the HMO licensing team and our housing teams. This gives the householders, tenants and landlords an alternative, cost effective and easy solution to waste build up on their premises. Waste enforcement activities will continue to tackle waste presentation, but now individuals have no excuses for not disposing of their waste responsibly and will hopefully help reduce unsightly frontages that blight too many areas in the city.

Abandoned Shopping Trolleys

Our initiative to remove another blot on the landscape i.e.: abandoned shopping trolleys is continuing to make an impact. We have already collected 680 trolleys this year compared to 675 in the previous year, with charges totalling £60,000, a cost-effective way of helping keep our streets and parks clean I am sure you will agree.

Food Waste Campaign

The Council has secured another £20,000 from Waste Awareness Wales to run a targeted literature promotion on food waste in addition to the £40,000 we received earlier this year. The importance of everyone doing their bit to recycle their waste cannot be overstated and according to Waste Awareness Wales, Welsh families waste £60 a month on their food, in these tough financial times, only underlines this further.

Housing (Wales) Bill

The Council has restated its commitment to manage the registration and licencing regime for landlords, lettings and management companies for all local authorities in Wales, which Welsh Government has accepted as the Wales Housing Bill heads

towards Royal **Accent** and becoming Wales' first ever Housing Act. This builds on our work on the Welsh Landlord Accreditation Scheme.

A new IT system is required for this arrangement and Welsh Government has agreed £65,000 of funding to cover this project. Along with colleagues in Welsh Government The Cabinet Member indicated that he was committed to making the implementation a success and believe a national approach will bring wider benefits in the long term.

The Lord Mayor invited questions from Members. Matters were raised in relation to the leaf sweeping regime; the need to keep Ward Councillors informed of initiatives and schemes such as the 'blitz' teams; concerns about anti social issues in parks; house frontage initiative and other delivery of other household waste services; and the wildflower pollination project and parks and verges regime.

The Cabinet Member was pleased to confirm that the Giving Nature a Home project was up and running with the RSPB. Operational matters in relation to street cleaning/ sweeping and waste services were being delivered in accordance with delivery plans.

113 : LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

(Councillor Huw Thomas declared a personal interest under the Member Code of Conduct as an employee of Sustrans and contributor to the report. Councillor Thomas remained at the meeting during the debate but took not part in the debate.

Councillors Aubrey and Craig Williams declared an interest under the Member Code of Conduct as a Non-Executive Directors of Cardiff Bus appointed by the Council. Councillors Aubrey and Craig Williams remained at the meeting and participated in the debate))

Council was requested to approve the Local Transport Plan as part of its Policy Framework prior to submission to Welsh Government for approval in January 2015.

The Cabinet Member, Transport, Planning and Sustainability introduced the report which identified the Council's programme of transport improvements to extend the range of travel choices for Cardiff residents and support its growth in a sustainable way.

The Cabinet Member advised that in accordance with Welsh Government requirements the Council had produced a five year Local Transport Plan detailing the key transport schemes which it would seek to deliver in partnership with Welsh Government, transport providers and stakeholders between 2015 and 2020, and its longer term aspirations up to 2030. The Council's priorities had been appraised against strategic objectives and delivery timescales.

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The Local Transport Plan would be the Council's primary reference for transport infrastructure project bids for annual capital funding bids to Welsh Government. Any capital grant funding would be match funded through levies from new development brought forward through the Local Development Plan.

The Plan focuses on sustainable infrastructure improvements to the public transport system and providing better cycling and pedestrian facilities. These improvements will be delivered alongside improvements to the highway network and traffic management at key junctions.

The Council's commitment to a new integrated public transport hub to be delivered with partners is a key priority in the Plan and would be delivered by working with stakeholders on the redevelopment of Central Square. Transport schemes such as this were essential to stimulate economic growth and sustainability of Cardiff as a Capital City and city region.

The Lord Mayor invited debate.

Councillor Ralph Cook proposed motion without notice under Council Procedure Rule 25 (a) (iv) to refer the Local Transport Plan back to Cabinet to be reconsidered and for the vision for Cardiff to be clearly identified as well as what the Plan needs to achieve. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Woodman.

Clarification was sought of the Proper Officer on whether if Council was minded to refer the report back at the meeting whether the Council would still be able to meet the deadline for submission. It was confirmed that the Council was required to make its submission by 31 January 2015.

During the debate Members raised issues with

- conflicts with the Local Development Plan;
- the sustainability of transport network in Cardiff;
- the lack of recognition in the Transport Plan of the Metro and electrification schemes;
- achievability of a 50/50 modal split;
- proposed rail network and station redevelopments;
- the capital costs of the Plan and funding in particular the securing of Community Levy agreements funds from key development projects;
- the infrastructure bids process and timescales for confirmation of funding and delivery of projects; ;
- whether there had been a full consultation with key stakeholders, transport groups and network user groups such as the cycling groups.

The Cabinet Member advised that the Council's Local Development Plan addressed both infrastructure and transport matters and the development of the integrated transport hub was an important element that was being developed. The Council

was delivering on key elements of the plan already to improve traffic movement and congestion; changes to the model split; and the introduction of the Moving Traffic Orders were a good example of this policy framework. The Cabinet Member commended the report to Council for approval.

The Lord Mayor moved to the vote on the Reference back as proposed by Councillor Ralph Cook.

For (27)

County Councillors Manzoor Ahmed, Aubrey, Boyle, Bridges, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Ralph Cook, Cowan, Kirsty Davies, Graham, Holden, Howells, Hudson, Hyde, Kelloway, Lloyd, McEvoy, McKerlich, David Rees, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sanders, Graham Thomas, Walker, Craig Williams and Woodman.

Against (32)

County Councillors Dilwar Ali, Bale, Bradbury, Burfoot, Davis, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Goodway, Gordon, Govier, Groves, Hinchey, Keith Jones, Knight, Lent, Lomax, Magill, McGarry, Merry, Mitchell, Parry, Patel, Phillips, Simmons, Stubbs, Ben Thomas, Huw Thomas, Walsh, Weaver, White and Darren Williams.

Abstain (4)

County Councillors Richard Cook, Goddard, Joyce and Murphy.

The Reference back was lost.

The Lord Mayor moved to the vote on the recommendations to approve the Local Transport Plan and as contained in the report.

For (34)

County Councillors Dilwar Ali, Bale, Bradbury, Richard Cook, Davis, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Goddard, Goodway, Gordon, Govier, Groves, Hinchey, Keith Jones, Knight, Lent, Lomax, Magill, McGarry, Merry, Mitchell, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, Simmons, Stubbs, Ben Thomas, Huw Thomas, Walsh, Weaver, White and Darren Williams.

Against (27)

County Councillors, Aubrey, Boyle, Bridges, Burfoot, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Ralph Cook, Cowan, Kirsty Davies, Graham, Holden, Howells, Hudson, Hyde, Kelloway, Lloyd, McEvoy, McKerlich, David Rees, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sanders, Graham Thomas, Walker, Craig Williams and Woodman.

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Abstain (2)

County Councillors Manzoor Ahmed and Joyce.

RESOLVED – That

1. the City of Cardiff Council Local Transport Plan 2015 – 2020 (Appendix A) Be agreed for submission to Welsh Government
2. delegated authority be granted to the Director (Strategic Planning, Highways, Traffic and Transportation) to prepare annual programmes of infrastructure schemes including bids for external funding, scheme preparation and implementation, in conjunction with the Council's annual budget setting and subject to the approval of the Council's capital budgets in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance, Section 151 Officer and the County Solicitor.

114 : TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REPORT 2014-15

The Council's Treasury Management activities are governed by legislation and the revised Code of Practice 2009 developed by Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). The Council's Audit Committee had scrutinised the Treasury Management Strategy and Practice.

The Cabinet Member Corporate Services and Performance, Councillor Hinchey drew Members attention to the mid year monitoring report of Treasury Management activities between 1 April and 31 October 2014. In addition he drew attention to the recommendation in the report that the Council enters into a voluntary agreement to exit the current Finance Housing Subsidy system and approval be given to the Director of Communities, Housing and Customer Services in consultation with the Corporate Director Resources and the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Social Care and the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance to conclude the appropriate detail within the voluntary agreement and sign on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED – That

1. the Treasury Management Mid Year Report 2014-15 (Appendix 1) be noted;
2. the current position on Housing Finance reform to allow all 11 stock retaining authorities to exit the Subsidy system following acceptance of a voluntary agreement be noted;
3. the proposal to enter into a voluntary agreement to exit the subsidy system was agreed;

4. delegated authority be granted to the Director of Communities, Housing and Customer Services in consultation with the Director Corporate Resources and the Cabinet Members for Health, Housing and Wellbeing and for Corporate Services and Performance to conclude the appropriate detail within the voluntary agreement and sign on behalf of the City of Cardiff Council.

115 : ORAL QUESTIONS

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

What impact will the recommendations outlined in the Options Paper 'Future provision of Libraries Services in Cardiff' have on our ability to meet the Welsh Public Library Standards?

Reply

We are currently consulting on the proposals outlined in the Options Paper and will be meeting with community groups and other partners in seeking to develop sustainable delivery models.

Following the recent publication of the report of the Expert Review Panel of Public Libraries in Wales, the key recommendations were issued to all local authorities. Recommendation 6 details the necessity of reviewing community supported methods of delivering library services.

CyMAL are therefore currently reviewing all models of community assisted delivery and will be issuing guidelines early next year on what can be included as statutory provision in the annual performance report. We will be taking their views and that of local communities into consideration before making decisions.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Howells

As you know, libraries are more than places where you can borrow a book or browse the web – they are places where people can socialise and feel less socially excluded. They are places where they can carry out research and get more involved in the community. But more importantly, they are places where people can improve their life chances or, as you outlined in *What Matters Strategy* - where people of Cardiff can achieve their full potential.

So can I ask what assessment has been made of the added value that many of the libraries that we have in our more deprived areas provide to our residents when you have drawn up your list of libraries that will have their Council funding withdrawn?

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Roath Library may not give out as many books or lend as many books as some of the libraries but provides such an essential service for many residents in my ward.

Reply

As you are aware, I am trying to arrange a meeting to discuss with Local Members the situation with Roath Library *vis-à-vis* the boiler, which is currently not working, and to explain what opportunities there are to keep a sustainable service in that area.

As part of the Library Strategy paper we have assessed lots of factors in deprived areas, including the introduction of a multi-agency hub approach, which we have introduced in other deprived areas of our city, and we are looking to get more hubs as we outlined in the Hub Strategy paper. As you know as you are a Member of the Scrutiny Committee that looked at this, it is very difficult – we can't put hubs everywhere, and we have got to try and make savings, as outlined by the Minister today in his speech to the voluntary sector.

My personal commitment, and I say this to everyone in the room, is to try and find a sustainable solution for our Library Service. You know, closure is always the last option and we're looking as part of the Library Strategy to start from the point that these services are worth saving and we want to work with community groups to ensure that we can find a solution, which is what is happening right across Wales and right across the UK at the moment.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Cowan

I think you may agree with me, Councillor Bradbury that this document has the potential to rip the heart out of libraries in our communities.

You talk a lot about finding sustainable solutions, but if you can't find sustainable solutions, is closure the only other option?

Reply

Like you have always stated, we have budgets to set, we have less money to do so, and we have to look at alternative methods of delivering the library service. It's not just in the library service – right across the whole of the Council we have to make some of these decisions. The fact of the matter is I am more optimistic than you, because every month you come into this chamber and tell us of the fantastic community groups that are in Rhiwbina who step forward and are willing to help the Council to deliver services, such as cutting grass verges, as you mentioned just recently.

I believe that other authorities have undertaken this same sort of exercise – Liverpool have done it recently; the Vale of Glamorgan have recently done a similar exercise where they have gone out to consult on their libraries to try and find

community options. I think we owe it to the people of Rhiwbina and the people of Cardiff to try our best to try work with them to find solutions.

My final point is it is okay coming in here and saying this and making out this is all my fault, but every year since I became a Councillor your Group have proposed council tax cuts and a reduction in services.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALKER

Does the Leader appreciate how unsettling it is for the citizens of Cardiff, at a time of uncertainty and budgetary challenges, to read in the press that splits in the ruling Group could call into question the passing of a Council Budget in February. Can he assure Council and its electors that, after political and public consultation, he will be able to command the required party support to pass the 2015/16 budget?

Reply

I can assure you that processes are in place to enable my administration to propose a budget to Council in February 2015.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Walker

Is the Leader aware that tonight's majority was just four votes on something like the Transport Plan and is he certain that he can actually command support to get through his budget with that sort of rebellion going on in his ranks?

Reply

I find it quite interesting at this current time when you've got Tory MPs defecting to UKIP it seems like month after month; and if you look at the Assembly Conservative Group in Cardiff Bay - the issues that they've got with their leadership, and with people not going to meetings and for you to turn that around to us at the current moment in time, I throw it back to you and say that the Conservative Party needs to look at its own issues with in-fighting and factions, rather than try and deflect attention from its own problems onto us.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Goodway

I am sure that the Leader of the Council is quite touched by the concern shown by Councillor Walker to the potential for discontent in the agreement of any budget going forward. Does the Leader agree with me that, if Councillor Walker is so concerned, he can eliminate those concerns immediately by committing his group to supporting the Cabinet proposals, and will he do so now?

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Reply

Clearly, I'm sure I'd welcome support from all quarters for our budget next year. It's really important that we take forward what we're doing in terms of the Cardiff Debate, and we listen to the consultation exercise that's taking place right across the city and reflect on what comes back from that.

We **will bring** those proposals before Council in February, and I'm sure we'll have a robust and lively debate about it at that time.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON

Since 2009, Rhiwbina Library has had the highest number of books issued every month of any library (except the central library). How can you justify its proposed closure?

Reply

I have to emphasise that these are just proposals at this stage and it is important that you encourage as many of your constituents to have their say through the consultation on the Library Strategy that is now open.

As a result of the significant financial pressures on public services and our desire to redesign library services in the city, you will be aware that we are currently consulting on a new Libraries Strategy. None of the proposals set out in the Libraries Strategy paper have been based on book issues.

Where possible, we have sought to bring services together through the Communities Hub programme. Unfortunately, not all libraries can become Hubs and, for these locations, we need to work with community or commercial partners to seek their support in developing sustainable solutions for the future delivery of library services.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Robson

Thank you for the answer and can I thank you for the offer to meet when we were talking to you in the break.

Can I just remind you, Councillor Bradbury, that currently Rhiwbina has no direct bus link to Llandaff North or Llanishen, where the proposed new hubs are expected to be located; and can I also remind you respectfully that this proposal has caused a lot of anger.

I accept it is a proposal, we welcome the fact that it's out for consultation now, but this is a proposal is for the last remaining Council facility, apart from the schools, to

be withdrawn from our ward and this affects some of the people who pay the highest taxes in this city – they are angry about it, they've made their feelings clear already with a petition, and there are more signatories to come. So I hope that you will reconsider it. This community working idea is very nice but when you're talking £123,000 a year, which is the figure, I don't think it is sustainable.

Do you agree that the community working idea is looking to be a little unrealistic at this stage?

Reply

No, I can't call something unrealistic until we've tried to find a solution. As I've said, we've got to go out and consult and it would be wrong for me to say that this is going to be a failure when we don't know yet know, and I don't think it will be.

I understand the anger in your ward. Lot's of Councillors around this chamber over the last five or six years have lost Council services from their ward because of cuts that have come down through the system via central government to us.

I would like to state that the Minister today stated "our task is to create a partnership between the different sectors – the public sector, the professionals, and of course the voluntary movement who know what is needed and are committed to providing this." That is the Local Government Minister stating that this is the future of library provision throughout the country.

We are not alone on this and, therefore, that fills me with a little bit of hope in that other Councils have faced this and dealt with it in the past. I am very happy to meet with you, your colleagues, and I have spoken to Councillor Cowan on this already.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor McKerlich

Councillor Bradbury, as someone who is about to wrestle with the problem of finding a sustainable alternative to the current library provision in Radyr, I was very pleased to hear of your experiences when visiting libraries in the Vale and Liverpool, which have now got community-based solutions.

So that I can learn from best practice, can you tell me which of the libraries you have visited came closest in terms of providing a sustainable way to replicate the range of services currently provided by council-sponsored libraries?

Reply

I have not visited Liverpool and the Vale of Glamorgan – I actually found this thing called the Internet, you see, and it tells you about these proposals that are going on in other areas, not just in Cardiff.

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The Vale, actually, I learnt from speaking to the Vale Cabinet Member with responsibility for libraries in the WLGA Libraries conference that we had here in City Hall. There have been examples of good practice that we have heard from and that we've seen. I think that we will have to go out and look at examples of good practice elsewhere but, as you know, there was a community co-ordination event that you attended and there it was made clear as well that there are examples of good community groups running services for the Council now, here in Cardiff. We don't trumpet them enough.

I haven't been to Liverpool, I haven't been to the Vale but maybe that is something I should do.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Could the Cabinet Member give the most detailed breakdown possible of savings achieved in closing Waungron Road and how these were achieved?

Reply

Following the closure of the Waungron Road Household Waste Recycling Centre, the budget and four permanent staff transferred across to the three remaining sites to manage the same amount of waste arising that had been received at the four sites.

The increase to the on-site staff numbers has enabled 7,420 more tonnes of waste to be diverted to recycling. As recycling is cheaper to process than waste to landfill, this has saved the Authority in excess of £200,000 in disposal costs.

A further £24,500 savings in this year have also been realised through the elimination of planned and reactive maintenance and repairs, building cleansing, future waste licensing fees and National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR).

Supplementary Question from County Councillor McEvoy

Could the Cabinet Member explain in detail what his statement "working at half capacity" means?

In justifying closure, one of the things that you said repeatedly was that the site was only working at 50% capacity. Could you explain what you meant by that, please?

Reply

If you're saying you're worrying about what that wording actually means, that means working at 50%

But what I'm talking about here is making sure that we get the best use out of our recycling sites. As I've said, with the numbers here, it goes to show that in fact recycling targets haven't been adversely affected by the closure of Waungron Road. In fact, it's been the opposite that's been the case.

The idea that we're progressing here is to have fewer sites but better manned, better utilised so that people, when they go there, are clearly directed in the right place to do their recycling and this is clearly working, from the figures I've given you.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Graham Thomas

This feels to me like just another example of the lack of services that Cardiff West receives at the moment.

What are the future plans for the Waungron Road site and I put this question in the context of the expansion to take place in the west of the city and the possible change in viability that that brings us, and also the lack of alternative waste provision for residents?

Reply

I'm not quite sure where you're coming from in terms of the facilities that Cardiff West gets – as far as I can see, Cardiff West gets served quite well.

In terms of your question about the future of Waungron Road, you'll have to ask that of a the Cabinet Member that now has responsibility as this is no longer under my control.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON

A large number of trees in one of Riverside Ward's Conservation Areas have been felled without permission. Mature lime trees and large mature shrubs on Romilly Crescent have left the former tree line desecrated by the developer of the St Winifred's site. Two mature sycamore trees on the former Vicarage at the junction of Romilly Crescent and Conway Road were cut down last week. Two weeks ago a mature Norwegian Maple in a rear garden of the new town houses was cut down leaving the residents with gardens backing on to the development upset at the harsh and dominating rear aspect of the development that was previously screened by the tree. There is a lot of anger from local residents over the loss of these huge trees. How was this allowed to happen and what enforcement action is being taken against those responsible?

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Reply

No trees within the former St Winfried's Nursing Home site have been felled without authorisation, either through a planning permission or Conservation Area notification.

Three limes, a yew and a deodar cedar have been damaged by unauthorised work and remedial measures comprising pruning, mulching and installation of structural soil have been implemented in mitigation.

Further mitigation in terms of new planting *may* be possible and will be considered by the Tree Preservation Officer once authorisation is given for him to visit the site.

The Norway maple bounding properties on Llanfair Road was not visible from public places and was oppressive in the rear garden of Number 3 The Crescent.

Its primary value was as a visual buffer, but this alone is not sufficient to merit service of a TPO and the property owners are very likely to plant new trees better suited to the context of a small residential garden.

A sycamore, lime and holly of poor form have been felled at the former vicarage following TPO consent and will be replaced by two maidenhair trees.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Gordon

Would it be possible to have a site visit so that the residents can have that explanation and for the Council Planning Officers and Tree Officer to come and see what is a quite appalling loss of trees in the area. Even that tree in the back garden – in a conservation area, you still have to have permission to fell an important mature tree like that.

Could you come out for a site visit and review the case of the planning application?

Reply

I'd be more than happy to come out and have a look myself but I think it would probably be more sensible if our Tree Preservation Officer joined you and you could talk to them about it because, obviously, they're the expert on these things and you can talk through the issues you might have. So, by all means, what I suggest you do, Councillor, is if you could just drop me a quick email just to outline your concerns. I'll talk to the Tree Preservation Officer and, if possible, we'll both come out but it may be simpler for just him to join you.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Dianne Rees

I am pleased to see Councillor Gordon's concern at a number of trees being cut down in her ward as a result of new development and I hope she'll show the same or

similar concern at the planned desecration of countryside and tree loss in my ward as a result of her party's Local Development Plan proposals.

Would you please consider what you're doing in the Local Development Plan with such similar desecration of trees and countryside?.

Reply

If I was in charge of the Local Development Plan, I certainly would consider it.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

How many people took part in the recent waste management consultation (<http://www.surveys.cardiff.gov.uk/wastestrategy/>)?

Reply

This consultation is running parallel with the budget consultation. It was only released last Friday. It will run until 12th January 2015. Therefore, I cannot yet provide you the outcome, but we have already received 150 responses in the first few days.

Hard copies will be sent to 3000 randomly selected households and the web link is being sent to over 300 key stakeholders and community networks for wider circulation. A full electronic version of the consultation will be circulated to all Councillors this week.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Bridges

Thank you for that, it's helpful to know how many people have taken part so far.

Several residents have contacted me to say that they feel that the wording of the consultation is lacking in objectivity and that they feel they are being steered towards giving particular answers. For example, responders have to express a preference for either a three or four weekly collection, or for a fortnightly collection but with smaller bins or with limited number of bags.

Why aren't residents being given an option to resist these moves?

Reply

Because we need to make some changes both from the point of view of saving money but, more importantly, to increase our recycling, which you're well aware of, 150% to 58% in twelve months is a challenging target. The only way we can do that

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is by making sure that residents recycle more and these are some of the many ways that we've got to encourage that.

Supplementary Question from Councillor Stubbs

This time last year, myself, my colleague Councillor Marshall, and my colleague Councillor Thomas, who isn't here today, became aware of a number of leaflets during a by-election going out suggesting that a consultation meant the decision had already been made and that the city was moving to weekly collections. Would you warn against those sorts of leaflets in the future?

Reply

I certainly would warn against that – a consultation is purely what it says and that's why we're giving these people options. Let's see what they come up with and then we can move forward.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MAGILL (EDUCATION AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES

I understand that some Local Authorities in England are issuing specific guidance to schools on identifying and preventing radicalisation of their pupils. How is Cardiff Education Authority tackling this issue and if you are not already issuing such guidance will you consider doing so as a matter of urgency?

Reply

In respect of the UK Government's Prevent agenda, there is a good working relationship with education professionals, Welsh Government officials and schools in Cardiff.

The Home Office has funded the Getting on Together (GOT) Project for use in Cardiff Secondary Schools. This project is linked to the national curriculum in respect of R.E., Welsh Baccalaureate and P.S.E. studies and enables pupils to discuss and debate issues around extremism, under the supervision of a qualified teacher.

The majority of Secondary Schools attended the initial training programme and those that were absent have been encouraged to attend the second training round, which will take place in early 2015. The Getting on Together Project was also the subject of a positive, independent evaluation by Cardiff University.

In addition to the above, there are a number of qualified WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) Trainers in the education sector, with training being delivered to staff in order that they are more able to identify extremism issues and refer any

concerns, as appropriate. Prevent guidance is contained within the training programme.

Close working relationships between education and other partners will continue.

Supplementary Question from Councillor Dianne Rees

I'm glad to hear that there is work being done on it. As a school governor I'd like to see any documentation that goes out to Cardiff schools please.

Do you know if any Cardiff sixth form pupils have attempted recently to go to overseas to join outlawed terrorist groups such as ISIS, and would they be allowed to return to Cardiff schools on their return to Cardiff?

Reply

As, Councillor, you will be aware, as we all are, there are a number of documented recent events of well reported incidents of such events of young people going across to Syria and to other places. Obviously, this is an agenda which has a lot of sensitivity around it and I don't think that it would be appropriate to discuss in the chamber the details that you are requesting in quite these terms. But I am happy to have a meeting with you so that I can brief you further on the work on this agenda.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN

It was alluded to at the last Policy Review and Performance Committee Meeting that staff worked for free at the Cardiff Debate. Will you be liaising with all staff who could potentially work for free at future Cardiff events, in times of financial hardship for the Council?

Reply

The staff who worked at the Cardiff Debate all volunteered to work at the events. They welcomed the opportunity to engage positively in face-to-face conversations with residents, community groups and partners and to discuss some of the difficult challenges which public services are currently facing.

Within the events which have taken place, most have taken place within normal working hours; however, there have been some instances of weekend working and staff volunteered to attend those events at no additional cost.

Subsequently, it was clarified that in line with the Council's Single Status policy staff must be compensated for these hours at the appropriate rate. This was therefore arranged retrospectively.

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At future events, we will continue to ask for volunteers to staff the events and I can confirm that we have had lots of offers of assistance from all Directorates to assist in the current budget consultation events.

These events will be covered within existing resources and working hours, with the exception of one instance on a weekend where, again, the appropriate payments will be made.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Cowan

Thank you for clarifying that is really helpful because I think there was a bit of confusion and I'm pleased that you've cleared that up.

I know that you and your Cabinet put a great deal of confidence into the Cardiff Debate but I understand from our brief discussion across the Policy Review & Performance Committee table a few weeks ago that you said there's no specific line within the budget proposals for the Cardiff Debate. As it's such an important part of your administrations ideas, do you think it would be sensible to put in a line specifically for that purpose to engage with the public?

Reply

I'd like to thank the Chair of Policy Review & Performance Committee for his recent letter after scrutinising the Cardiff Debate in recognising that some of the issues that had been raised around previous budget consultation to the Cabinet at that time have been addressed through engagements exercises like the Cardiff Debate. I think this is certainly not the end of the journey – we can build on that, but I think it's an important signal.

Your question around budget lines, Cardiff Debate is a very broad engagement strategy – it's not just related to budget engagement. I think, at the current time, we are very much focussed on making sure that we have that conversation with people as much as possible.

I'm happy to reflect on what you've asked but, clearly, I think the priority at the moment has to be that, as we're making these decisions – some very significant decisions – in very short timescales, which we are getting out there and engaging as much as possible.

Supplementary Question from Councillor Woodman

As Leader of the last Council, there seemed to be a little confusion on whether or not the staff were or were not paid. I was informed by unions that staff received time off in lieu rather than pay. Could you confirm if that is correct and, if it is correct, who actually authorised it, please?

Reply

I don't have the exact details at hand but I'm happy to ask Officers to look into that and get you a more comprehensive response.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR LENT (EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO)QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How can Cardiff have a robust system of political accountability for child protection when:

- a) in last month's Full Council the public was told that officers keep the Cabinet Member abreast of issues of concern,
- b) in the same meeting the Leader told the public he relies upon his Cabinet Member to keep him fully informed,

Yet,

- c) the Director has confirmed in writing that the cabinet member is not routinely briefed on the content of individual complaints reports and that he is not empowered to disclose such material to members, including cabinet members?

Reply

Having reviewed this issue again with the Director of Children's Services, I reiterate the position taken by the Director in his role as Statutory Director as follows:

1. That on the advice of the Director of Children's Services, the newly constituted Corporate Parenting Board/Committee will receive a quarterly report of all complaints concerning children's services. This will be reported to the committee in anonymised form and will enable members to reassure themselves that appropriate action has been taken in relation to all complaints.
2. That the Cabinet Member is not routinely briefed on the content of all complaints reports but is briefed regularly by both the Director and the Children's Complaint Officer on complaints that have significance for the improvement of the service overall or where significant risks are identified, including Reports of Stage 2 of the statutory procedure and any Ombudsman's investigation outcomes. In his capacity as Director of Social Services, he is also required to produce an annual published report of all social services complaints. The 2013/14 report has recently been finalised will be reported to Cabinet. The Director wishes to acknowledge that the process, timeliness, quality and visibility of annual complaints reporting needs

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improvement and has taken steps to strengthen this for the current and future years.

3. The Director is not empowered to disclose personal information about a given individual – child or adult – to any third party, including councillors, without the express permission of the person concerned; this would include information that would enable the person to be identified as someone in receipt of a service. This does not prevent the Director briefing the cabinet member or other interested parties on the key issues or learning contained within a given report, provided it is shared anonymously. The Director has done so in relation to a number of cases since taking up post, including those which have recently been drawn to the attention of members by you. One of these complaints remains the subject of an independent investigation at Stage 2 of the Statutory Social Services Complaints Procedure and I will be advised of the outcome of that investigation and any action to be taken by the Directorate if appropriate, when it is concluded. In relation to the other case which I believe you have been concerned about, I am satisfied, having been briefed, that due process has been observed in full and that appropriate action has been taken as a consequence of an independent Stage 2 Report.
4. A number of checks and balances, none of which were previously in place, have been introduced by the Director since he took up post to ensure transparency in relation to Children's Services and to enhance independent challenge. This has included his advice to members on the establishment of stronger Corporate Parenting arrangements; an 'off-line' Operational Manager for Safeguarding and Independent Review; regular open dialogue with front-line staff and teams; independently facilitated workshops for social work staff to enable direct challenge to senior management including the Director; the commitment to reporting anonymised complaints to the Corporate Parenting Board/Committee; the introduction of a 6 monthly Independent Reviewing Officer Report to the Corporate Parenting Board/Committee; regular visits by members to front line teams, reported in writing to scrutiny committee; and a strengthened annual reporting cycle as recommended by the Social Services Improvement Agency, to enable a robust Annual Report of the Director of Social Services. I also have a diarised weekly meeting with the Director. It is my view that taken together, this enables me to exercise appropriate accountability for Children's Services and to hold the Director appropriately to account and both the Director and I are willing to consider other ways of strengthening this further.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor McEvoy

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what date she was briefed about the independent report published on the 18 August 2014 findings that allegations of child abuse were not investigated properly; that important documents in the case were missing; and that the report was written in an unbalanced way?

What date were you briefed about this?

Reply

I can't give you an exact date, but what I can say is that your description of it doesn't fit with my understanding, but people won't be surprised at that.

Lord Mayor under the provision of Rule 7(b)(iv) asked that this matter be resolved outside of the meeting.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON

How much grant money is left unallocated from the Neighbourhood Partnership Fund and how will this be used?

Reply

The evaluation of the applications for Round 3 of the Neighbourhood Fund has now been completed and I can confirm that there is an overall total of £21,755.08 remaining. The bulk of the unallocated funding relates to Cardiff North (£16,749.02) and Cardiff East (£3,587.99).

The decision regarding the unallocated funding will be agreed in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Partnership Chairs at a meeting which is due to take place in the next two weeks, but the proposal is to use the remainder to provide a resource to support community groups and organisations and provide assistance in relation to funding, potential asset transfers and volunteering.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Boyle

Just for clarification, has the last allocation been decided and when are we going to be told whether our bids or the bids that we supported have been successful or not?

Reply

The Panel, which included [Chairs of the Labour partnership, who are Members], evaluated the bid and those should have been sent out and if they haven't I apologise and I'll make sure that they are. Clearly, this is what happens with universal evaluation, really – there's a criteria which is strictly set.

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I want to just say – and this is not me washing my hands of it – I was not on any of the evaluation panels and neither did I support any of the applications that were successful or unsuccessful, not that you were suggesting that, Joe.

The results will be coming out soon, and I'll make sure they get out. I apologise.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN

What is the cost of the additional licensing scheme introduced for Plasnewydd for the current financial year and how much has been allocated within this year's budget?

Similarly, what is the proposed budget allocation for the scheme 2015/16 and how much will the cost be for the scheme for the whole of 2015/16?

Reply

I am pleased to report that the Council commissioned a report from Opinion Research Services costing in the region of £22,000 to evaluate the case for additional licensing in Plasnewydd and to support its declaration.

An estimate of the resource requirements for operating the entire HMO licensing service over the next 5 years has been made. This includes Mandatory licensing, Cathays additional licensing and Plasnewydd additional licensing. We are currently recruiting 3 new surveying staff and 3 new admin officers which will be funded within the additional fee income projected over the 5 year lifetime of the scheme in Plasnewydd.

The operation of the Plasnewydd additional licensing scheme will form part of the Regulatory Collaborative project entered into with Bridgend and Vale of Glamorgan Councils.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Woodman

Thank you for your answer, Councillor Derbyshire, but you haven't actually answered my question. I would appreciate an answer, please. I want the figures.

Reply

I think it's very difficult to give you the figures, as I pointed out. It'll be funded within the additional fee projected over the five-year lifetime – we don't yet know what that fee is going to be, exactly, so it's difficult to provide you with an exact figure but I will ask Officers if they can provide you with an estimate.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES

At last month's Council meeting you answered my query as to what is planned to deal with all day nuisance parking problems in Pontprennau by stating "on a day to day basis commuter parking cannot be resolved by the introduction of parking restrictions as it will only serve to push the problem further into the estate into worse locations". I communicated your response to the large number of Pontprennau residents at the PACT meeting the following week. Suffice to say they were unhappy. Since work began on the new Pontprennau Primary School earlier this month and since the introduction of restrictive parking measures by Cardiff Gate Business Park Management, the problem has worsened to the point where Cardiff buses cannot pass the queues of commuter vehicles parked there all day long. What answer will you give residents this month?

Reply

Our observations have not identified any traffic or safety problems as a result of this parking.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Dianne Rees

That does not agree with the residents of Pontprennau PACT. Would you agree to a site visit to have a look at the problems with Officers and to attend a PACT meeting in the new year to explain your views to the residents, who are concerned about the parking difficulties?

Reply

In your question, you say "the problem has worsened to the point where Cardiff Buses cannot pass the queues of commuter vehicles parked there all day. What answer will you give residents this month?"

No reports have been received by Cardiff Bus.

QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN

If the Chief Executive uses his delegated powers to enforce a 188 Notice regarding staff (workforce agreement), would you ensure any decision regarding the 188 notices come before full Council?

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Reply

You will already be aware that the Trade Unions raised similar matters prior to Cabinet last Thursday. In relation to issues relating to a further Workforce Agreement, should a Section 188 notice need to be issued, this would be despatched by the Chief Executive under his delegated authority, following Council's final decisions on the budget in February 2015.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Cowan

Thank you for clarifying that it will come to Council.

In relation to the note that all group leaders had from the trade unions on behalf of the GMB, Unison, Unite, and Ucat, can you share with Councillors your response to them following their letter to you before the Cabinet Meeting last week?

Reply

As you appreciate, negotiations are ongoing, so I don't think it is appropriate to comment at this time.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI

What is the street cleansing schedule for wet leaves in Llandaff North and Cardiff?

Reply

There are three key elements to tackling leaf-fall located on the adopted highway:

Firstly, continuation of the tidal parking scheme, which takes place once a week in various tree lined streets across the city. The scheme involves notifying residents not to park their cars in that street on a particular day so that the cleansing and drainage teams can access to cleanse the kerb channels.

Secondly, undertaking a fortnightly schedule of leaf fall work in the main areas affected during the leaf-fall period. Llandaff North is scheduled to be attended on a Wednesday twice a month. This activity took place last Wednesday 19 November, and is next due to take place on Wednesday 3 December.

Thirdly, resources are deployed to 'hotspot' areas which are at risk from local surface flooding as a result of leaves blocking highway gully gratings ahead of and during severe rainfall events. These hot spot areas will also be attended to as part of the normal scheduled cleansing rounds.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Dianne Rees

Can you just do the same for me, please? What is the street cleansing schedule for wet leaves on Newport Road and Ty'r Winch Road in Old St Mellons?

Reply

I will try and get you answers if you drop me a line, tell me what streets you're interested in, I'll tell you what the street cleaning procedure is.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN

Will you categorically rule out 4 weekly bin collections?

Reply

No. This is just one of the options outlined in the current Waste Strategy consultation.

All options have to be considered and the consultation is ongoing until 12th January 2015.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Cowan

What discussions have you had with other authorities who operate a four-week bin collection, and are they successful and are they welcomed by the communities?

Reply

We've had this discussion some time ago. If you remember, Councillor McKerlich asked me the very same question about ruling out four-weekly collections and I said at the time "no, we can't" – we can't rule anything out.

In terms of consultation, we're consulting with the people who matter the most – that's the residents. What goes on elsewhere is very useful and informative in helping to guide us in terms of what's going on, but I want to make sure that what I'm doing is what the residents are prepared to support.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Howells

So, are you saying then that, if the majority of Cardiff residents don't want to go to four-weekly collections, then you won't?

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Reply

As I said, we've got a consultation process. I'll see what comes out of the consultation process. When we've got the answers, we'll see what comes out of it. Let's not pre-empt what's going to be the answers of the consultation.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI

What action will you be taking on the Scrutiny Committee report on control of dangerous dogs?

Reply

I welcome the report of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group and its review of the potential impact that the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Bill will have on how we manage dangerous dogs in Cardiff.

I am also very grateful to you for your personal input and contribution to this debate.

You will be aware that the Cabinet recently considered the report and has either fully or partially accepted the 20 recommendations that were made.

I was particularly pleased that the report recognised the working practices of the Council's Dog Wardens and Cardiff Dogs Home and noted that they were commended by a number of organisations, including representatives of South Wales Police, who felt that other local authorities in South Wales could take a lead from Cardiff in how the Dogs Home works in partnership with the Police.

We will continue to work closely with partners in tackling the issue of dangerous dogs in the city and ensuring that the powers contained in the new legislation are used effectively.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Dilwar Ali

This is a valuable report considered by the House of Lords. Also, I am due to meet the Welsh Government Minister in my personal capacity.

Will you could kindly forward this report to the Welsh Government?

Reply

I am happy to do that.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Boyle

Considering the scrutiny report also considers the control of dogs in parks and open spaces, that clearly needs monitoring.

Can you tell us how many staff currently are on hand to monitor open park spaces and where the dogs run wild in those places; and how many staff you expect to have available to do a similar job next year?

Reply

I can't be specific about the answer to that question because people have different duties and nobody is there specifically to look at dogs. We have Council Officers, some who are working in parks, some who are working on the highways – they will all have a responsibility in terms of the dogs. What we need to do is make sure that we get something that we can work with effectively.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

What are the recycling rates for each ward in the current municipal year?

Reply

Since 2011, we do not record weights by specific wards due to operating the fleet across ward boundaries for more fuel and operational efficiency through route optimisation. Therefore, I cannot provide you with specific ward information.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Bridges

Thank you for that non-answer. I was aware that, initially, that information wasn't collected when some of the routes were changed but I'm amazed that, three years further down the line, we haven't actually sorted that out because, surely, at a time when you're cutting the education budget within Waste Management, it'd be useful to actually know where best to target those resources, where we're failing in bringing the recycling rate up – as you are so keen to do.

How can we address that problem if we don't know where the problems are – it is astonishing that in three years you haven't sought, as an administration, to try and collect that data. What are you going to do to make sure that that data is collected?

Reply

I don't recall you having a problem with the changes to this.

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As I said, in terms of ward boundaries, we can't do that. That doesn't mean that we don't have a good idea where the problems are. I think all Ward Members would contribute to that. Ward Members in this chamber know where the particular hotspots are in terms of all sorts of things, including recycling.

It doesn't stop us targeting just because we haven't got the specifics that you're talking about here. We've still got a good idea where the problems are.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES

The residents of Pontprennau and Old St Mellons do not have a library but many routinely use the library at Rumney. Local residents have asked me to put the question to you will you reconsider your decision to close Rumney Library?

Reply

It is worth noting that there are other library facilities which are closer to your ward than the existing Rumney Library. For example, Llanedeyrn Library, which is proposed to be a Hub, would be more convenient for residents of Pontprennau and, likewise, the St Mellons Hub for residents of Old St Mellons.

In Rumney, alternative service delivery points are being looked into and, if residents of Pontprennau & Old St Mellons still wish to travel this extended distance, then it is hoped that this option will still be open to them. I will also be meeting with local Ward Members to discuss options.

The Libraries Strategy is currently out for consultation and I would encourage any residents, including those from your ward, to complete the related survey.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Dianne Rees

Thank you Councillor Bradbury but, in fact, we don't have a library in our ward so those people who do use Rumney Library have contacted me and asked me to put the question, which I did. You didn't answer it again but I understand and I know that Councillor Parry will have information about this because people in Rumney ward have advised me. I understand local people have already collected over 2000 signatures – and many of them are from my ward – asking you to reconsider.

Would you consider meeting with concerned residents with a view to the possibility of asset transfer of the facilities?

Reply

We have had a consultation and I actually have been one step ahead of you on the question. We are arranging a meeting, as far as I'm aware, with Officers, and the Local Members, and the Campaign Group. Maybe not an asset transfer – we're not ruling anything in or out – we're looking at all options relating to what can be done in this area.

As for you saying I didn't answer my first question, the actual answer that I gave was that there are, for your residents, plenty of libraries around in that locality. However, I am keen – if your residents are upset about this – to speak to them or anybody who has any problems with what we're trying to do in this area.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Richard Cook

Naturally, many citizens and Councillors are concerned about the proposed closure, if no alternative operator can be found, of probably five branch libraries in Cardiff.

Have you and Officers considered the situation of the Central Library? The Central Library takes about £1.2m out of the £3m library budget per year. Have you considered that perhaps it's time not to have a Central Library in the centre of Cardiff and, therefore, save potentially five libraries around Cardiff and some libraries in future, which are libraries where people will want to use them? And then you could have a smaller branch library in the centre of Cardiff, but the current Central Library is located on a very desirable site and I am sure that some retail business would be very keen to go there. And it seems to me a major flaw in your plan.

Reply

In my opinion, no, that would be absolutely ridiculous. The fact of the matter is that Central Library is considered by CyMAL, the regulators, as one of the jewels in the crown of the Welsh library service.

The fact of the matter is it's a substantial saving around Central Library is already being proposed in making that into a super hub and moving the facilities out of Marland House into a central point. It is important that, when we lose because of the exciting plans in Central Square, the information point that we have in Marland House that we replace that. This is a good way of making a huge saving – around about £349,000, maybe more – in rationalising Marland House and moving those facilities into Central Library. I'd much prefer to do that than get rid of what is a much loved building.

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QUESTION TO LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD COOK

Will the public space in the new Central Square development be totally free of, and inaccessible to, vehicles; apart from emergency vehicles?

Reply

The public square will have the same restrictions as other pedestrian areas in the city centre. In addition to emergency vehicles, access will be available for time-controlled servicing and deliveries and also to cyclists.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Richard Cook

Thank you for that answer and I welcome it because I think that Central Square needs to be a nice space that citizens use and I wouldn't like to see vehicles routinely parking there.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Clark

I have to say I am very concern that a decision has been made regarding access to this area without consultation with Local Members and, as you mention, about access groups. How is it anticipated that, if it is free of vehicles, disabled and frail visitors will access the site; and also, keeping in mind that we are encouraging cycling in the city, surely you wouldn't exclude cycles from this area?

Reply

We absolutely wouldn't be looking to discourage cycling in this area and one of the feedback comments that we've had is the lack of cycle storage in that area. If you look at many successful European cities there is a large amount of cycle storage. It's very limited in that part of the city centre, so there are opportunities now – really exciting opportunities – to add to that integration of different types of transport and it's really important to make the most of that.

If you have got concerns, I really would encourage you to meet with Councillor Patel, to talk through with him in terms of the transport side of things.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MAGILL (EDUCATION AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE

What should residents understand by the phrase 'community focused school'?

Reply

A community focused school is one that provides a range of services and activities, often beyond the school day, to help meet the needs of its pupils, their families and the wider community, which could include adult education, study support, ICT facilities and community sports programmes.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Boyle

We welcome the consultation currently taking place about the proposed new primary school in Penylan. However, we are concerned that the consultation document makes only passing reference to the concept of a community-focussed school. The only line I can find is, I quote *“if the proposal for a new school proceeds, the potential scope for community use including youth activities would be explored.”*

It would be useful, whilst the consultation is taking place, to have something a little more solid than that.

In light of the imminent loss of the youth centre and the inevitable loss in due course of adult and continuing learning at the Howardian, it is essential that any new school is equipped to fill the gaps that will be left.

Ward members wrote to you in the summer when discussions first began stressing this point and have made it consistently since then, so could you be more specific about what features and facilities residents of Penylan can expect to see at the new school that will allow it to fulfil its full role as a community-focussed school?

Reply

As the plans proceed for the school to be developed, and as you will appreciate, it needs to go through various statutory procedures before we're actually at the point of getting out to procure a school and design it. At that stage, we'll be able to work through with the local community and local Councillors the configuration of services that's going to best suit the community in that part of the city.

So, for example, in terms of adult community learning, we have brand new facilities for design technology and catering at Llanishen High and have recently taken advantage of those facilities outside of school hours. If we look at Eastern High, because of the relationship with Cardiff and the Vale College there and the vocational training they offer, the local community will be able to, if they choose have their hair done, have their nails done, whatever as part of the hairdressing and beauty courses that will be run as part of those college facilities. So, as I say, the range will be different but it will be tailored to what's going to best suit the community in that part of the city.

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Supplementary Question from County Councillor Gordon

Do you think there would be any scope with the community-focussed schools perhaps being able to take on some of the roles of the play centres which are not going to be funded after this year?

Reply

I think part of the impetus behind actually developing the community-focussed school concept – and, as you see, we’re building it into new schools now – is that we have a larger state of schools across the city and we must get good use out of these buildings. So having them only used from 8:30am in the morning until 4 o’clock-ish in the evening there is potential scope to actually use these facilities for other things and we need to explore what sort of role they might play.

In terms of the developments around play facilities, it’s my colleague Councillor Lent who has oversight over that particular area, but I wouldn’t be at all surprised if people are looking at those facilities as part of what we’re doing with play across the city. Not all of play, obviously, relates to play centres – there are other organisations which are involved and there could be links with schools.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE (ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER

What action does the Council take regarding wheelie bins left obstructing the pavement?

Reply

Normally, we will engage with the households and ask them to remove their bins from the adopted highway.

If we have repeated problems, then a notice can be served on individuals and, if they fail to return their bin to a suitable location, they can be issued with a £100 fine.

This is always a last resort and, in most cases, we only take action if there is a significant obstruction to the pavement or the residents fail to respond to a verbal warning.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Weaver

This is an issue that comes up regularly at Cathays Pact meetings and it is a particular blight on a number of our streets – it blocks people who use wheelchairs or push chairs or have particular issues around sight, as well.

One of the issues that you know officers have been looking at this year is the potential use of warning stickers on bins, both as a notification and warning to the resident and an easy way for Officers and ourselves to identify bins that have been out for a long period of time, and it was warmly received by yourself and Officers this autumn.

I was just wondering we could have your reassurance that you'll be considering that with us and looking at low-cost ways of actually using those stickers to act as a warning to try and do something about the problem on our pavements.

Reply

Waste Officers are more than happy to meet with you local Councillors and other local Councillors in the ward to discuss the priority areas.

Enforcement Officers are currently developing some specific literature and stickers that will be made available to the Councillors for distribution.

The process for issuing fines is a long process and that's why, in October, we concentrated on educating in particular the returning students. This month, we're changing this and we're now starting to move on to the enforcement side of things, so I think your question is very timely.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Carter

As someone who was at one time a Cathays Councillor myself, I can feel the Councillor's pain.

Would you agree with me that this problem is only likely to get worse if we move to a monthly collection rather than a two-weekly collection of our black bins?

Reply

As I pointed out in my supplementary answer, what we need to do is make sure that we properly educate people. What we're finding in other areas, for instance where they've moved to three and four-weekly collections, is, in fact, that people have started to be more careful about how they actually put stuff in their black bin or their black bag and a bit more careful about putting stuff into the recycling. That's why those options are there for us to look forward to.

So I'm not making any comment in terms of whether that's going to make the problem worse or not because that's not necessarily the case if people do the right thing.

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QUESTION TO THE LEADER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIS

Could the Leader please outline what work has been done with the Bristol Mayor?

Reply

A constructive meeting was held with the Mayor of Bristol and the City Director on 10th October 2014 to continue discussions on the potential for strategic collaboration.

I also joined with the Mayor of Bristol in the “Two Cities Debate” on 30th October, which followed the Cardiff Convention. The session reaffirmed our commitment to strategic collaboration on the major issues that impact on the competitiveness of Bristol and Cardiff.

Work is currently being undertaken to further understand the potential for collaboration relating to connectivity, energy and economic development. This will involve other stakeholders across the western region of the UK.

Our work with Bristol also builds on areas of consensus, such as the devolution of powers and funding to cities, which has discussed by both cities as part of our membership of Core Cities UK.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Davis

I just wanted to ask: what benefits are we likely to see in the city as a result of this collaborative working?

Reply

It's clearly early, early days in terms of those discussions. We very much hope to get to a position in the next couple of months where we're able to make a statement of intent in terms of the areas where we can work together, and I very much hope that that is an area that will develop greater awareness of the benefits of working together in terms of UK government an lobbying UK government for some of those major infrastructure projects that we need to attract to the west of the country.

There's obviously a great deal of debate around areas like High Speed 2 rail and the benefits to the north of England on those investments. We've also got significant national assets like the Severn Estuary that we need to make sure that we make the best of in this part of the country as well.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Cowan

Many people consider this move towards Bristol as a potential wrecking tactic of Mrs Hart's Cardiff capital region initiative. Is it?

And I understand all nine other local authorities have engaged with Price Waterhouse Cooper on the development of the city region strategy but, I am advised, not Cardiff. Could you tell us why?

Reply

The latter point: in terms of engagement, absolutely engaging on the strategy. I think one of the meetings was held on Armistice Day so I was at an event here and not able to attend that but very much engaging with the board, very much support the concept of a city region. They aren't exclusive to another – they are absolutely something that we can do together and I can reassure you that we'll be doing everything we can to ensure that the city region is a success in South East Wales as well as, where necessary, working with Bristol to make sure we get the best deal for residents on both sides of the channel.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATEL (TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO)QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BEN THOMAS

Will the Cabinet Member for Highways and Strategic Planning explain the recent decision by the Welsh Government to approve the "Moving Traffic Offences Act" to Cardiff Council and what the implications for our roads are to be?

Reply

It is important that our roads provide safe, accessible and attractive facilities, for all modes of travel and especially for alternatives to the car.

Initially attention will be given to bus lanes, some yellow box junctions and to school keep clear zig-zags.

The first two will be with the intention of supporting public transport, by keeping bus lanes clear and by reducing congestion at junctions where motorists wait on box junctions illegally. The latter is intended to improve safety outside schools.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Ben Thomas

We certainly welcome the decision of the Welsh Government to devolve the powers over to the County Council. As Chairman of Cardiff Bus, I know that myself and my other colleagues welcome this to ensure better flow for public transport across the city. However, over the past few days, once this has now actually gone out to the

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public, I have received from some members of the trade some criticism suggesting that the Council is going to use this as a cash-funding facility to penalise some traffic users using bus lanes or from time to time parking in yellow boxes.

Please can you assure us here that that is certainly not the case?

Reply

I can certainly assure you this is not a money generator. If it was a money generator, it'd be simply 24/7. It's not 24/7 – the bus lanes are being enforced during the peak mornings and evenings. And, of course, if it was a money spinner, we'd be buying a lot more cameras immediately and vehicles and everything else and we're not doing any of that. What we want to do is encourage people to use a different mode of transport and they can get on the bus or whichever method they use, which is cycling, whatever – they can go through the city very quickly.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Hudson

I am concerned – and I went to the presentation, and I said exactly the same thing at the presentation – I am concerned that there may be extra yellow-box junctions and extra bus lanes because of the provision of generating revenue. I am concerned that there may be extra yellow-box junctions and bus lanes because where they are not absolutely needed, they don't absolutely need to be there, and I'm concerned they're going to spring up all over the city.

Can the Councillor assure me that they won't, please?

Reply

I did just confirm that this is not the case. What I have made very clear is that if we wanted to do that, we would be buying a lot more cameras. For example, the moving cameras – there are only two being purchased for the whole city. We could have been buying 10 or 20 but we haven't done any of that.

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR STUBBS

What support can the council give to local football clubs?

Reply

There are over 400 sports clubs in Cardiff with each club having several sections, so support for our entire clubs represents a significant challenge.

The FAW Trust is responsible for supporting their member clubs with accreditation schemes, coach education, facility development grants and club development advice.

We administer the Community Chest grant scheme and have supported many football clubs with small grants mainly targeted at junior development.

For football clubs aspiring to Senior League status, we have supported them with ground improvements in order for them to meet the relevant league criteria. Examples include pitch barriers, referee specific changing facilities and dug outs.

In addition, we run a club support scheme through a series of workshops covering matters such as marketing, recruitment, finance, business planning and managing coaches & volunteers.

As well as providing the pitches and changing rooms for the football leagues and teams, this Administration introduced a FREE pitch hire policy for Mini and Junior Football clubs.

Supplementary Question from County Councillor Stubbs

I know you have met with myself and representatives of Splott Albion Football Club and I'd like to take the opportunity now to express my thanks for the work that the Committee of the club do in the community, particularly Kate O'Sullivan, who sadly injured herself in a fundraising parachute jump last weekend.

Would you meet with us again and discuss further the help the Council can give to the club?

Finally, I'd like to extend an invitation to yourself and to everyone else in the chamber to our fundraising bash in Pengam Moors Social Club on the 26th of December, which is onesie themed.

Reply

Very well done. I particularly want to praise Kate O'Sullivan for her fantastic work and I was sad to hear of her breaking her ankle during a charity parachute jump.

As regards to your original question, you asked what support did the Council give to local football clubs.

Splott Albion is an example of a fantastic community football club with both a junior section and a senior team with ambition. There are a number of similar teams right across the city and we'll try everything we can, with the financial limitations that we have, to support local football in the city.

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Supplementary Question from County Councillor Boyle

In light of the success of the Olympics and the need to get people playing sport as much as possible, talking about grassroots football, do we have a sense how many teams and people are using council pitches to play football and what's the comparative situation between this year and previous years?

Reply

As far as I'm aware, every one of the junior teams in my area use Council facilities and there's quite a few. I can't get an exact number but there's a lot – it's rising, actually – junior football is on the up again and it's vitally important that it stays that way.

You and I, of course, sat on the same Scrutiny Committee Economy and Culture a few years ago when we talked about the Olympic legacy. This is something that we need to look at beyond the barriers of the Olympic legacy – just look at community cohesion. In a ward like mine – I'm looking at Councillor Goddard, who's in a neighbouring ward – getting involved in organised sport actually can be the difference in a child actually doing well in education, *et cetera* and not least because they get the discipline from playing sport and getting involved in a healthy-living agenda. So, absolutely, I am committed to that. It's difficult, with the financial pressure that the Council's under, but we shouldn't use that as an excuse not to support local sport.

116 : NOTICE OF MOTION

The Lord Mayor advised that two notices of motion had been submitted and included on the Summons for the meeting. The Lord Mayor stated that under the Council Procedure Rules, Rule 22(m) (i) she had received notification of the withdrawal of Motion 2 from the proposer and seconder of the motion, therefore she had ruled that the motion and the amendment received would fall and there would be no debate.

Motion 1

One amendment had been received to Motion 1.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Woodman and seconded by Councillor Aubrey as follows:

This Council notes that newly developed sites within the city can take up to ten years or more to be adopted by the Council. Developers and Welsh Water do not give this a priority, and residents on those sites have difficulty getting the necessary repairs to roads, pavements and street lighting for example, as the onus for such repairs falls to the developer of the site until adoption by the Council. In effect they get a second class service.

Many thousands more new properties will be built in our city under the Local Development Plan, which could result in many more council tax paying residents suffering unless action is taken to improve the situation.

This Council therefore calls on the Cabinet to draw up a protocol between the Council, Welsh Water, and Developer, to be brought back to this Council for information by the end of the municipal year, for the adoption process to be completed on all future developments, wherever possible, within two years of the final property being built on a site.

The Cabinet should also proactively ensure all sites currently awaiting adoption are adopted within 18 months of acceptance of this Notice of Motion.

The amendment to the Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Patel and seconded by Councillor Mitchell as follows:

First sentence - insert after more the word '*before*'

Second sentence - delete the beginning of the sentence and insert the following '*Residents may therefore find it difficult to get developers to accept their responsibilities to make*' before the word repairs

Second sentence – insert after roads, the word '*lighting*'

Second sentence – delete all the words after pavements.....to the Council and insert the words '*can adopt the site*'

Third sentence – delete all the words after the first word In and insert '*order to seek more effective control over road/public realm adoption relating to new major development, whilst limiting risk for the Council, from now on the Council will ensure that there will be an Informative Statement attached to all planning decision notices on major housing schemes that encourages developers/agents to seek adoption of the highways and drainage in a timely manner*'.

Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 – delete and replace with '*The Council also intends to manage and monitor all examples of non-adoption beyond one year and will seek through proactive negotiation to ensure a positive outcome. The Council will also keep local ward councillors informed of the progress of adoption on key sites within their wards*'.

The Substantive Motion will then read:

This Council notes that newly-developed sites within the city can take up to ten years or more before to be adopted by the Council. Residents may therefore find it difficult to get developers to accept their responsibilities to make repairs to roads, lighting, pavements etc. before the Council can adopt the site.

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In order to seek more effective control over road/public realm adoption relating to new major development, whilst limiting risk for the Council, from now on the Council will ensure that there will be an Informative Statement attached to all planning decision notices on major housing schemes that encourages developers/agents to seek adoption of the highways and drainage in a timely manner.

The Council also intends to manage and monitor all examples of non-adoption beyond one year and will seek through proactive negotiation to ensure a positive outcome. The Council will also keep local ward councillors informed of the progress of adoption on key sites within their wards.

Following the debate a vote was taken on the Amendment as proposed by Councillor Patel.

The Amendment to Motion was CARRIED

A vote was taken on the Substantive Motion.

The vote was CARRIED

117 : 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.

UNOPPOSED COUNCIL BUSINESS

118 : REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES & POLLING STATIONS

The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 requires local authorities to conduct a review of parliamentary polling districts and polling places at least every 5 years. The current review must be completed by 31 January 2015, but for practical purposes, the review has been designed so that it is completed for implementation on 1 December 2014, to coincide with the publication of the new register of electors. This would avoid the need to re-publish a register after 1 January which could be disadvantageous as preparations for the Parliamentary Election on 7 May 2015 get underway.

RESOLVED – That

1. a new polling district in Canton as set out in paragraph 4.3 (ii) of the report and consequential changes to the polling district of UG be approved;
2. Council notes that the Electoral Registration Officer will implement any consequential changes to the register of electors;
3. no other changes to the polling districts were required;

4. Council designates each polling district as the polling place;
5. the Returning Officer be instructed to confirm the polling stations within each district prior to elections, having regard to the consultation responses set out in paragraph 4.3 of the report and any other relevant factors pertaining at that time.

119 : LOCAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

The Council was recommended to approve the appointment of Local Authority School Governors as listed in the Appendix to the report, and as shown on the Amendment Sheet. There were no contested seats.

RESOLVED - That the following appointments of

- (1) School Governors be approved as follows: -

<u>School</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Start of Vacancy</u>	<u>Applications received</u>
Danescourt Primary School	Llandaff	19/11/2014	Mrs Marie John
Fairwater Primary School	Fairwater	19/03/2013	Mr John Jones
St Cuthbert's RC Primary School	Butetown	01/09/2014	Mr Nathan Willcox
Ysgol Gymraeg Treganna	Canton	04/09/2014	Cllr Susan Elsmore
Riverbank Special School	Caerau	14/10/2014	Dr Michelle Aldridge-Waddon
Bishop of Llandaff CW High School	Llandaff	28/01/15	Dr Susan Golding
Glyn Derw / Michaelston Federation	Ely	28/01/15	Mr Angus Dunphy
		28/01/15	Mr Michael Cox
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf	Llandaff	15/12/14	Dr Hefin Jones
Danescourt Primary School	Llandaff	28/01/15	Mrs Rita Singh
Radyr Primary School	Radyr	28/01/15	Mr Nigel Kyte

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(2) Temporary Governing Bodies be approve as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Start of Vacancy</u>	<u>Applications Received</u>
New Pontprennau Primary School - Parent Governor position	Pontprennau	11/9/2014	Ms Sarah Puddle

120 : APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Council receive nominations from party groups to current Committee vacancies in accordance with the allocation of seats as agreed by Council at its Annual Meeting on 29 May 2014.

RESOLVED – That the nominations received for the vacancies on Committees be approved as follows:

Committee

Licensing Committee

Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee

Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee

Nomination

Councillor Boyle to replace
Councillor Aubrey
Councillor McEvoy

Councillors Parry
& Huw Thomas

121 : DECISION TAKEN UNDER SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 13(a) - APPOINTMENT OF PROVIDERS ON TO THE ACR CREDITED PROVIDER LIST OF DOMICILIARY CARE SERVICES IN CARDIFF

The Council received the report on the appointment of providers to the Accredited Provider List (APL) for Domiciliary Care Services for information in accordance with the rules set out in the Council's Constitution (Scrutiny Procedure Rules Paragraph 13(a)).

The Officer Decision Report was agreed on 30th October, 2014 and decision was taken on 30 October 2014 in accordance with the procedures. The County Clerk & Monitoring Officer certified that any delay would seriously prejudice the Council and the Chair of Community and Adult Services Committee agreed as the process needed to be completed by 4 November 2014.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted for information only

122 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rules, Rule 17(f) Written Questions received for consideration and response are included as a record in the minutes of the meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE
(COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

At July's meeting of Full Council, I asked you whether Cardiff Council would put systems in place to ensure that matters designated as PACT priorities would be dealt with more swiftly by Cardiff Council, so that residents' biggest concerns are fast-tracked for resolution. I was given the ludicrous answer that 'all problems reported to the council are priorities' – which is meaningless because if everything is deemed a priority, then obviously nothing in reality is prioritised. Have you reassessed your position, and will you act to ensure that PACT priorities are recognised as such by the council?

Reply

In my last response to this question I outlined that there are a wide variety of issues raised at the PACT meetings which require different responses dependant on the nature of the concerns raised by residents. PACT priorities are fed into the Council alongside a large number of other issues raised through different mechanisms and will be considered via the established routes that the Council has for responding to specific local concerns.

As I also said previously, if a Ward Member goes to their PACT meeting and then represents their constituents in raising matters with the Council in relation to specific priorities that are raised and identified at PACT meetings, then the Council will deal with it accordingly. However, PACT meetings are only one mechanism for community feedback and we need to ensure that we consider all issues raised by constituents in determining local priorities.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

What is the 13/14 budget for the Mansion House?

Reply

The 2013-14 revenue budget for the Mansion House is detailed below.

Profit and loss account	2013-14 (£)
Employees	34,770
Facilities Management	72,180

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Carbon Allowances	780
Equipment & Materials	2,270
General Laundry	100
Telephones	1,960
Mobile Telephones	150
Printing & Stationery	40
Insurances	50
**Gross Expenditure	112,300
Internal Lettings	(30,000)
External Lettings	(126,220)
**Income	(156,220)
***Net Expenditure	(43,920)

There is no staff cost allocated to the Mansion House currently as this is met from the overall Venues Management budget. All staff cost associated with the management of any function at the venue is met by the function hire fee.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much was spent on upgrading libraries between 2008-2012?

Reply

The total figure spent on upgrading libraries between 2008-12 is £9,509,902.49. This figure covers a number of projects including:

RFID Self Service Project	£888,023.59
Upgrade of public access PCs	£70,114.67
Refurbishment of Fairwater Library	£256,694.29
Penylan Leisure Hub	£1,841,238.07
Refurbishment of Radyr Library within the period specified	£290,557.56
Refurbishment of St Mellons Hub	£25,185.21
Refurbishment of Cathays Library	£1,212,616.30
Fire Protection Works	£33,913.52
DDA Works	£26,555.31
Central Library	£4,774,911.28
Refurbishment of Canton Library within the period specified	£21,258.73
Building Improvements and ground works	£68,834.20

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much has been spent on upgrading libraries since 1st May 2012?

Reply

The total figure spent on upgrading libraries since the 1st May 2012 is 1,894,596.84. This covers a number of projects:-

- Ely & Caerau Hub = £710,000
- Refurbishment of Radyr Library within the period specified = £273,485.75
- Refurbishment of Canton Library within the period specified = £727,604.15
- Establishment of Loudon Square Library Hub = £12,256.5
- Central Library remedial works – Doors = £88,939.46
- Central Library remedial works – Glass = £80,049.75
- Building Improvements and ground work = £2261.14

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much has been spent on updating council leisure centres since 1st May 2012?

Reply

£1,349,949.59

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much was spent on upgrading Council leisure centres during the Plaid-Liberal Democrat administration 2008-2012?

Reply

£2,874,447.56

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE (COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY)WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

What valuation in cash terms has been placed on Mansion House?

Reply

No current valuation of the Mansion House is available.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

What is the 13/14 budget for the office of Lord Mayor?

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Reply

The budget for the Office of the Lord Mayor was £174,230 in 2013/14.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

What is the 13/14 budget for the maintenance of the council IT servers?

Reply

The total server maintenance cost for 2013/14 was £48,131.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

Is the council considering a move to a cloud based IT system?

If so, what are the anticipated savings?

Reply

The Council is already using a number of cloud based services on a case-by-case business assessment basis. As an example, we have in excess of 20 applications that run 'in the cloud' or are hosted externally and accessed via the Internet. We have 32 websites that are hosted in the cloud or externally.

In terms of the anticipated savings, it is difficult to quantify but cloud services are certainly part of the Council's future delivery options and based on a case-by-case evaluation is expected to be an increasing part of our service offering, but it is not possible at this point to put a ballpark figure on expected savings.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

On average in 12/13, how much does a council meeting at City Hall cost the council?

Reply

In 2012/13, the only cost attributable to a Council Meeting at City Hall related to refreshments provided at the meeting. The average cost of refreshments was £850. There were no costs for room hire.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

On average in 13/14, how much does a cabinet meeting at City Hall cost the council?

Reply

The only cost attributable to a Cabinet Meeting at City Hall relates to refreshments provided at the meeting. The average cost of refreshments was £42.90. There are no costs for room hire.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

How much would a council meeting at County Hall cost the council?

Reply

As at City Hall, the only cost attributable to a Council Meeting at County Hall would relate to refreshments (tea and coffee only) provided at the meeting. There would be no costs for room hire.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

On average in 12/13, how much did a cabinet meeting at County Hall cost the council?

Reply

In 2012/13 the only cost attributable to a Cabinet Meeting at County Hall relates to refreshments provided at the meeting. The average cost of refreshments was £36. There are no costs for room hire.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

How many buildings do the council rent and what is the total rental cost to the council?

Reply

The Council pays rent for 36 properties at a cost of £1,939,940.10. Six of these are leaseholds where the lease term is between 80 and 999 years. All property assets and leases are being reviewed as part of the Council's Corporate Property Strategy, which was approved by the Cabinet on 20th November 2014.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

Please could you list the non statutory bodies where the council pay for membership, and the annual cost of that membership?

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	£
Arboricultural Association	296
ADEW (Association of Directors of Education in Wales)	3,308
Adoption UK	1,150
ADSS (Association of Directors for Social Services)	600
ADSS (Association of Directors of Social Services)	600
Alarm	495
All Wales Chief Housing Officer Panel	500
Association for Petroleum & Explosives Administration	150
APSE (Association for Public Service Excellence)	10,636
Association of Chief Trading Standards Officers	300
Association of Film Commissioners International	721
Association of Independent Museums	55
Association of Project Safety	75
BIFM (British Institute of Facilities Management)	1,565
British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy	340
British Association of Adoption and Fostering (BAAF)	11,225
British Computer Society	420
BSI (British Standards Institute)	769
BSI (British Standards Institute)	2,487
Cardiff & SE Wales Occupational Health & Safety Group	40
Chartered Institute of Housing	3,517
Children in Wales	88
CLAW (Consortium of Local Authorities in Wales)	1,500
Co-operative Councils Innovation Network (CCIN)	7,900
Core Cities UK - part year (£40,000 full year)	20,000
Cymorth Cymru	700
Freight Transport Association	1,104
Governors Wales	750
Group for Education in Museums	99
Institute for Outdoor Learning	90
Institute of Cemeteries & Crematoria Management	965
Institute of Groundsmanship	98
LAVAT Consulting Ltd Forum & Helpline	1,550
Lawyers in Local Government	500
Learning Disabilities Wales	140
Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee	380
Local Authority Training Consortium	700
Local Land Charges Institute	115
London Advice Services Alliance	330

National Association of Equipment Providers	44
National Day Nurseries Association	280
National Outdoor Events Association	185
NICEIC	449
Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLAs)	2,552
Play Wales	100
Renewable Energy Association	175
Resource Efficiency Wales	6,286
RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) Enterprises	195
RICS (Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors) Building Cost Information Service	1950
RICS (Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors) Online Service	645
Road Safety Wales	229
RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents)	229
SAP User Group	600
SE Wales Constructing Excellence	100
Social History Curators Group	55
Society of Welsh Treasurers	2,400
SOCITM (Society of Information Technology Management) Insight	1,550
SOCITM (Society of Information Technology Management)	140
SOLACE (Society of Local Authority Chief Executives)	467
South Wales Adoption Agency Consortium	11,051
Speechlink	1,000
Tai Pawb	1,750
The AT Work Partnership	189
The Federation Of Museums & Art	250
The Fostering Network	8,668
The Museums Association (London)	623
Trading Standards Institute	300
Transport Statistics User Group	50
UK Theatre Association	3,668
Wales Leaving Care Forum	100
Wales Pre-School Providers Association	297
Wales Purchasing Consortium	12150
WJEC (Welsh Joint Education Committee)	112,570
WLGA (Welsh Local Government Association)	500
WLGA (Welsh Local Government Association)	170,984
WLGA - National Employers Levy	9,869
WLGA - Regional Employers Levy	10,125

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WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much revenue would be generated by an increase of 1% in the financial year 2015?

Reply

In order to answer this question, more specific information is required as to what the 1% increase relates to.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much was spent by Cardiff Council on taxis in 2013 per department?

Reply

The overall spend on taxis by the Council in 2013/14 was £2.608 million of which £2.110 million was in respect of school transport. The majority of the other spend was also in relation to supporting clients and this was particularly the case in Children's Services, Communities, Housing & Customer Services, Education and Health & Social Care. A breakdown of the figures by directorate is as follows:

Taxi Spend 2013/14	Total (£)
Children's Services	62,964.61
Communities, Housing & Customer Services	26,972.66
Corporate Management	255.00
County Clerk & Monitoring Officer	2,108.90
Economic Development	1,174.70
Education	109,094.54
Environment	3,246.50
Health & Social Care	261,485.02
Resources	19,734.00
Sport, Leisure & Culture	10,604.95
Strategic Planning, Highways, Traffic & Transport	27.00
Total =	497,667.88
Schools Taxi Transport	2,110,653.00
Total =	2,608,320.88

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Does the Council pay accommodation bills to people who work for them in various forms and, if so, what was the bill for 2012, 2013 and up to now in 2014?

Reply

The Council does not pay accommodation bills per se for people who work for us. However, the Council has paid relocation expenses for staff appointed to posts within the Council and who qualify under the Council's removal expenses policy. It should be noted that, as part of the current Workforce Package that is in place, the Council has withdrawn this policy from 1 August 2014.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

In how many private sector companies does the Council have equity?

Reply

The Council has interests in three subsidiary companies and one joint venture. They are Cardiff City Transport Ltd (Cardiff Bus); Cardiff Business Technology Centre Ltd.; Cardiff Business Council; and Cardiff Medicentre Joint Venture (44.5% share).

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Have there been any further discussions on Cardiff using a percentage of the pension fund to provide finance in local business, as was at the end of the 2008-12 administration?

Reply

The Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund has not invested locally for some considerable time, despite being open to such an investment should one arise, subject of course, to being satisfied of its likely return.

The Pension Fund has recently examined two local investment opportunities, but decided not to invest in either case. Both opportunities were considered too high risk and neither had a track record of previous success.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What was the annual increase in Cardiff Council tax since creating Cardiff Unitary Authority?

Reply

The annual increases in Cardiff Council Tax (Council element only) since local government re-organisation in 1996 are listed in the table below:

Financial Year	% Increase	Band D Rate
1996/1997	N/A	£375.83
1997/1998	15.81%	£435.23
1998/1999	12.20%	£488.33

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1999/2000	3.62%	£506.00
2000/2001	8.90%	£551.02
2001/2002	9.71%	£604.52
2002/2003	8.70%	£657.09
2003/2004	11.95%	£735.61
2004/2005	2.58%	£754.58
2005/2006	-0.57%	£750.25
2006/2007	4.25%	£782.10
2007/2008	4.13%	£814.42
2008/2009	3.53%	£843.20
2009/2010	4.34%	£879.78
2010/2011	2.94%	£905.65
2011/2012	1.94%	£923.24
2012/2013	1.44%	£936.56
2013/2014	0%	£936.56
2014/2015	3.97%	£973.77

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What was Cardiff Council's total budget for 2014-15?

Reply

Cardiff Council's net revenue budget for 2014/15 was set at £585.288m.

At £199.814m, delegated schools' budgets account for 34% of the £585.288m.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What options are being considered for the Waungron Road Recycling Centre site?

Reply

The Council is currently undertaking a site feasibility and appraisal exercise to determine the potential future uses for the Waungron Road site. Details will be discussed with local members in due course.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many people perform a service for Cardiff Council that the Council pays for their accommodation?

Reply

I refer you to the previous answer provided to q19

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What's the total money paid in tax bills by Cardiff County Council since 1st May 2012?

Reply

As your question does not specify explicitly which particular tax, I am unable to provide a response.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Is a proportion of Cardiff Council's pension fund invested in the arms trade?

Reply

The Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund commissions Fund managers to invest in companies they believe will yield the best long-term returns within an acceptable level of risk, in line with the Fund's published investment objectives. This includes companies in the defence and security sectors and this has been the case since the City of Cardiff Council became the Pension Fund's administering authority back in 1996.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Does Cardiff Council use any produce from Israel?

Reply

The following fruit and vegetables are sourced from various Israeli regions and exported via the port of Jaffa in Israel. It will be extremely difficult to determine exactly where this produce was grown. Many of the items below are seasonal products and not bought all year around, with oranges being the main product line sourced.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Current Contracted Supplier</u>
Oranges	Brakes / Castell Howell / WR Bishop
Melons	Brakes / Castell Howell / WR Bishop
Butternut Squash	Brakes / Castell Howell / WR Bishop
Tomatoes	Brakes / Castell Howell / WR Bishop
Peppers	Brakes / Castell Howell / WR Bishop
Grapefruits	Brakes / Castell Howell / WR Bishop
Strawberries	Brakes / Castell Howell / WR Bishop

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WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

If the salary of the Chief Executive, before pension, is £100k a year and every director is £80k, with deputy directors on £60k, how much would be saved compared with the current salary levels?

Reply

This question is purely hypothetical and does not accurately reflect the current Pay Policy which has been agreed by the Council or any existing contracts of employment.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many properties does the Council have in Cardiff?

Reply

As of 5th November 2014 the Council has 1134 operational and non-operational properties.

As of 5th November 2014 there is a total of 13,650 council housing stock.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Specify the total number of empty properties that the council has in Cardiff since 05/11/14?

Reply

As of 5th November 2014, 49 of the Council's 1134 operational and non-operational properties are currently empty.

As of 5th November 2014 there were 301 void properties and 13,349 properties occupied within the Council housing stock.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much did the Council spend on taxis for Councillors in 2013; identify for every councillor.

Reply

This information for the 2013/14 financial year is publicly available on the Council's website as part of the published figures on Member Remuneration and Allowances.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What trips abroad have cabinet members taken since 1st May 2012 and what was the cost, noting information for every relevant councillor?

Reply

This information is publicly available on the Council's website as part of the published register of member attendance at conferences.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

If Council Tax was raised according to the amount suggested by Plaid Cymru in the budget for 2013, what would be the cumulative value of this increase be in the 2014 budget and the 2015 projected budget?

Reply

This question is purely hypothetical and I see no merit in answering such questions.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

If a property is compulsory purchased by the Council, what valuation is paid, the highest, the average or the lowest?

Reply

Legislation prescribes the basis of valuation, which is essentially the open market value of the subject property at the date of valuation. In the event that an agreement cannot be reached on the actual valuation between the parties, facility exists to refer matter to the Land Tribunal for independent determination.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What is the list of assets of community value in Cardiff?

Reply

No assets of community value have been registered by the Council.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What assets have been nominated unsuccessfully through the community nomination process?

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Reply

No nominations have been made to register assets of community value.

EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (COUNCILLOR SUE LENT)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What percentage of the Cardiff play budget is spent on Welsh medium provision?

Reply

In the current 2014/15 financial year it is just over 8% of the total Play budget.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Without naming individuals, can the children's services department outline the reasons why members of these extended families have not had permission to care for the children?

Reply

It is the policy of the council to encourage extended families to care for relative children wherever possible and appropriate. Whenever extended family members who have come forward are declined, this is always as a result of a thorough assessment process, many of which are considered by the Courts or the Fostering Panel. However, it is not possible to categorise the reasons in simple terms since the reasons are frequently highly specific to their circumstances.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many Looked After Children are there in Cardiff? Please note if this is foster care or residential care.

Reply

As at 31st October 2014, 638 children were looked after by the City of Cardiff Council. Of these, 443 were placed in foster care and 61 placed in residential care.

Of the remaining 134 children, 36 were placed for adoption; 53 placed with parents; 41 in independent living; 2 were in hospital and 2 were in prison.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What percentage of children in care achieved 5 C grade GCSEs and above in 2014?

Reply

The Council is dependent on Welsh Government providing this data which is not yet available for the 2014 year.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What percentage of children in care in Cardiff went on to study A Level in 2014?

Reply

This information is not routinely gathered to answer this specific question and would necessitate an extensive trawl of age related files.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What percentage of children in care in Cardiff achieved less than 5 grade C GCSEs in 2014? Please note the number of children also.

Reply

The Council is dependent on Welsh Government providing this data which is not yet available for the 2014 year.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What percentage of children in care in Cardiff achieved any qualifications in year 11 in 2014? Please note the number of children also.

Reply

The Council is dependent on Welsh Government providing this data which is not yet available for the 2014 year.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

In order to consider the voice of the child, how many children in care, as a percentage in general, have been asked to live with their extended family?

Reply

This information is not routinely gathered to answer this specific question and would entail a comprehensive audit of approximately 600 looked after children's files in order to do so. Statutory guidance requires the council to exhaust all such options and to ascertain the wishes and feelings of all looked after children in the course of developing their care plans and at each six monthly statutory review thereafter.

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WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much was spent on taxis by the Children's Services Department in 2012 and 2013?

Reply

Expenditure on taxis in Children's Services was £62,964.61 in 2013/14 and £88,225.69 in 2012/13. The majority of this spend is on transporting children or family members for a wide variety of reasons.

EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (COUNCILLOR SUE LENT) AND EDUCATION AND SKILLS (COUNCILLOR JULIA MAGILL)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What's the total of the youth and play budget in Cardiff?

Reply

The Youth Service budget is £2,850,108 and the total Play budget for 2014/15 is £1,021,490. Total = £3,871,598.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much does Cardiff spend on Welsh medium youth and play provision?

Reply

The Youth Service spend on Welsh medium provision staffing is £135,853.

The Welsh medium Play provision for 2014/15 is £83,816.

Total = £219,669.

EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (COUNCILLOR SUE LENT) AND HEALTH, HOUSING AND WELLBEING (COUNCILLOR SUSAN ELSMORE)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many social workers were employed by Cardiff between 5 November 1999-2014; (note gender)?

Reply

Please see following table, data only available since November 2005.

Year	No. of Social Workers (Children's Services)		No. of Social Workers (Health & Social Care)	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Nov 2005	17	108	24	125
Nov 2006	18	104	32	124
Nov 2007	18	100	33	124
Nov 2008	20	98	34	120
Nov 2009	23	98	43	131
Nov 2010	15	108	42	134
Nov 2011	14	111	40	130
Nov 2012	16	119	35	120
Nov 2013	14	105	38	124
Nov 2014	17	103	38	114

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

In Cardiff, how many managers supervise social worker cases without having their own case loads?

Reply

Learning Disability Services – Two managers for two teams (East & West teams)

Mental Health – In the Community Mental Health Teams, all social work managers have caseloads even if it is simply short term duty caseloads. The teams each have an integrated manager (Cardiff & Vale UHB) and a social work manager. The integrated managers do not have caseloads, but only supervise the social work leads.

Assessment & Care Management – There is no direct case management by managers; however, there are some pending allocation cases which are overseen by Team Managers. There are 4 managers in the service for each of the teams:

- Adult Assessment Team
- Mental Health Services Older People Team
- Review Team
- Case Management Community Team

Managers in Children's Services do not carry caseloads.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many staff in children and adult services have been re-employed by Cardiff or have performed a service to Cardiff after leaving their employment with Cardiff Council?

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Reply

Since November 2012, 8 former Social Workers have either been re-employed by the Council or performed a service to Cardiff via the Comensura arrangements – 7 within Children's Services and 1 within Health & Social Care.

EDUCATION AND SKILLS (COUNCILLOR JULIA MAGILL)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN

How many schools in Cardiff have not had an electrical installations check within the 5 year period as required by law?

Please provide the names of those schools who are overdue their check.

Reply

Although there is no statutory requirement to carry out a standard electrical test, the 5-year timescale is recommended in related guidance. All schools are aware of their need to undertake a maintenance regime for their fixed electrical systems.

The statutory requirement under the Electricity at Work Regulations requires that school governing bodies are responsible for maintaining electrical systems and related testing. Guidance on these Regulations suggests that regular electrical inspections are one way of achieving this goal, but are in themselves not statutory.

For all schools requesting the service through the Council's Facilities Management service (106 schools), there is a renewal programme in place and all orders placed for renewal of fixed electrical testing will be actioned before the end of March 2015, thereby bringing these properties within the recommended timescales. Some schools, specifically the larger schools who opt out of the SLA with Facilities Management, adopt a rolling programme for their fixed electrical testing, spreading the tests and the costs over a 3-year period.

The following schools have placed orders with Facilities Management in order to complete their fixed electrical testing within the recommended 5-year testing cycle by March 2015:

Adamsdown Primary School
All Saints C.W Primary School
Bryn Deri Primary School
Cathays High
Coryton Primary School
Creigiau Primary School
Danescourt Primary School
Fairwater Primary School
Gabalfa Primary School

Gladstone Primary School
Hawthorn Primary School
Lakeside Primary School
Lansdowne Primary School
Llandaff C.W. Primary School
Llanedeyrn Primary School
Marlborough Junior School
Moorland Primary School
Ninian Park Primary School
Oakfield Primary School
Pentrebane Primary School
Pentyrch Primary
Pen-Y-Bryn Primary School
Peter Lea Primary School
Radyr Primary School
Roath Park Primary School
Springwood Primary School
St Alban's R.C Primary School
St Cadoc's R.C Primary School
St Fagan's C.W Primary School
St Francis R/C Primary
St Mary's Catholic Primary School
St Paul's C.W Primary School
St Peters R/C Primary
Trelai Primary School
Trowbridge Primary School
Windsor Clive Primary School
Ysgol Coed-Y-Gof
Ysgol Y Berllan Deg
Ysgol Y Wern
Ysgol Glan Morfa

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much was spent on English as a second language in Cardiff during the academic year 2013/14?

Reply

The Council does not spend any base budget funding on providing support to pupils for English as an additional language. However, the Council does receive an annual grant from the Welsh Government, the Minority Ethnic Achievement Grant (MEAG), which in 2014/15 is £3.8m. The MEAG is awarded to local authorities to support the education of all pupils from minority ethnic backgrounds, including asylum seekers, in their areas.

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The provision of ESOL (English for Speaker of Other Languages) training for adults is the responsibility of Cardiff & Vale College and therefore the Council does not hold this information.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What percentage of youth provision is spent on Welsh medium provision?

Reply

I will seek to provide you with this information in writing following this month's Council meeting.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Has a site been agreed for the fourth Cardiff Welsh medium secondary school?

Reply

Recent projections based on the existing housing within Cardiff and patterns of migration suggest that there are sufficient places at entry to the three Welsh-medium secondary schools to meet demand until at least 2020.

There are however a number of strategic housing sites proposed for development between 2014 and 2026. Education officers are monitoring the demand for Welsh-medium and English-medium places at primary school age and are working closely with strategic planners to ensure that there are sufficient well located school places to meet the demand from both existing and planned housing.

Consideration is being given to the distribution, size and number of secondary schools serving the city, and how best to meet demand beyond 2020.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Up to now, have there been any discussions with the Vale of Glamorgan Council in relation to a fourth Welsh secondary school?

Reply

Officers from the School Organisation Team are regular in contact with colleagues at the Vale in particular with regard to benchmarking new schemes and have visited the new Welsh-medium primary school Ysgol Nant Talwg but there have been no discussions beyond this.

Recent projections based on existing housing within Cardiff and patterns of migration suggest that there are sufficient places at entry to the three Welsh-medium secondary schools to meet demand until at least 2020.

Education officers are monitoring the demand for both Welsh-medium and English-medium places and consideration is being given to the distribution, size and number of secondary schools serving the city, and how best to meet demand beyond 2020.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many pupils attend the Language Unit for Latecomers (for Welsh) in Cardiff?

Reply

During the 2013/14 academic year, 23 pupils attended the Language Unit for Latecomers and 18 pupils were supported in their Primary Schools. This term, 9 pupils are at the unit and 3 are being supported in their primary school.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What's the strategy to promote the Language Unit for Latecomers amongst parents, and how are parents are informed of arrangements on gaining access to the Unit?

Reply

Pupils can attend the unit once they have enrolled into a Welsh Medium Primary School and have been assessed as requiring this level of additional support by their school.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What proportion of the education budget is spent on introducing Welsh as an additional language to latecomers compared to the proportion of the budget being spent on English as an additional language?

Reply

The Language Unit for Latecomers has an annual delegated budget of £120,000. Of an annual Education budget of £229.471m, this represents 0.052% of the total budget.

The Council does not spend any base budget funding on providing support to pupils for English as an additional language. However, the Council does receive an annual grant from the Welsh Government, the Minority Ethnic Achievement Grant (MEAG), which in 2014/15 is £3.8m. The MEAG is awarded to local authorities to support the education of all pupils from minority ethnic backgrounds, including asylum seekers, in their areas.

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WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Is it possible to have a general update of Cardiff Council's 21st Century Schools Programme and in particular, projects for the Welsh medium sector?

Reply

The Council submitted its revised 21st Century School Band a Programme of Projects to the Welsh Government in 2011. This submission reflected the demographics and investment priorities apparent at that time.

The programme needs to be updated to take account of demographic trends and developments resulting from the Council's Local Development Plan. It will also take account of advances in procurement and construction, and will have a sharper focus on the need to raise educational standards in Cardiff.

Work on the refresh is continuing and a report to Cabinet early in the new year will outline the details prior to submission to the Welsh Government.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

On the whole, what's the level of investment for repair and upgrading Welsh medium school buildings compared to English medium schools in Cardiff?

Reply

Levels of investment for repair and upgrading of schools is not based on language medium but is prioritised on the basis of sufficiency of places, suitability and condition.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What research has the council done to look at successful model of schools that share leisure/community facilities in Wales and the UK?

Reply

The Council will explore where possible, the potential for multi- use buildings delivering a range of services that take account of community needs and maximise the use of Council resources. This has been reflected in the designs of new schools in the city such as Pontprennau Primary School and Eastern High.

Officers have visited a number of community focused primary and secondary school which provide leisure, library, integrated childcare and community centre facilities on site. As part of the review of the 21st Century Schools Programme, all potential partnership arrangements are being explored and options for joint education/community facilities will be brought forward where appropriate.

ENVIRONMENT (COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE)WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

How many registered HMO's are in Grangetown?

Reply

There is no longer a registration scheme for HMO's.

There is a mandatory licensing scheme operating across England and Wales for larger HMOs of 3 or more storeys having 5 or more occupiers.

There are 9 such licensed HMOs in Grangetown.

Our best estimate, based on historical complaints made to the council and census data, would indicate that there are likely to be in excess of 300 HMO's which fall outside of the mandatory licensing regime and over 600 flats in converted houses.

These figures must be treated with caution however and in respect of those houses that have been converted to flats since 1991, if they have complied with Building Regulation standards they would not be legally classified as HMO's.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

How many enforcement fines have been issued in Grangetown?

Reply

Since April 2014, 15 fines have been issued in Grangetown for waste offences.

There have also been 176 abandoned trolleys statutory charges issued in Grangetown since April 2014 to mid November.

In addition the enforcement team have also undertaken 990 actions relating to education and enforcement activity or interventions within Grangetown this financial year.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many staff were employed to clean the street at the county in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and from 05/11/14?

Reply

The number of front line staff employed in the Street Cleansing Service at the start of the periods 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and from 5th November 2014 were as follows:

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Year	No of Front Line Staff Employed
2008/09	168
2009/10	172
2010/11	183
2011/12	174
2012/13	165
2013/14	170
From 5 11 14	142

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many weighbridges does the Council have?

Reply

The Council has five weighbridges, two (one in bridge and one out bridge) at the Waste Management Lamby Way Depot in Rumney, two (one in bridge and one out bridge) at the Bessemer Commercial Waste Transfer facility in Leckwith and one in/out bridge at the Highways Brindley Road facility in Leckwith.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

When was the last weighbridge purchased and what did it cost?

Reply

The last pair of weighbridges (one in bridge and one out bridge) were purchased and installed for the Bessemer Commercial Facility in March 2014 at a cost of £39,995 including 12 months maintenance.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What's the largest amount of materials that could reasonably be processed by a weighbridge in a year?

Reply

The largest amount of waste on any one load for the legal road limit is 44tonnes. Therefore if you operated for 24 hours a day with a constant flow of traffic for 5 days per week, the weighbridge, or a pair of weigh bridges, can process up to 3million tonnes per year at the max 44T payloads of an articulated lorry, this of course depends upon how long vehicles are on site, turn around times, type and weight of each vehicle load, and flow of multiple loads each day, each year. The maximum scenario is highly unlikely.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many tonnes can be processed by weighbridges in Cardiff?

Reply

I refer you to Question 10; the maximum a weigh bridge can process is around 3 million tonnes, technically at the x3 locations 9 million tonnes at optimum and constant operation. Cardiff weighbridges can only weigh the waste presented to them; capacity and actual deliveries are not the same and vary dramatically.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What are the annual figures for recycling, since creating Cardiff Unitary Authority up to 2014?

Reply

Here are the annual recycling performance figures since 2001, this is when the recycling performance was first recorded and reported to Welsh Government. Unitary Authority was formed in 1996, official records for recycling performance were not held before this time.

	Total
2001/2	4%
2002/3	7%
2003/4	14%
2004/5	11%
2005/6	12%
2006/7	20%
2007/8	27%
2008/9	35%
2009/10	39%
2010/11	42%
2011/12	50%
2012/13	52%
2013/14	50%

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many people are on the waiting list for allotments in Cardiff, identifying every allotment?

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Reply

There are currently 829 individuals on the waiting list for an allotment plot. The breakdown on a site by site basis is listed below:

Name of Allotment Site	No. of requests
ALLENSBANK ALLOTMENTS	61
BIRCHGROVE ALLOTMENTS	25
COLCHESTER AVENUE ALLOTMENTS	54
COLLEGE FARM ALLOTMENTS	20
COWBRIDGE ROAD ALLOTMENTS	27
ELGAR CRESCENT ALLOTMENTS	23
ELY GREAT FARM ALLOTMENTS	54
FAIRWATER ALLOTMENTS	44
FLAXLAND AVENUE ALLOTMENTS	26
FOREST FARM ALLOTMENTS	71
GREENWAY ROAD ALLOTMENTS	36
HEOL CHAPPELL ALLOTMENTS	23
HIGHFIELDS ALLOTMENTS	25
LADY MARY ALLOTMENTS	42
LECKWITH-DROVES ALLOTMENTS	38
LLANDAFF FIELDS ALLOTMENTS	93
LLANDAFF NORTH ALLOTMENTS	46
LLANISHEN ALLOTMENTS	43
LON Y DERI ALLOTMENTS	34
LYNTON TERRACE ALLOTMENTS	5
PENGAM PAVILION ALLOTMENTS	24
PENGAM PERMANENT ALLOTMENTS	50
PONTCANNA A ALLOTMENTS	79
PONTCANNA CHALET GARDENS	16
PONTCANNA PERMANENT ALLOTMENTS	75
PORTHAMAL ROAD ALLOTMENTS	24
RHYDYPENAU ALLOTMENTS	47
SOUTH RISE ALLOTMENTS	20
Total Waiting List Requests:	1140
Total Persons on List:	829

It should be noted that the information above is accurate on the date that the list is generated; the number of individuals on the waiting list will fluctuate during the course of the allotment year.

The Council has recently bought back into use a large area of land at the Pengam Permanent site; the area in question will provide an approximate 100 plots of varying sizes. In addition to these areas I anticipate up to a further 100 plots being bought

back into use as part of a winter work programme, which is being undertaken in conjunction with site associations. With regard to the medium - long term I can confirm that allotment provision is now specifically referred to in supplementary guidance and this will enable the Council to make further provision / over time and during the life of the LDP.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many mechanical sweepers does Cardiff have as of 05-11-14?

Reply

As of 5th November 2014, Cardiff Council had the following number of front line mechanical sweepers:

- Large Mechanical Sweepers – 3
- Medium Mechanical Sweepers – 1
- Small Mechanical Sweepers – 12

These vehicles are all deployed by the Street Cleansing Service with the exception of one small mechanical sweeper which is deployed by the Parks Service.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many mechanical sweepers did Cardiff have as of 05-11-13, 05-11-12 and 05-11-11?

Reply

As of 5th November of 2011, 2012 and 2013, Cardiff Council had the following number of front line mechanical sweepers:

Sweeper Size	5 11 11	5 11 12	5 11 13
Large	3	3	3
Medium	1	1	1
Small	16	16	12

These vehicles were all deployed by the Street Cleansing Service with the exception of one small mechanical sweeper which was deployed by the Parks Service.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What was the budget allocated for street cleaning in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013?

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Reply

The budgets allocated for street cleaning in 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 were as follows:

Year	Budget (£)
2008/09	7,621,349
2009/10	7,959,595
2010/11	7,242,604
2011/12	6,799,970
2012/13	7,522,130
2013/14	6,926,854

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much was spent on renovating the Hayes toilets during the 2008-12 administration?

Reply

In the period 2009/10, approximately £148,000 was spent of refurbishing the Hayes Public Conveniences. The budget for this work was secured externally through the Landfill Community Fund.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried before changes to the street cleansing norms?

Reply

The new operating model for street cleansing, as identified in the Cardiff Outdoors Project – Street Cleansing report approved by Cabinet on 9th December 2013, was implemented early in 2014. It is confirmed that an Equality Impact Assessment relating to the changes was carried out ahead of the changes being implemented.

This can be found on the Cardiff Improvement System (CIS).

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

When did Cardiff Council stop collecting leaves fallen from trees onto the highway?

Reply

The Council hasn't stopped collecting leaves from the adopted highway. It has implemented a three pronged approach for tackling leaf fall located on the adopted highway, namely:

1. the continuation of the tidal parking scheme which now operates throughout most of the year;
2. the undertaking leaf fall 'blitzing' work in the main leaf fall areas during the period when the significant leaf fall occurs (i.e. October to December), and
3. the deployment of resources to 'hotspot' areas which are at risk from local surface flooding as a result of leaves blocking highway gully gratings ahead of and during severe rainfall events.
4. Residents wishing to report any significant accumulation of leaves on the adopted highway should do so via Connect to Cardiff.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What is the distance by road between the former Waungron Road Recycling Centre and Wedal Road Recycling Centre?

Reply

The distance by road between the former Waungron Road Household Waste Recycling Centre and the Wedal Road Household Waste Recycling Centre is 2.7 miles.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What is the distance by road between the former Waungron Road Recycling Centre and the recycling centre at Bessemer Road?

Reply

The distance by road between the former Waungron Road Recycling Centre and the Bessemer Road Recycling Centre is 2.6 miles.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What do the "water quality poor" signs mean in Cardiff Bay and what kind of pollution is present in the water at these times?

Reply

The "Poor" water quality signage displayed in Cardiff Bay refers to a calculated prediction of bacterial content within the water. This prediction is made on a daily

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basis by Cardiff Harbour Authority staff using a statistical model. "Poor" is the description that the model produces when calculations predict the bay water to have a bacterial content which fails limits derived from European bathing water standards.

A "Good" or "Excellent" categorisation displayed on signage indicates that the bacteria levels in the water comply with water standards.

It should be noted that Cardiff Bay is not designated bathing water. However, the Cardiff Harbour Authority, with advice from Public Health Wales, has exercised its duty of care and used bathing water standards to advise the public, bay users and stakeholders on the condition / quality of the water in terms of bacterial levels.

"Pollution" therefore refers to bacterial levels only and not chemical or other forms of pollution.

HEALTH, HOUSING AND WELLBEING (COUNCILLOR SUSAN ELSMORE)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many homeless people live in Cardiff and how many are registered as homeless?

Reply

It is very difficult to provide an exact figure because the numbers are very fluid, the population can be very transitory and does not take into account 'hidden' homelessness (e.g. sofa surfing). We can, however, provide the following snapshot:

On the night of November 24, there were 595 homeless households temporarily accommodated by the City of Cardiff Council under its statutory homelessness duty. On the same night, a further 235 single homeless people not in priority need were accommodated in emergency overnight, or traditional hostel, accommodation in Cardiff.

In addition to this on any night there will be a number of people sleeping rough. Cardiff undertook a count of people sleeping rough on Wednesday 29th October as part of the Welsh Government's National Rough Sleeping Count. The identified number was 26. A fluctuation around this figure is consistent with our continuous monitoring, which saw an increase following the changes to Housing Benefit entitlement for EEA Nationals.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much is council rent for 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom properties?

Reply

The average rent for properties, based on 52 weeks is:

1 Bed =	£75.20
2 Bed =	£86.89
3 Bed =	£100.39
4 Bed =	£112.09

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Which housing associations work with Cardiff Council as partner organisations in the City?

Reply

The Council works very closely with seven main Housing Associations both on a strategic and operational level. These Housing Associations are:

Cardiff Community Housing Association
Linc Cymru Housing Association
United Welsh Housing Association
Cadwyn Housing Association
Hafod Housing Association
Wales and West Housing Association
Taff Housing Association

There are other Housing Associations in Cardiff and the Council works with all of them on relevant issues.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Why did it take 7 months to repair the asbestos floor at Clos y Nant in one of the flats?

Reply

The initial order was raised on 9th April 2014 to renew floor tiles containing asbestos cement which is an extremely low risk form of asbestos. This order was issued to Ian Williams Ltd who were unable to gain access to the property after several attempts so the work was eventually cancelled on 8th June 2014. A second order was raised on 22nd August after the tenant made contact and the work was completed on 11th September.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many repairs have been carried out to Clos y Nant's roof over the last 4 years?

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Reply

There have been 4 minor roof repairs over the last four years. Given that this is a complex roof with a combination of multiple flat and pitched roof elevations, this level of repairs is not seen as indicating a major problem. Community Maintenance Service are regularly reviewing repairs data to inform programmes of improvement, should the level of repair work indicate that further work is needed this will be included in a future planned maintenance scheme.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Will the Council take steps to kill and remove the knotweed?

Reply

I can confirm that an officer from the Communities, Housing & Customer Services Directorate will visit Clos-y-Nant to determine where the knotweed is located and liaise with the Parks Service to arrange treatment as necessary. Historically knotweed in this location has been present along the stream bed, although we are aware that clusters have grown into the rear garden of the complex. Treatment can be dependant on the season and, once a visit has taken place and the relevant officer within the Parks Service has assessed the knotweed found, Ward Councillors will be updated further.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What is the rota for cutting the lawns at Clos y Nant?

Reply

The Parks team are responsible for the grass cutting at Clos Y Nant and this is undertaken between 6/8 times a year from the end of March to the end of October.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What action will be taken to make sure that the gutters and overflow at Clos y Nant can cope with rain?

Reply

There is an issue at the Clos Y Nant complex with leaves blocking gutters and roof drains. Community Maintenance Service attends as required when this happens. The Service is currently considering undertaking preventative maintenance on buildings such as these which are in a particular leafy area and where trees are close to the building; however, given the continuous loss of leaves during the autumn period it is unlikely that this maintenance programme will completely eradicate this issue.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

For how many days was the lift at Clos y Nant out of action?

Reply

The lift was out of action for 7 days after a roof leak when water got onto a major electrical part. The roof leak needed to be completed prior to the replacement of this part otherwise any water would have affected the electrical parts again. A review is currently being undertaken looking at all of the lifts in blocks throughout the city; once this review is complete a programme for upgrading the lifts will be developed and implemented.

LEADER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS (COUNCILLOR PHIL BALE)WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What's the protocol for officers who are submitting a policy to the public, considering that it would give a misleading impression of a party's politics?

Reply

In order to answer your question, more specific information is required as to what you are referring to.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Some former active Councillors during 2008-12 were under the impression that Cardiff staff would be treated with linguistic equality with the intranet becoming bilingual, are there any plans to do that?

Reply

It was agreed that a phased approach to the intranet becoming bilingual would be adopted given the time and resources that this would require.

The Welsh Government is currently consulting on a set of new Welsh language standards under the Welsh language (Wales) Measure 2011. Under the Welsh language standards, standards 118 to 124 relate to a '*body's information technology and about support material provided by a body, and in relation to the intranet*'.

We are expecting to be issued with a compliance notice in summer 2015 when we will know which standards directly apply to the City of Cardiff Council.

Many internal communications channels and documents for employees are already available bilingually and we will continue to ensure that staff have the option of receiving information in English or Welsh until the standards are adopted.

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Once the Council has received the compliance notice its statutory obligation in terms of the intranet becoming bilingual will become clearer.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What percentage of staff speak Welsh?

Reply

As at 24th November 2014, records held on the Council's DigiGov HR system show that 4,682 employees have validated their personal details to confirm their individual language proficiency. Of these, 220 employees have indicated that they are Welsh speaking, which equates to 4.7%.

Most of these entries on DigiGov have been made by employees who are PC users; therefore, these figures do not include a large proportion of non-office based staff.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What was the total expenditure on Welsh language training for councillors in 2013?

Reply

In the 2013 calendar year, the expenditure was nil.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What work is the council doing to promote Welsh as an additional language among ethnic minority communities, in accordance with the recommendations of a recent report commissioned by the Welsh Government?

Reply

The Council's Ethnic Minority Service works across the city in all schools, both English and Welsh medium, and we receive an annual grant from the Welsh Government (Minority Ethnic Achievement Grant), which in 2014/15 amounts to £3.8m.

The grant reimburses local authorities for expenditure on educational services in support of children and young people from minority ethnic backgrounds who are learning English or Welsh as an additional language.

Any activities undertaken by the Council to promote Welsh as an additional language, either within the Council or across the city more widely, would not focus solely on Black and Minority Ethnic communities, but all communities in Cardiff.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many complaints did Cardiff Council receive about the deputy Lord Mayor on his comments on Israel?

Reply

25

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What car parks in the city were the properties of Cardiff County Council and / or Cardiff City Council, and how much was each one sold for?

Reply

David Street, Bridge Street and Tredegar Street = £1.25 million on 12th January 1989.

Wood Street = £1.5 million on 12th January 1989.

Westgate Street = £2.29 million on 31st March 1989.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much were each of the former Cardiff Council car parks sold for?

Reply

David Street, Bridge Street and Tredegar Street = £1.25 million on 12th January 1989.

Wood Street = £1.5 million on 12th January 1989.

Westgate Street = £2.29 million on 31st March 1989.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What is the total the Council pays or will pay to procure Wood Street car park?

Reply

This information is current commercially sensitive and is therefore confidential.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What is the length of the Fairwater Rugby Club lease held by Cardiff Council?

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Reply

The Council doesn't have a direct leasehold contractual relationship with Fairwater RFC, but the property most recently occupied by the Club is let to S.A. Brain & Co. Ltd. on a 99-year ground lease, which commenced on 25th March 1964.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Are there any plans to extend, sell or alter the lease of Fairwater Rugby Club?

Reply

No; none at present.

SAFETY, ENGAGEMENT AND DEMOCRACY (COUNCILLOR DAN DE'ATH)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

How many reports of fly-tipping have been recorded during 2014 from Grangetown?

Reply

To date in 2014, there have been 288 incidents of reported flytipping;

Please note this can include one item that has been reported by more than one individual, plus can range from a few dumped bags, single item or van load of material.

To put this into context, the enforcement team have also undertaken 990 actions relating to education and enforcement activity actions or interventions within Grangetown.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What's the total budget for the cold call management project?

Reply

There is no revenue budget specifically allocated to this project. It has been grant funded by the Welsh Government and from our Neighbourhood management Schemes.

TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY (COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

Foreign nationals may only use a foreign-registered car in the UK for a maximum of six months in a year – yet Cardiff Council grants such vehicles twelve-month resident

parking permits. Why is this, and by doing so are we not contributing towards confusion and potentially encouraging someone to break the law?

Reply

I understand that a foreign car can be kept in this country indefinitely but after 6 months it must be registered and insured in this country as opposed to operating under foreign arrangements. Also, if the owner takes the car away, to return home on holiday for example, and returns later, then the 6 month period commences afresh.

In either case, the resident could quite genuinely be intending to remain here for 12 months and so the 12 month resident permit would be appropriate.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

Under the terms of a Cardiff Council visitor permit, motorists cannot use their visitor permit to park in a resident-only bay for more than two hours at a time. How many fines have been issued for that specific offence in the last six months?

Reply

There is no 2 hour rule that you mention within the resident parking permit scheme, as of course a person might wish to stay all day when visiting, and therefore no penalties have been issued for this. The face of the visitor permit does not indicate any time limit applying; only its end of year expiry date.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOVIER

How many parking notices have been issued during 2014 in Grangetown?

Reply

A total of 1,389 penalty charges have been issued so far in Grangetown this year.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Can the Council give a definition of 'Affordable Homes', in relation to what monthly rent or mortgage repayments could be defined as affordable?

Reply

There is no set monthly rent or mortgage repayment that would be defined as affordable.

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Affordable Housing is related to the provision of accommodation which is owned and or managed by either the Council or a Registered Social Landlord (Housing Association) where the rents are regulated by Welsh Government.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What will be the process for the remainder of the LDP?

Reply

The independent Inspector's will assess the soundness of the LDP through the examination process which includes Hearing Sessions early in the New Year.

After the Examination has closed, the Inspectors will submit their report with binding recommendations to the Council who will then formally adopt the Plan.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What streets in Fairwater were sprayed with weed killer during 2012, 2013 and up to now in 2014?

Reply

All adopted streets in the Fairwater ward received treatment in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many SSSIs are in Cardiff and where are they?

Reply

There are 17 SSSIs in Cardiff, which can be found at the following locations:

Argloddiau Cronfeyedd Dwr Llanisien A Llys-Faen / Llanishen
and Lisvane Reservoir Embankments
Caeau Blaen-Bielly
Castell Coch Woodlands and Road Section
Coed y Bedw
Cwarrau Ton Mawr a Ffynnon Taf – Ton Mawr and Taffs Well
Quarries
Ely Valley
Fforestganol a Chwm Nofydd
Flat Holm
Garth Wood
Glamorgan Canal / Long Wood
Gwent Levels - Rumney And Peterstone

Lisvane Reservoir
Penylan Quarry
Rhymney River Section
Rumney Quarry
Severn Estuary
Ty Du Moor

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What is the definition of affordable homes?

Reply

The definition of affordable housing is set out in the Welsh Government's Technical Advice Note (TAN) 2: Planning And Affordable Housing (2006) as follows:

5.1 The definition of 'affordable housing' for the purpose of the land use planning system as described in this Technical Advice Note is housing where there are secure mechanisms in place to ensure that it is accessible to those who cannot afford market housing, both on first occupation and for subsequent occupiers. However, it is recognised that some schemes may provide for staircasing to full ownership and where this is the case there must be secure arrangements in place to ensure the recycling of capital receipts to provide replacement affordable housing.

Affordable housing includes:

- Social rented housing;
- Intermediate housing.

5.2 Social rented housing is that provided by local authorities and registered social landlords. Intermediate housing is that where prices or rents are above those of social rent but below market housing prices or rents.

5.3 All other types of housing are referred to as "market housing" - that is private housing for sale or rent where the price is set in the open market and their occupation is not subject to control by the local planning authority.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much section 105 money does Cardiff keep in savings?

Reply

None.

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WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How much section 105 money is available in Cardiff?

Reply

I refer you to my previous answer.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What was the carbon reduction figure as a percentage by Cardiff Council from figures available between 1999-2014, noting these annually?

Reply

The Department for Energy and Climate Change publishes figures for total carbon emission by local authority area. This reporting started in 2005 and the latest published figures relate to 2011 (DECC publishes these statistics 3 years in arrears to allow for accurate reporting). The latest data shows a city wide carbon reduction of 25% (or 30% per head of population) between 2005 and 2011. The table below gives details.

DECC Carbon Reduction Data – Whole City			
Year	Estimated Population ('000s)	All Sectors	
		Absolute t CO ₂	Per Capita t CO ₂
2005	321	2,657	8.3
2006	324	2,432	7.5
2007	328	2,389	7.3
2008	332	2,389	7.0
2009	338	2,200	6.5
2010	341	2,258	6.6
2011	345	1,986	5.8
%change 05-11		-25%	-30%

The Council has also monitored carbon emissions from its own activities since 2010 as part of the Green Dragon Environmental management system (level 3 requirements). This shows that there has been an overall reduction of 7% between 2010 and 2014. This figure includes a slight increase in emission during the 2012/13 period which was due to the particularly cold winter in that year.

Details are tabulated below:

Source	CO ₂ Emissions (Tonnes CO ₂) 2010/11	CO ₂ Emissions (Tonnes CO ₂) 2011/12	CO ₂ Emissions (Tonnes CO ₂) 2012/13	CO ₂ Emissions (Tonnes CO ₂) 2013/14
Building/Machinery/Street lighting	35,342	32,934	33,951	33,065
Transport	5,999	5,858	5,938	5,455
Total	41,341	38,972	39,889	38,520
%change	-	-6%	+2%	-3%

In addition to the above reduction, the Council has also reduced emissions resulting from municipal waste and landfill activities from 15,900 tonnes per year in 2009 to 10,266 tonnes per year in 2013, a reduction of 35%. The graph below gives further details.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Has Cardiff ever had a Local Development Plan?

Reply

No. Due to the previous administration having to withdraw the previous plan due to the significant concerns raised by the Inspectors, Cardiff has never had an adopted plan.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Did Cardiff have an approved Unitary Development Scheme?

Reply

No.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What reason was given for replacing the Unitary Development Scheme?

Reply

Insufficient time to complete the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) preparation process ahead of new Regulations relating to Strategic Environmental Assessment.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What Inspectors have been appointed to audit Cardiff's Local Development Plan?

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Reply

Mrs Rebecca Phillips and Mr Richard Jenkins.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What was the increase in the Cardiff population in every census since 1970?

Reply

The figures below are taken from the Cardiff LDP, Background Technical Paper No.1: Population and Housing (Updated May 2014), Figure 1, page 6:

Census Year	Population	Increase in Population
1971	279,552	-
1981	286,800	7,248
1991	296,900	10,100
2001	310,100	13,200
2011	345,442	35,342

Source: Office for National Statistics

Note:

Data from 1981 onwards are Mid Year Estimates and relate to the current Unitary Authority area, but previous data relates to Cardiff's boundary on the particular Census date.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What was the net migration to Cardiff from the date of every census since 1980?

Reply

The figures below are taken from the Cardiff LDP, Background Technical Paper No.1: Population and Housing (Updated May 2014), Table 2, page 10:

Period	Implied Migration*
1981-1991	400
1991-2001	3,600
2001-2011	21,600

Source: Derived from ONS Statistics

*Including any 'Other Changes' by ONS

(Note: ONS has indicated that of the net migration and other changes 2001-11, 487 persons per annum are 'unattributable' and may relate to errors in Census results or errors in other (migration) data).

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What was the net migration to Cardiff between 1970-2013, giving as many specific annual figures as possible?

Reply

Data only held for 1981-2011. The figures below are taken from the Cardiff LDP, Background Technical Paper No.1: Population and Housing (Updated May 2014), Table 2, page 10:

Year	Implied Migration*
1981	-1,300
1982	-500
1983	1,000
1984	-2,900
1985	-300
1986	800
1987	1,300
1988	-100
1989	1,200
1990	1,200
1991	-800
1992	500
1993	-1,100
1994	600
1995	3,600
1996	1,100
1997	300
1998	900
1999	500
2000	-2,100
2001	1,300
2002	600
2003	3,000
2004	2,900
2005	1,300
2006	2,800
2007	2,800
2008	3,000
2009	1,800
2010	1,900
2011	800
1981-2011	26,100

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Source: Derived from ONS Statistics

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WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What is Cardiff Council's estimate for annual migration projections between 2014-2030? Note per year if possible.

Reply

The figures below are taken from the Cardiff LDP, Background Technical Paper No.1: Population and Housing (Updated May 2014), Appendix 4:

LDP Net Migration 2011-26 = 1,268 per annum.
There are no Council projections beyond 2026.

Source: Edge Analytics Limited (Option G), June 2013.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many houses have been built in Cardiff every year since 1970? (give annual figures which exist if not completely comprehensive)

Reply

Data is not held for years prior to 1996. Figures for 1996-2014 are set out below and are taken from the Cardiff LDP, Background Technical Paper No.1: Population and Housing (Updated May 2014), Appendix 2:

Completions by Dwelling Type (Units)			
Year Ending March	Flats	Houses	Total
1996	240	621	861
1997	317	1,068	1,385
1998	203	946	1,149
1999	283	1,016	1,299
2000	409	860	1,269
2001	445	522	967
2002	710	696	1,406
2003	912	755	1,667
2004	1,033	880	1,913
2005	1,571	638	2,209

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2006	1452	409	1,861
2007	1,641	727	2,368
2008	1,310	718	2,028
2009	1,067	450	1,517
2010	624	243	867
2011	729	230	959
2012	326	234	560
2013	262	212	474
2014	639	206	845
2005-14 (10 yrs)	9,621	4,067	13,688

Source: Cardiff County Council – Housing Monitoring Records

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many flats have been built in Cardiff every year since 1970? (give annual figures which exist if not completely comprehensive).

Reply

Data is not held for years prior to 1996. Figures for 1996-2014 are set out below and are taken from the Cardiff LDP, Background Technical Paper No.1: Population and Housing (Updated May 2014), Appendix 2:

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WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many 1 floor bungalows have been built every year in Cardiff since 1970? (Give annual figures which exist if they not completely comprehensive).

Reply

No data exists as bungalows are counted as houses in annual monitoring surveys.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many homes have been built every year in Cardiff since 1970? (Give annual figures which exist if they not completely comprehensive).

What was the average total of homes built every year in Cardiff over the period 1990- 2000, 2000-2010?

Reply

Data is not held for years prior to 1981/82.

Between 1981/82 and 2013/14, approximately 44,017 homes were been built in Cardiff as follows:

Year	Completions
81/82	1,292
82/83	1,021
83/84	1,146
84/85	1,549
85/86	1,332
86/87	1,455
87/88	1,796
88/89	2,089
89/90	1,498
90/91	942
91/92	864
92/93	1,194
93/94	1,139
94/95	1,096
95/96	861
96/97	1,385

97/98	1,149
98/99	1,299
99/00	1,269
00/01	967
01/02	1,406
02/03	1,667
03/04	1,913
04/05	2,209
05/06	1,861
06/07	2,368
07/08	2,028
08/09	1,517
09/10	867
10/11	959
11/12	560
12/13	474
13/14	845

Source: Cardiff County Council, Housing Monitoring Records.

Figures taken from Background Technical Paper No.1: Population and Housing (Updated May 2014), Appendix 1, page 23.

Based on these figures, the average total of homes built every year in Cardiff over the periods 1990-2000 and 2000-2010 are as follows:

- 1990-2000 = 1,120 units average
- 2000-2010 = 1,680 units average

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What is the daily assessed traffic capacity for Llantrisant Road 7am until 9am?

Reply

The capacity along the A4119 Llantrisant Road varies significantly by location depending on geometry, junction control, local factors, time of year and driver behaviour. There are sections of the route that are known to operate at capacity during peak periods where significant queuing occurs. In particular, the eastbound approach to the junction of Bridge Road/Cardiff Road during much of the AM peak, experiences a slow moving queues which regularly extends back as far as and even beyond the roundabout of Tangmere Drive/Danescourt Way.

Other factors affecting capacity along a route as discussed in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB 5.1.3.), are – traffic conditions, number of lanes, road width, road gradients, the proportion of heavy vehicles, speed limit, the degree of

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parking and loading, bus stops, pedestrian crossings, the frequency of junctions and side roads, and the level of access to roadside development.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Has the Council assessed or commissioned an assessment of the health impact of deteriorating air quality associated with its LDP proposals along Llandaf Road?

Reply

The Local Development Plan is a key policy document of the Council and a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) was undertaken during the preparation of the Preferred Strategy. This ensures that health issues are taken into account throughout the plan process. The HIA is an iterative process.

The (HIA) self appraisal was undertaken by a Group of Officers from service areas across the Council including planning, transportation, housing, sustainable development, community partnerships together with a representative from the Cardiff & Vale University Health Board. This document is published on the LDP pages of the Council's website.

The issue of health impact of the LDP was addressed in the HIA in the Air Quality and Neighbourhood Amenity section as follows:

The LDP Preferred Strategy aims to minimise air pollution and manage air quality through segregating polluting and noisy industrial uses of land; promoting less polluting forms of public transport, deterring car use and by supporting the development of energy efficient buildings and neighbourhoods.

Key risks were identified as follows:

- Risk of increased traffic due to ineffective linkages.
- Risk that strategic sites will impact on air quality.

As part of the LDP consultation process, information on hotspots of poor air quality in the city were considered and this included the likely exceedance of the health based standard for Nitrogen Dioxide from traffic emissions in Llandaf Road. No specific health impact assessment on air quality and health has been commissioned by the Council.

There are, however, air quality assessments included within planning applications for some of the developments feeding this corridor, the information from which is available to view online via the Planning Register.

Whilst there is a strong body of evidence linking air pollution exposure with adverse health outcomes on a national basis, epidemiological evidence of the health effects from localised pockets of poor air quality is not available.

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) in 2012/3 recognised that a better understanding of the burden of disease from air pollution exposure at the local level, and reasons for its variation, is needed in Wales. Research by Public Health Wales to answer this call from the CMO is currently being undertaken by Public Health Wales. Whilst not Cardiff specific, it will include all areas of Cardiff and involve analyses of variability in local air pollution concentrations and relevant health outcome rates.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

If the LDP projected building on the green field sites in the West of the City, how many extra car journeys will take place every day along Llantrisant Road, Llandaf Road, Pwllmelin Road, St Fagans Road, Cowbridge Road East and Western Avenue?

Reply

It is the Council's intention that through a combination of increased travel by sustainable alternatives to private car (in-line with the 50:50 modal split), and by minimising the need to travel through promoting sustainable communities that traffic impacts will be minimised

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many extra car journeys in Cardiff West will be caused by the completion of Rhondda Cynon Taf's LDP projected dwelling building plans?

Reply

We have no specific details with regards the resulting impact of development traffic from the surrounding authorities upon Cardiff's network has not been forthcoming. It is the Council's intention that through a combination of increased travel by sustainable alternatives to private car (in-line with the 50:50 modal split), and by minimising the need to travel through promoting sustainable communities that traffic impacts will be minimised

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many extra car journeys in Cardiff will be caused by the completion of Rhondda Caerffili's LDP?

Reply

There is no such LDP

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

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How many extra tonnes of human waste will be generated by Cardiff's LDP?

Reply

The LDP is a strategic document which has been prepared in close liaison with relevant statutory undertakers including Welsh Water. Necessary supporting infrastructure will be provided alongside the development of new communities including sewage facilities.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many extra gallons of water will enter Cardiff's sewer system as a result of Cardiff's LDP?

Reply

The LDP will include extensive developments on both greenfield and brownfield sites across the City. From these new developments the foul and surface water flows will be separated and the destination of these flows will be dependent on the approved design criteria.

In terms of the surface water run-off, greenfield developments shall be designed to ensure that the existing run-off flows from un-engineered sites are not increased. This is managed through a series of flow control mechanisms and significant attenuation features, effectively storing storm water from extreme events within engineered green spaces protecting watercourses from increased surges in flow from these sites. Where the soil conditions allow, soak away systems shall also be designed and constructed.

Surface water from brownfield sites can be managed through a similar system of soak ways (where viable) and attenuation systems, in order to ensure that any existing flows are not increased in intensity. If it is feasible to reduce existing flows from brownfield sites using sustainable drainage (SUDS), then this is always the preferred option.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Does the Council have any plans to build any extra bridges across the Ely, Taf and Rumney Rivers?

Reply

The following additional river bridges have been proposed –

Ely Mill – Ely Pedestrian/Cyclist Bridge:

The Section 106 legal agreement related to the outline planning consent for the former Ely Mill housing site requires the developer to construct a bridge for pedestrians and cyclists connecting the development site and the settlement on the west side of the River Ely. The Section 106 legal agreement requires the bridge to be completed within 2 years from the completion of Phase 2 of the development, or if later, 6 years from the date of the commencement of development.

Route 6 – Ely Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge:

The Council is currently investigating the feasibility of constructing a bridge for pedestrians and cyclists on the downstream side of the existing River Ely road bridge on Cowbridge Road West. The bridge would enable pedestrians and cyclists to avoid this very busy section of Cowbridge Road West and the existing narrow footway on the road bridge. The bridge would form part of Cardiff Strategic Cycle Network (Enfys) Route 6. Any draft proposals will be subject to public consultation.

St. Edeyrns – Rumney Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge:

Condition 30 of Planning Permission ref 13/00578/DCO for 1,020 homes on land to the east of the Pentwyn Link Road requires the provision of a proposed new bridge across the River Rumney to provide acceptable access for pedestrians and cyclists between the site and Old St Mellons, together with a programme for its construction for approval in writing by the Authority.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Have there been any accidents involving pedestrians along Michaelston Road from the level crossing to the traffic lights over the last 8 years?

Reply

I would confirm that there have been no recorded injury related incidents over an 8 year period involving pedestrians.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

What is the definition of sustainable development Cardiff is working to in relation to Cardiff's LDP?

Reply

The LDP sets out objectives under 4 main headings:

1. To respond to evidenced economic needs and provide the necessary infrastructure to deliver development;
2. To respond to evidenced social needs;

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3. To deliver economic and social needs in a co-ordinated way that respects and enhances Cardiff's environment; and
4. To create sustainable neighbourhoods that form part of a sustainable city

QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING COMMITTEE (COUNCILLOR JACKIE PARRY)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many licensed sites are there in Cardiff?

Reply

In order to answer this question, more specific information is required as to what licenses you are referring to.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

If a supermarket were to open at the Fairwater Rugby Club site, would an alcohol license be needed for alcohol to be taken out by consumers?

Reply

I understand that you have already been provided with an answer in response to a previous enquiry to officers earlier this month. The sale of alcohol is a licensable activity that would require a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 and any significant change in the use/plan of the premises is likely to require a brand new Premises Licence.

QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE (COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MICHAEL)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many planning applications have been submitted every year since the creation of the Cardiff Unitary Authority?

Reply

On the basis that the Council receives circa 2,500 planning applications per annum, it has received circa 48,000 planning applications since its creation in April 1996.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

If a supermarket were to open at the Fairwater Rugby Club site, would planning permission be needed?

Reply

Yes, a supermarket falls within Use Class A1 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987, whereas Fairwater Rugby Club falls within Use Class D2(e).

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Will planning permission have to be applied for to convert Fairwater Rugby Club to a supermarket?

Reply

I refer you to the previous answer provided to, what is essentially, the same question.

QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
(COUNCILLOR JACKIE PARRY)WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Where in Cardiff has the quality of air been assessed not to be good?

Reply

As part of our statutory duty to monitor Local Air Quality within the city, the Council has an obligation under the Environment Act 1995 to review and assess air quality in its area against National Air Quality Standards which have been set for the protection of human health.

Where monitoring indicates local areas of poor air quality which fail to meet the air quality standards the council is obliged to declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and devise an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP).

The Council is required to report annually to Welsh Government with regard to latest monitoring data, changes and developments which may be significant with regard to Local Air Quality Management and progress in implementing Air Quality Action Plans devised to address previously identified areas of locally poor air quality.

A copy of the latest progress report was reported to the Public Protection Committee in 2014 and is available on the Council's website for the public to view.

In summary, there are currently four declared AQMAs in Cardiff and all have been declared in respect of exceedances of the Nitrogen Dioxide limit resulting from road traffic emissions. They are as follows:

- Cardiff City Centre AQMA

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- Ely Bridge AQMA
- Stephenson Court AQMA
- Llandaff AQMA

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Have any health impact assessments been carried out or commissioned by Cardiff Council regarding less than good air quality?

Reply

I refer to my previous answer with regard to the Council's statutory duty to monitor and report on Local Air Quality within the city.

The Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants (COMEAP) provides independent advice to government departments and agencies on how air pollution impacts on health. There is a strong body of evidence linking air pollution exposure with adverse health outcomes on a national basis but there have been no specific health impact assessments commissioned by the City of Cardiff Council on local air quality and health. This is the case across Wales.

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) in 2012/3 recognised that a better understanding of the burden of disease from air pollution exposure at the local level, and reasons for its variation, is needed in Wales. Research by Public Health Wales to answer this call from the CMO is currently being undertaken by Public Health Wales. Whilst not Cardiff specific, it will include all areas of Cardiff, and involve analyses of variability in local air pollution concentrations and relevant health outcome rates.

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____