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STATEMENT OF THE LEADER

AGENDA ITEM: 10

Metro Central

I recently updated Members with regard to the in-principle decision made last week by the Cardiff Capital Region Cabinet to support the re-development of Cardiff Central Station. This represented the first ever major transport investment decision made collectively by the ten Local Authorities of the Regional Cabinet and was passed with unanimous approval.

The decision earmarks £40m, subject to necessary final approvals, to deliver significant station improvements that will make Cardiff Central ready for the next decade and beyond. The decision will also help to lever in more than £120m of UK Government, Welsh Government and private sector funding to take the project forward.

The project is one of huge significance for Cardiff and the wider city-region. It will unlock the development potential south of the railway station, supporting up to £2bn of further private investment. Critically, it will complement our bus station development and, as part of a wider 'Metro Central' concept, deliver a truly integrated transport hub for Cardiff, the region and Wales.

City Deal

The decision to invest in the re-development of Cardiff Central Station represents a major step forward in delivering the City Deal. Members will be aware that before the remaining £445m of the City Deal investment fund can be spent, all ten Councils of the Cardiff Capital Region need to sign off the reserved matter – the Joint Working Agreement Business Plan.

You will also be aware that I have sought further clarity on the types of investment that will be included in the Joint Working Agreement Business Plan prior to presenting it to Council. In approving the Metro Central proposal we have taken a significant step towards providing some of that clarity. The current proposal is that the Joint Working Agreement Business Plan will be considered by the Regional Cabinet in February 2018 ahead of consideration by Council on 22 March 2018.

Hinkley Point C – Marine Licence for disposal of dredged material

Earlier this month, I met both with the Welsh Government Minister for Environment and with senior representative of Natural Resource Wales (NRW), to discuss the latest position in relation to the marine licence, granted by NRW in 2014, to dispose of dredged material arising from within the construction site of

the Hinkley Point C power station in the Bristol Channel. The licence authorises disposal of dredged material into the Cardiff Grounds Disposal Site.

In support of their licence application, the applicant was required to provide chemical and radiological analyses of the dredge sites, to ensure the material was suitable for disposal at Cardiff Grounds. NRW utilise the expertise within the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS), who concluded that the material tested did not have unacceptable levels of chemicals or radiological materials and was suitable for disposal at sea. NRW further consulted with the Environment Agency as the lead regulator for Hinkley Point, and both the Environment Agency and NRW agreed that the assessment of the radiological impact was undertaken in accordance with International Atomic Energy Agency standards, and was robust. Both organisations agreed with CEFAS' conclusion.

Samples of dredged material are tested every three years to meet international guidelines. The licence therefore required further sampling and analysis to be undertaken to allow sediment deposit after March 2016, though no deposit had been made prior to this date. NRW received further sample results, including chemical and radiological analyses in December 2017. They are currently assessing these results with input from technical consultees, CEFAS, Environment Agency and Public Health Wales. The licence holder does not currently have written permission to deposit material after March 2016 and this will be reviewed once the assessment of the recent sample results has been concluded.

NRW and CEFAS are satisfied that there is no scientific basis for further sampling. Although deeper sediment samples taken in 2009 were not subject to a radiological dose assessment, they indicate that there is no evidence of higher levels of radiological concentrations in deeper sediments at Hinkley Point as a result of historical discharges.

Staff Engagement

In November last year I launched a programme of staff engagement by holding the first event in County Hall with over 300 members of staff. It provided an important opportunity for my Cabinet Colleagues and I to begin a conversation about our priorities, the challenges facing the city and, crucially, how we as a Council need to respond.

On 18 December 2017 I was pleased to attend the second in the series of staff engagement events, this time at Willcox House, alongside Councillors Merry and Weaver. This was an opportunity to relate the work of those Council services based at Willcox House – including the housing, preventative services, digital transformation and customer services teams – to our Capital Ambition agenda. For a number of years staff at Willcox House have been at the forefront of delivering change within the organisation, having embraced new technology and new ways of working. I am greatly looking forward to continuing this dialogue with staff at our other venues across the city.

Councillor Huw Thomas
Leader of the Council
24 January 2018

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM: 10

Adolescent Resource Centre (ARC)

The Adolescent Resource Centre (ARC) is an Edge of Care provision, which provides intensive support to families using the Signs of Safety strengths-based model. As part of our preventative work with families, the ARC team offers support to families at times when other services might not be available. The service includes flexible outreach work, 1-2-1 (minimum of 2-3 times per week); counselling; therapy; overnight respite; and sessions for families based at a centre or in their own homes (including weekends and evenings). Cases are assessed at the outset to ensure the criteria for support is clear and that support is focused on keeping children at home. Follow up reviews, attended by the young person, family members and multi-agency professionals, are held at least every four weeks to ensure the risks are being managed and the plan is being followed.

Since the service went live in April 2017, the ARC has worked with 44 children and young people and the length of time involved has ranged from one week to 32 weeks. Of those 44 children and young people, 4 were fostered and 3 were accommodated in residential homes during this period. This equates to 16% being accommodated and 84% remaining at home.

Support4Families

The Early Help front door, now known as “Support4Families”, was launched on 27th November 2017. This is effectively a “one stop shop” for professionals and families requiring information, advice and assistance prior to matters escalating to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). The multi-disciplinary team is made up of Family Support workers and supported by Children’s Services Social Workers.

“Support4Families” provides early intervention for families, including referral into a wide range of Families First services such as parenting support or support for young people. The service also offers signposting and general advice over the telephone to families and professionals dependent on individual need. The service can visit families who require additional support in order to prevent issues escalating, ensuring that families are empowered to make changes or access support at an earlier stage. The rate of calls coming through the divert route and the impact on MASH contacts is being closely monitored. Early indications are that “Support4Families” has been effective in reducing the number of contacts and has resulted in an increase in the number of families receiving early help.

John Kane Centre

In December 2017, I had the pleasure of visiting the John Kane Centre, accompanied by Councillor Lister and Councillor Bridgeman. The centre has undergone a complete refurbishment and is the new location of the Youth Offending Service. The Operational Manager, Dan Jones, introduced us to the new premises and we met staff who were very happy to have relocated to the centre. One staff member stated: *“The building is clean and bright compared to Penhill and creates a more sociable environment for colleagues with the open plan arrangement”*. The team continues to work passionately with our most complex children who commit offences and the new building is a much more positive environment from which to do this.

Young Commissioners

On 11th January 2018, I was very pleased to meet our Young Commissioners and Parent Commissioners at an event organised by Flying Start, the Youth Service and Families First. Individuals that have completed this process will be taking part in future commissioning for the Families First programme to ensure that service users voices are heard in service planning and design of services.

Councillor Graham Hinchey
Cabinet Member for Children & Families
24 January 2018

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SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM: 10

Adult Services is continuing to make progress against both its corporate and directorate commitments during 2017/18. I would highlight the following:

Integrated Service and Finance Strategy

Work undertaken with the Institute of Public Care (IPC) to facilitate long-term strategic change and support better financial sustainability, will continue during 2018/19 and will focus on the following four areas:

- In relation to the **'Reablement Strategy'**, good progress has been made in engaging key Health and Social Services staff in the review of the Community Resource Team (CRT) operating model. Overall consensus has been reached with Health about the need for change and nature of what needs to change; detailed actions to be agreed in Quarter 4. This will focus on providing more support to people at home, prolonging and promoting independence, and importantly avoiding hospital admission.
- Strong progress has been made in working with teams and managers to engage in the development and implementation of a new **strength-based model in Adult Services**. This mirrors the Signs of Safety model that is being rolled out in children's services and aims to prolong and promote independence by working with families' strengths and assets.
- Good progress has also been made at an inter-authority level in relation to the Development of a new **Regional Learning Disabilities Strategy**. Agreement reached to pursue reform and development in two areas over which the two councils have direct control – adult placements and day care. Health partners are now fully engaged in developing the new strategy.
- Grant funding secured via the Integrated Care Fund to enable scoping to commence to capture demand for a range of housing solutions that will then inform the development of the **Accommodation Strategy for Older People**. This is a cross-directorate project involving Social Services and Communities, Housing & Customer Services, supported by the Assistant Director for Integrating Health & Social Care.

Direct Payments

The new Direct Payments Support Service commenced on 31st July 2017 and is being further embedded. There were 631 adults on the Direct Payment scheme during Quarter 3 (691 year to date), with 30 people working towards the scheme. During Quarter 3, 20 started Direct Payments and 28 ceased (the main reasons were deceased and care home / respite admission). 180 children were on the Direct Payment scheme during the quarter, with 18 working towards the scheme; the total number of children and adults on Direct Payments for the year to date (i.e. April to December) is 869.

Direct Payment rates increased during the quarter to current providers, to reflect an uplift and the National Living Wage. It is too soon yet to evaluate how the new model is meeting individual needs, however the new Direct Payment support service has had an overall positive impact on all those in receipt of a Direct Payment. The service will work in partnership to develop next steps – in particular, the options of pooled Personal Assistants to assist service users and to attract a professional workforce to the social care market.

Dementia Friendly City

The Council has achieved 'working towards' Dementia Friendly City status. The Cardiff and the Vale Dementia Plan 2018/19 will be launched after the release of the Welsh Government's national strategy (date to be confirmed). The plan will be monitored and reviewed on a regular basis by the Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Regional Safeguarding Adults Board.

Delayed Transfers of Care

Work in relation to reducing Delayed Transfers of Care (DToCs) is ongoing and is on target to meet the milestones set out in the Directorate Plan. The information reported by the Integrated Health & Social Care Partnership on its 20th December 2017 census shows sustained improvements. The total number of DToCs for December 2017 is 38 compared to 53 for November 2017, a decrease in a month of 28%. The number is 38% lower than the same period last year 2016/17, which was 61. The total number of DToCs aged 75+ for December 2017 is 21, compared to 32 for November 2017; a decrease in a month of 34%. A recent Adult Services benchmarking report has also identified an overall 32% reduction in DToCs for social care reasons when comparing the months of October and November in 2016/17 (25) and 2017/18 (17).

Carers Assessments

Work in relation to Carers Assessments is ongoing and we are showing an improved result for Quarter 3 compared to the same period last year. 66.3% of carers have been offered an assessment (2,174 offers for 3,277 carers) compared to 61.7% for the same period last year (2,054 offers for 3,329 carers). The number of completed carer's assessments during Quarter 3 is 187, compared to 166 for the same period last year.

A Carers' Assessment Worker has been working with the Mental Health teams with a view to increasing assessments, which has been effective. The arrangement will be reviewed in Quarter 4 to determine the ongoing viability of having one dedicate worker for mental health.

We have increased the number of telephone assessments and this has enabled the team to spend more time identifying community and third sector services. While this process takes longer, the result is that more carers are being supported by external organisations.

We have also adopted the practice of contacting carers 12 months after their last assessment to discuss if their needs have changed and whether a reassessment is required. This contact will also be made to all carers who previously declined an assessment in order to make another offer. This is a positive development, resulting in a more timely and structured approach to offering carer assessments.

Day Opportunities

Work is ongoing and on target to meet the milestones set out in the Directorate Plan. The tender for works to refurbish the Grand Avenue Day Centre in Ely was successful and a contractor was appointed in Quarter 3, with work commencing in November 2017. This is expected to be completed in summer 2018. The successful contractor is the same one that completed the work on the Minehead Road Day Centre in Llanrumney. This has helped mitigate against any delays/issues as the contractor and the directorate built a good working relationship during the Minehead Road refurbishment.

Budget Monitoring

Adult Services is showing an underspend of £100,000 at month 9. Although, as in previous years, there has been pressure on the commissioning budgets for services for older people and those with learning disabilities, these pressures have been offset by savings in other areas, notably staffing. The service has also received significant additional grant funding in 2017/18. Activity levels have stabilised in the second and third quarters of the year. This reflects reviewing care pathways in the Hospital Social Work teams, relationship management of the market (e.g. provider forums) and senior management scrutiny of spend within Adult Services, including the focus on high cost placements, plus the introduction of a number of measures designed to control demand and prices.

Intergenerational Event

There are several studies that suggest that intergenerational practice can help improve community cohesion as well as increase health and wellbeing, by bringing together older and younger people. This remains a key objective of the Preventative Services agenda. The team aims to help older people to live healthier lives and remain connected to the communities in which they live, by encouraging and enabling ways for older people to participate in community opportunities and activities.

The team's second intergenerational event took place on 4th December 2017 in partnership with the Cardiff City Football Club Foundation. At the event, four classes of children were organised to speak with a group of older people over the course of the day. Some of the older people brought in pictures and memorabilia to share.

Both groups of ages benefitted enormously with the older group learning about the different cultural backgrounds of the children, helping them to understand reasons for migration and, in one instance, what it's like to be a refugee from Syria. Some of the younger people formed close bonds with the adults and learned how older people were treated differently in school compared to today. This resulted in the older people feeling valued for their stories, younger people learning about the past and both groups gaining a mutual respect for each other.

Meals on Wheels

For the first time in over 40 years of the service, the Council's Meals on Wheels service delivered meals to customers over the festive bank holidays. Customers were able to enjoy a hot, nutritious meal delivered to their homes on Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

At this time of year, perhaps more than any other, older and vulnerable people in our communities are at the forefront of our concerns. Meals on Wheels is a fantastic service and provides invaluable support to our customers. However, it's about much more than simply taking food to our customers. It's about providing peace of mind for our customers and their families, as well as providing social interaction for those who may otherwise go days without speaking to another person. The service now includes a social welfare check and our drivers have established a real rapport with the clients they meet.

People can self-refer to the Meals on Wheels service or can be referred by family, friends, neighbours, or health or social care professionals. Customers that meet one of the following criteria can receive the service:

- Having difficulty preparing a meal safely
- Liable to self-neglect or would eat an inappropriate diet without the service
- Unable to shop for food
- Have a mental or physical disability
- Needing support due to recovery from hospitalisation or illness; carer illness or holiday, or bereavement.

The service is affordable and caters for people of all ages, not just the elderly. Customers can also choose when and how often they would like to receive meals. A wide selection of meals, catering for a variety of diets, conditions and cultural choices are available for £3.90 a day for a main meal, or £4.50 for a main meal plus dessert.

GoodGym Cardiff and Vale

I am pleased to report that recently the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Integrated Health and Social Care Partnership had an update on the work of GoodGym Cardiff and Vale.

The project was launched in May last year with support from the Integrated Care Fund, and is the first here in Wales. It is based on the idea that a group of people run to keep fit, and at the same time undertake tasks which benefit the community.

Since it started there are now over 100 members who have completed tasks such as gardening, decorating, sorting charitable donations and litter picks and helped organisations such as the YMCA, Samye Foundation, Marie Curie, Ty Hafan, some of our schools and the Dar Ul-Isra Muslim Welfare and Education Centre. Importantly, some of the runners have also run to support isolated older people with social visits and one-off tasks they can't do on their own.

I personally think this is a fantastic idea and fits well with the ethos of both the Social Services and Well-being Act and the Well-being of Future Generations Act and is definitely something we all need to encourage as part of our work to promote resilient communities. If anyone has any ideas of groups or individuals in Cardiff that could benefit please do let me or GoodGym know.

Councillor Susan Elsmore
Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health & Well-being
24 January 2018

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STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM: 10

Impact of Carillion liquidation for Cardiff

With Carillion going into liquidation I would highlight with Members the potential impacts on the Council. Officers have informed me that although the Council do not have any direct contracts with Carillion, a number of our stakeholders were working with the company. Officers have met with the respective stakeholders and have provided the following update:

- **London to Cardiff Electrification Works – Splott Road Bridge – Network Rail**

Carillion are working for Network rail on the upgrade to Splott Road Bridge. There are critical dates to this contract in terms of rail possessions in February 2018 and if they are missed they will create significant issues for both the electrification and the re-opening of the bridge to two-way traffic.

Assurances have been received that Network Rail are working with employees of Carillion and their supply chain to ensure that any ongoing concerns are addressed. At this time, the Network rail delivery team are committed to delivering the programme of Works as Splott Road Bridge and the associated possession in February 2018 is on the critical path for the completion of the larger London to Cardiff electrification project.

- **BT utility works – Cardiff wide - Carillion Telent joint venture**

The Carillion Telent joint venture work for BT to deliver their utility upgrade work. There is no identified impact to Cardiff with respect to this joint venture. There is a minor risk that road openings, mainly in pavements, may remain open for a longer period if there are concerns over payments and any subcontract work. The Council's street work team in City Operation will monitor performance over the coming weeks to help manage any concerns. The Council has an opportunity to mitigate any concerns by working with BT to close any pavements that are open working with our own framework highway contractor.

I would note that it is extremely early in the process of Carillion going into liquidation but I wanted Council to be aware of the current position. If any Local Member does have a concern, I am happy for them to contact myself, or relevant senior officers in City Operations, so that these can be addressed. I have also requested that any

media contact with regards to this matter be directed to the relevant companies that employed Carillion.

Additional Welsh Government Funding

Additional in-year funding was awarded by Welsh Government (£1.1m) just prior to the new year, towards the Gabalfa 20mph scheme, Cathays 20mph retrofit, Northern corridor cycle route, cycle hire set up and A4119 primary route active travel.

Green Paper

It is intended that the Green paper will come forward to March Council, subject to Lord Mayor's approval.

University Hospital of Wales Transport Interchange

Pre application discussion to consider new bus/taxi and bicycle hub underway with Hospital Officials to integrate into Cardiff's bus network.

nextbike

nextbike was announced as the operator of Cardiff's new on street cycle hire scheme on 19 December 2017. The scheme will bring 500 bikes to the streets of Cardiff and will officially launch in May. In year capital funding has been awarded from the Welsh Government to fund the purchase of the scheme infrastructure.

Network planning is in progress in conjunction with nextbike, and a short survey has been launched (<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=151249355464>) to seek public feedback on where hire stations should be placed. This will help to refine and inform ongoing network development.

Car Free Day

Key stakeholders are being consulted on the current outline plans for Sunday 13th May 2018 this will include the 2018 City Ride which will be staged in central Cardiff. This centrepiece of the HSBC project will follow an entirely traffic free route taking in Castle Street, Westgate Street, Bute Park, Cathays Park and many of Cardiff's iconic landmarks. The ride will provide a unique opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to cycle in safety on streets. Further streets will be closed around the Castle and Civic buildings. These streets will be given over to the people of Cardiff for various activities and provide them with the freedom to use them without the presence of cars. Where possible bus services will continue to run.

HSBC

We are delighted to have agreed a five-year partnership, (with the option to extend for a further period of up to three years) with British Cycling to enable the delivery of the HSBC-sponsored UK Core Cities cycling project in Cardiff. British Cycling, with the backing of HSBC, are committed to invest £500,000 per year. This investment will support a comprehensive programme of cycling development activity which, in Cardiff, will be delivered by British Cycling, in partnership with Welsh Cycling, Cardiff Council and local people. The programme includes a number of projects

each geared towards getting more people in Cardiff cycling for everyday transport, leisure and as a competitive sport.

The Go-Ride element of the project will focus on cycling in primary schools enabling pupils to learn basic cycling skills in a fun, traffic-free environment in Year 5. Other strands of the project focus on the development of city-wide coaching and volunteer capacity to support a wide-range of community participation activities including guided and social rides, rides for women riders under the successful Breeze programme and a series pop-up community events where new and novice cyclist can give cycling a try in a safe traffic-free environment.

I'd like to pay credit to Welsh Cycling and British Cycling and HSBC for their innovative and ambitious approach.

Councillor Caro Wild
Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport
24 January 2018

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INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM: 10

Building More & Better Jobs

The County Council will welcome the latest ONS data released yesterday (24 January) which highlight the fact that more people are employed in Cardiff today that at any time in the city's history.

Over 230,000 people now work in Cardiff including some 175,000 Cardiff residents. These figures represent a record for Cardiff and reflects the efforts of successive Administrations since the 1990's to ensure that the city work maximises the opportunities presented as a result of the investment in the city's infrastructure, which has taken place throughout the period since the 1970s, and which means the city is primed for investment.

Only last night, the Leader of the County Council and I joined the Secretary of State for Wales at the Wales Office in London where the UK Government and the County Council jointly hosted an event to promote investment opportunities in Cardiff to a wide range of leading investment and fund managers based in London. We left London in the sure knowledge that Cardiff is well positioned to take advantages of new opportunities which will emerge in the post-Brexit era.

Severn Growth Summit

The County Council will be aware of the Severn Growth Summit that took place in Newport earlier this week which created an economic area which brings together Bristol, Bath, Cardiff and Newport as we anticipate the removal of the Severn Bridge tolls later this year. This decision will present new opportunities for economic development across South Wales.

This is an important partnership for Cardiff and is critical to our ability to influence the UK economic agenda to ensure that Whitehall looks west as well as north when considering major regeneration investment. There are already concerns about the adverse impact that HS2, if it does get built, will have on the economies of South Wales and the South West. This new partnership represents South Wales best opportunity to respond to this challenge and to make the case UK Government investment along the entire length of the M4.

Indoor Arena

The County Council will be aware of the Administration's commitment to deliver a new Indoor Arena the case for which has been outlined in previous Cabinet reports and been subject to scrutiny the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee.

I can confirm that I intend to bring a report to Cabinet next month which will identify the preferred site in order to move forward this important contribution to the city's infrastructure.

Councillor Russell Goodway
Cabinet Member for Investment and Development
24 January 2018

CULTURE AND LEISURE STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM: 10

Apprenticeships

The Parks Service has created a new Horticultural Apprenticeship, which will specialise in plant propagation/production and see the successful applicant benefit from a tailored programme of in-house practical experience, combined with study towards a professional qualification in horticulture. The creation of this new post demonstrates delivery against the Cardiff Commitment to increase the number of apprenticeship opportunities within the Council, which is a major employer within the city.

Promoting Nature

The Council's partnership project with the RSPB and Buglife, Giving Nature a Home in Cardiff, continues to successfully engage more children with nature in the city. The project has secured £500,000 from the Big Lottery Fund and has now enabled the partnership to engage over 27,000 children and their families with nature in every single ward in Cardiff. The project continues to inspire and enable a team of volunteers aged 14 to 60+ who have now generously given over 5,000 hours of their time to help engage Cardiff's communities with nature.

Sport and Physical Activity

Last week, I met with officials from Welsh Government to discuss their work programme for sports facilities and the wider benefits of sport and physical activity. As a result, I have asked them to explore the following three issues at Ministerial level:

- **21st Century Schools** – the need to make a firm commitment to build appropriate, innovative and aspirational sports facilities that provide conditional access for the local community and local clubs on a self-funded basis and for this to be a condition of grant funding for new schools. There is evidence that such provision/access improves educational attainment for pupils and builds a sense of ownership and pride in their school.
- **Education** – to recommend that the new Successful Futures curriculum recognises the importance of increasing the time spent during the school week on curricular sport and physical activity, in accordance with the Chief Medical Officer's recommendations of 5 times per week for every child, and to make this a key Estyn measure for schools' well-being.

- **Statutory Provision** – to make the causal link between sport, physical activity and health as an intervention tool to prevent obesity and other poor lifestyle illnesses. Making sport, leisure and physical activity a statutory obligation will help protect services, unlock resources across policy areas and reduce the health inequalities that exist in our city.

I am fully committed to working with Welsh Government, Sport Wales and National Governing Bodies to look at how we can improve the grant award process for cities like Cardiff and will strive to develop a broad strategy for Sport and Physical Activity.

Arts Venues

I want to congratulate both St David's Hall and New Theatre on excellent Christmas performance figures. The annual pantomime at the New Theatre broke all attendance and income records, with 60,000 people attending the 5-week run, which returned a gross income in excess of £1.5m. The ballet at St David's Hall also exceeded its targets and set new records for both attendance and income, with over 16,000 ticket buyers enjoying the performances. These excellent results are a tribute to the professionalism and efforts of the theatre staff, together with the exceptional talent of all involved in the staging, delivery and performance of each show.

Councillor Peter Bradbury
Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure
24 January 2018

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM: 10

21st Century Schools Band B Funding

The Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Education announced in November 2017 that a sum of £2.3 billion had been earmarked by the Welsh Government to modernise education infrastructure in Wales, commencing in 2019. As part of the announcement, the Welsh Government confirmed its commitment to supporting the projects submitted by local authorities in their Outline Strategic Business Cases. The value of Cardiff Council's Band B programme is £284 million, of which half would be funded by the Welsh Government. The Council will now work closely with Welsh Government officials to agree the profile of funding and submission of business cases for individual projects.

Performance of Cardiff Schools

The annual Performance of Cardiff's Schools report shows that the results for the 2016-17 academic year build on a clear pattern of continuing improvement in recent years. Of particular note is the overall improvement in the quality of education provision in Cardiff, as evidenced by Estyn inspections and national categorisation. There has been some reduction in the variation in quality and outcomes between similar schools, and an improvement in outcomes for some low attaining groups of learners. When these results are set against the aspirations and targets in Cardiff 2020, it is clear that further work remains to be done.

The overall strengths of Cardiff's performance in 2017 are:

- The continuing pattern of improvement in the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2;
- Cardiff's performance in relation to the Welsh averages in the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2;
- Performance at Level 2+ and Level 2 thresholds, compared with the Consortium and Welsh averages;
- Improved Estyn inspection outcomes and an increase in the number of schools removed from an Estyn category;
- Improved attainment of eFSM pupils at Key Stage 2 and 4;
- Continuing reduction in the number of young people who are not in education, employment or training.

The 2017 Performance Report highlights the continuing importance of focused action in relation to:

- Improving outcomes for children who are looked after, particularly in relation to those young people who are not educated in a Cardiff school;
- Improving outcomes for young people at Level 1 and for those who are educated other than at a mainstream or special school;
- Reducing the number of young people who leave Key Stage 4 without any qualifications;
- Addressing the performance in English, which is the lowest of the areas of learning in FP, KS2 and KS3 and below the Welsh average at KS2 and KS3;
- Meeting the needs of an increasing number of young people with Additional Learning Needs;
- Continuing to address the low attainment of Traveller/Roma young people.

Additional Learning Needs

On 18th January 2018, the Cabinet considered a report, entitled 'Improving Provision for Children and Young People with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) 2018-22', and approved the refreshed strategic priorities for improving outcomes for learners with additional learning needs. The Cabinet also agreed to consult on 8 proposals for increasing school and specialist resource base places to meet increased demand over the next three years. The Council will hold a public consultation with all stakeholders in accordance with the Schools Organisation and Planning Code. The provisional dates for this consultation are from 30th January to 13th February 2018.

New Year's Honours List 2018

Mrs Julie Morris, Headteacher at Severn Primary School, was awarded an MBE for services to education in the New Year's Honours list. Mrs Morris started teaching in Llancarfan Primary in 1979, before moving to Severn Infant and Nursery School in 1986. She taught there for a number of years, before becoming Deputy Headteacher in 1994 and Headteacher in 1996. When the school amalgamated with Severn Junior School in 2008, Mrs Morris became Headteacher of the new primary school. Mrs Morris has paid tribute to the school, saying that this award really belongs to all the staff there.

New Eastern High School

Eastern Community Campus, a new home for Eastern High and Cardiff and Vale College opened earlier this month and marked the culmination of a 3-year, £26m project. The new campus has been jointly funded by Cardiff Council and the Welsh Government through the 21st Century Schools programme and can accommodate up to 1,200 Eastern High and 320 Cardiff and Vale College students.

Cardiff Council and Cardiff and Vale College, together with Welsh Government, have created an innovative new campus, offering a learning environment fit for the 21st Century, with state-of-the-art facilities also available for the wider community to enjoy. These include flexible learning spaces that can be configured for a variety of uses and the very latest in science and IT facilities. The new shared campus will also bring significant opportunities for students to progress to further education and training.

Welsh in Education Action Plan 2017-2021

The Welsh Government Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning, Baroness Eluned Morgan AM, visited her former school, Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf, on 17th December 2017 to mark the launch of the Welsh in Education Action Plan 2017-2021, which aims to put education at the heart of the Welsh Government's ambition to achieve a million Welsh speakers by 2050. The plan builds on the 2010 Welsh-medium Education Strategy, and sets the Welsh Government's direction for the development of Welsh-medium and Welsh language education over the next four years. The Minister spoke to pupils and teachers about their experience of Welsh-medium education and said that her visit highlighted the excellent all-round education that is provided through the medium of Welsh.

Ysgol Hamadryad

The Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning also joined me last month at the site of the new Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad in cutting the turf to mark the start of construction work. The new school represents an investment in the area of almost £10m, which is being funded jointly by Cardiff Council and the Welsh Government through the £164m 21st Century Schools Band A Programme for the city.

Ysgol Hamadryad will serve some of the most diverse areas in Wales, and it will be the first Welsh-medium school in Butetown. The project forms part of the continuing expansion of Welsh-medium provision and widening of parental choice in the city. Cardiff 2020 – the vision for education and learning in Cardiff – makes a clear commitment to provide more school places, ensuring that provision is available to all families who choose a Welsh-medium education.

Construction of the new school is expected to be completed by the end of 2018, with Ysgol Hamadryad moving to its brand new, permanent home in early 2019 (from its temporary accommodation next to Ninian Park Primary School in Grangetown). At two forms of entry, the new school will be able to accommodate up to 420 pupils, plus 48 full-time equivalent nursery places.

Councillor Sarah Merry
Cabinet Member for Education, Employment & Skills
24 January 2018

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COUNCIL: 25 JANUARY 2018

FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM: 10

Council Website

The new redesign of the Council's website was launched in December 2017 and is aimed at making the information more intuitive for people to use. From analysing the pages on the homepage and the subsequent areas people are visiting, along with reviewing the top searches, we are able design the website to prioritise the top tasks for our customers. Early indications show that this has had an impact on the way our customers contact the Council and reduced the number of avoidable contacts to other channels.

The review of the website is a constant process and, as we are adding more services online, we will need to keep reviewing content and accessibility to ensure the best experience for customers. Some highlights from December 2017 included:

- 64% of our customers are accessing the website via a mobile device.
- 79.4% of requests for waste recycling bags were completed online.
- Nearly 56k residents checked their next collection online, which represents 39.2% of households.
- 81.3% of parking permits were applied for online.

Council Tax Exemption for Care Leavers

Following the debate at Council in November 2017 on the motion proposed by Councillor De'Ath and seconded by Councillor Goddard, I am pleased to be able to report that, following the decision of Cabinet on 18th January 2018, this administration has agreed to exempt care leavers from Council Tax up to their 25th birthday by creating a separate exemption class for care leavers. This will apply after all other discounts, exemptions and Council Tax Reduction have been awarded.

LGBT History Month

We are in the process of planning events to mark this year's LGBT History Month which is being held in February 2018. We are working with Council colleagues and partners from Welsh Government and Stonewall Cymru to support a number of events including:

- 'Lunch & Learn' pop-up exhibition

- LGBT domestic violence awareness training
- Cardiff Dragons 'Friendly Football match'
- Castles in Wales to be lit up and fly the Rainbow Flag
- City Hall and County Hall to fly the Rainbow Flag
- Exhibition at Cardiff Central Library
- Stonewall Cymru Workplace Conference to be held in Cardiff
- Pride Parade from Treforest to Cardiff
- Drag Show arranged by University of South Wales
- Social media posts/press releases by the Communications and Media team

Disability Confident

The Council has achieved Disability Confident accreditation for a further 2 years (valid up to 10/12/2019) following completion of a successful self-assessment, which recognised the Council's achievements as a Disability Confident Employer. We continue to promote our Disability Confident Employer badge on the website and in communications. In continuing our Disability Confident commitment, the Council is ensuring that disabled people and those with long-term health conditions have the opportunities to fulfil their potential and realise their aspirations.

Councillor Chris Weaver
Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance
24 January 2018

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

AGENDA ITEM: 10

Volunteering Cardiff

I was honoured to attend the “Volunteer Thank You Event” held earlier this week on 22nd January 2018. The event was an opportunity to thank all the volunteers who support the delivery of council services, including ‘friends’ groups who support Parks and Bereavement Services, Into Work Services and St David’s Hall to mention just a few. Invited guests received goodie bags and certificates as part of their thank you. In addition to this, some of the volunteers were able to share their volunteering stories with the rest of the volunteers in attendance. It is only when listening to these individual stories can we begin to understand the profound impact that volunteering has had on them and their lives, but also the huge benefit that volunteering work has on those individuals benefitting from the services provided.

The event also marked the launch of the new Volunteer Cardiff portal (www.volunteercardiff.co.uk). The website has been developed in partnership with Cardiff Third Sector Council, Student Volunteering Cardiff, Keep Cardiff Tidy, Wales Council for Voluntary Action, Sport Cardiff, Spice and Volunteering Wales. The new portal allows citizens to choose the type of volunteering that they would like to do and in which area of the city. Opportunities are available on a short or long term basis with local projects and community groups, or with larger organisations such as the Council. Anyone is welcome to get involved, regardless of their age, experience or skills.

Welfare Reform – Universal Credit

Members will be aware that Universal Credit is due to be rolled out in Cardiff on 28th February 2018. The table below shows the future implementation timeline for Cardiff:

28 th February 2018	Full Service – new claims and change of circumstances accepted for households with less than three children
1 st February 2019	New claims and change of circumstances accepted for households with three or more children
February – July 2019	Contingency Period
July 2019 – March 2022	Large scale migration of remaining claims over to Universal Credit

It is therefore timely for me to update Members on the current position and work that has been undertaken to prepare for and, hopefully, alleviate some of the negative impacts. The emerging issues from other local authorities include:

- Front line services receiving very high numbers of queries due to confusion over new benefits and the claim process.
- Increased demand for specialist debt advice.
- Digital support increased dramatically with considerable number of repeat customers.
- No noticeable reduction in workload for Housing Benefit departments.
- Decrease in Council Tax collection rates for Universal Credit (UC) claimants.
- Council Tax Reduction significantly under-claimed by UC claimants.
- Decrease in Private Sector Landlords willing to accommodate UC tenants.
- Rent collection has reduced from 98% to 72% for UC claimants. UC claimants account for 8.92% of tenants, but contribute 38% of the arrears (Croydon – Feb 2017).
- 30% of Local Authority tenants on UC have arrears in excess of £1,000 (Flintshire – Sep 2017).

With this in mind and acknowledging that we cannot completely negate the significant impact on individuals and families in Cardiff, we have taken the following steps to ensure that we are doing all we can to support them:

- Engagement events arranged for 29th January 2018 (stakeholders) and 30th January 2018 (private landlords).
- Further development of the Landlord Liaison Service for Private Landlords.
- Advice Outreach across the city and co-locating in food banks, hostels, community hubs and Jobcentre Plus offices.
- Expansion of employment services and the launch of the new employment gateway service in April.
- Review of IT infrastructure including increased PC and Wi Fi access across the city.
- Expanding role of hub staff to include homeless prevention.
- New self-service section in Central Library Hub – scan stations and increased number of phone lines to promote self-serving customers.
- Introduction of a telephone advice line service.
- Targeting of face-to-face services for those unable to self-serve.
- Robust training package for front line staff & partners – over 800 staff to be trained during January and February 2018.
- Review of Arrears Procedure – early intervention toolbox; increase in welfare liaison officers.

Rough Sleeping

I'm sure colleagues are aware of, and share my concern for, those individuals who are currently sleeping rough on the streets of Cardiff. As mentioned in my previous statement to Council in November 2017, we are pleased to be

supporting a new campaign called Give DIFFerently. This is a campaign that encourages people to donate by text to raise funds to help people to move away from the streets. If people want to help these vulnerable individuals rebuild their lives, there are more beneficial ways to make a difference rather than giving them cash in the street and Give DIFFerently assist with this.

Donations will go into a fund managed by the Community Foundation in Wales, where individuals can access small grants that will bring about positive change at a crucial moment in their lives. From clothing and transport for a job interview to household items for a new tenancy, all the money raised will directly help people move away from homelessness. Alternatively, concerned residents could volunteer with charities that provide support to the homeless or those at risk of homelessness. The initiative is being supported by those organisations delivering frontline services in Cardiff, including Cardiff Council, Big Issue Cymru, Huggard, Salvation Army, South Wales Police and the Wallich.

I would also like to update Members on the winter provision for Rough Sleepers. Numbers remained high during December 2017, with 79 people being recorded as sleeping rough in Cardiff during the week ending 22nd December 2017. In previous years, the drop in winter temperatures had led to more people accessing the cold weather provision, of which there are 54 spaces available and further contingency for an extra 55 spaces. At no point were all of these spaces taken and there remains no need for anybody to sleep outside at night. The challenge for us is encouraging those living on the streets to access the services that are available.

To further update Members on developments, I can also confirm that:

- The Housing First pilot project for up to 10 direct placements with wrap around services became operational in December 2017.
- Improved emergency provision of 3 extra pods are now in place at Tŷ Tresillian, with a further 5 pods due in early 2018.
- An additional 8 pods at the Huggard are due for completion in January 2018.
- Tŷ Tarian (accommodation for women with high support needs and at risk of exploitation) is now in place and early indications have been very positive.
- The provision of Into Work Services in our hostels has been piloted and has provided good initial results which will be reviewed prior to full implementation.

Empty Homes

Performance relating to empty properties in Cardiff has taken a downturn over the last two years for a number of reasons, attracting negative press coverage. However, the situation is now improving and I want to highlight the work that is being done to improve performance in this area.

A new Empty Properties Officer was recruited in June 2017 to bolster the work being carried out in this area and a mailshot was sent to owners of approximately 200 empty properties. There are approximately 1,400 long-term empty homes in Cardiff and the team will contact all owners in February 2018

by way of a mailshot to encourage their return to beneficial use. To date, this work has resulted in an increase in active cases and ongoing dialogue with 115 property owners. Many of these properties are now undergoing works of renovation or are being sold.

Further work is being undertaken to enhance joined up working, in particular to ensure reliable monitoring of empty homes and the effective promotion of the Houses to Homes loans scheme. In addition, officers are actively engaging with partners to develop a more innovative service and a broader package of incentives for owners. Enforcement resources have also been further increased recently to deal with more problematic cases and to provide a more comprehensive service.

Wates Cardiff Living Programme / Into Work Advice Services

Cardiff Living is an exciting development partnership between Cardiff Council and national developer Wates Residential that will deliver 1,500 new homes over a 10-year period. As part of the community benefits that Wates stipulated in their bid, the Council's Into Work Services have acted as a brokerage for Wates Residential and supported them in recruiting for their various job vacancies. This ensures that local people are given the opportunity and access to apply for these vacancies through local Job Clubs and mentoring support being run city-wide through the Hubs and other community locations. Into Work Services support clients to get the qualifications they need, carry out interview technique sessions, support them to create bespoke CV's and to search for the right opportunity for them. The partnership with Wates Residential has proven to be extremely successful and the team has filled a number of Labour/Gateman vacancies for the company and are currently looking to recruit for a range of roles, including Assistant Surveyor; Site Surveyor; Principal Design Manager; Administration Apprentice (will complete NVQ Level 2 Business Administration) and Cleaners. We are hopeful that these opportunities will also be filled with job seekers working with the Into Work Services.

Llanishen Hub

The new Llanishen Hub opened its doors for the first time on 27th November 2017. This new community facility, situated at the heart of Llanishen village on the ground floor of the police station on Station Road, is a partnership project with South Wales Police and the Police & Crime Commissioner. The ground floor has been refurbished and remodelled to accommodate library services as well as a children's corner, housing and benefit services, public access PCs, an IT suite, interview rooms and a community room. Feedback from our partners has also been very positive with footfall for Money Advice, Housing Solutions and Benefit queries being high from the outset.

Blue Monday

Libraries and Hubs across the city had the perfect antidote to the January blues with a packed day full of activities and information. Central Library Hub hosted a Blue Monday event on 15th January 2018 with a number of taster sessions and workshops to encourage people to try something different in the New Year. Activities include crafting for mindfulness, yoga, creative writing, cake

decorating and learning French. A number of organisations attended the Central Library Hub event, including Samaritans, Time to Change and Recovery Cymru. Further events were hosted throughout Hubs in Cardiff, including the Powerhouse, STAR and Llandaff North & Gabalfa Hubs.

Councillor Lynda Thorne
Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities
24 January 2018

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CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM: 10

Fly tipping & Enforcement

Work continues to transform services to deal with some of the service delivery challenges within constrained budgets. This work relates both to how engagement and technology can support demand management and improve effective and efficient working.

Neighbourhood Services are currently working on the delivery of technology that will support digitalisation of licensing and environmental enforcement. This change will enable improvements in the process flow associated with fines and support improved data capture for informed decision-making.

Cameras will shortly be utilised in hot-spot areas following extensive work with the Council's ICT and Data Protection teams in terms of data collection and storage. With these cameras, the team will be able to capture evidence to support prosecutions. Last week, the team, supported by Legal Services, secured a successful prosecution; David Rees from Bridge Street, Llandaff, was found guilty of fly tipping waste and was fined £2,640 at Cardiff Magistrates' Court.

Currently, we have a 100% removal rate for all reported fly tipping within 5 working days.

Year	Number of Reported Incidents
2011-12	11,185 incidents
2012-13	10,957 incidents
2013-14	4,621 incidents
2014-15	3,905 incidents
2015-16	6,214 incidents
2016-17	7,993 incidents
2017-18	4,540 incidents (up to Quarter 3)

This year, we have had 1,290 fewer incidents for fly tipping incidents at the end of Quarter 3 compared to the previous year. Total fly tipping incidents up to Quarter 3 for 2017/2018 is 4,540, compared to 5,830 for 2016/2017. These figures do show a reduction, but any fly tipping activity is a blight on our local communities and I will continue to strive to stop all fly tipping in Cardiff.

'Love Where You Live'

The 'Love Where You Live' initiative continues to go from strength to strength. There have been increases in the number of volunteers, litter picking champions and community planters over recent months. However, we are looking at new ways of engaging and working with communities across Cardiff. Litter picking equipment is now available in some of the hubs and libraries across our city and, following basic training, members of the public will receive a 'Love Where You Live' card that assists them in taking out the equipment. A number of related events have been held to date, including the launch of this initiative at Cathays Library on 24th January 2018.

The team has also launched the 'Love Where You Live' badge, which can be earned by Scouts and Guides across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. I am pleased to say that two colonies from 2nd Rhiwbina Beavers were the first to take up the new badge scheme and have received 46 badges.

Skip Service

As I confirmed previously at Council in November 2017, our competitively priced domestic skip service is now available to the public with effect from this month. The service offers a comprehensive waste skip service with all the permit requirements for the correct disposal of large quantities of wastes and recyclable materials.

Christmas Recycling

I would like to thank Cardiff residents for their contribution to a massive increase in household recycling over the Christmas period. The teams dealt with a 20% increase in the number of green bags collected in just two weeks.

Councillor Michael Michael
Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment
24 January 2018

NOTICE OF MOTION

MOTION 1

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR JOEL WILLIAMS

AMENDMENT 1 TO MOTION 1

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ED STUBBS

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COUNCIL

25 JANUARY 2018

MOTION 1

Proposed by: Councillor Graham Thomas

Seconded by: Councillor Joel Williams

- 1) This Council notes that there are six community Councils in Cardiff, namely:
 - Lisvane Community Council,
 - Old St Mellons Community Council,
 - Pentyrch Community Council,
 - Radyr & Morganstown Community Council,
 - St Fagans Community Council
 - Tongwynlais Community Council.
- 2) This Council recognises the hard work carried out by the members and officials of these Community Councils and notes that many of the participants are volunteers. Without the efforts of Community Councils, a number of local amenities would close and events in these communities would not happen. However, vacancies can sometimes be difficult to fill and there can be a lack of candidates at Community Council elections, risking a democratic deficit.
- 3) This Council also notes that historically over many years, channels of communication between Community Councils and Cardiff Council have been weak or non-existent. This includes notifications to the Community Councils of works proposed on the highway or Community Council involvement in planning applications and a say in best use of any Section 106 monies.
- 4) This Council calls on the Cabinet to, in conjunction with the Community Councils, consider how links could be improved and strengthened. The Cabinet may wish to consider:
 - (i) If there are areas where services could combine (eg: either the Community Council or Cardiff Council undertaking grass cutting in an area).
 - (ii) Introducing a single point of contact for Community Councils.
 - (iii) How the Community Council Charter can be further embedded within Cardiff Council and how awareness of it can be increased.
 - (iv) Regular liaison between key officials and Community Councils, with those periodically attending Community Council meetings.
 - (v) How the role of Community Councils in making representation on planning applications and section 106 agreements can be enhanced.

The Cabinet should bring forward a report within six months.

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MOTION 1 - AMENDMENT 1

Proposed by: Councillor Bradbury

Seconded by: Councillor Stubbs

Point 2 – Deletion of all after the first sentence.

Deletion of Point 3 and replace with

- 3) ***However this Council notes that in the 2017 Election all Community Council seats were uncontested and therefore no election held.***

Point 4 (ii) deletion of the word '*Introducing*' and replace with '***How to enhance and continue with***'

Deletion of Point 4 (v).

The Motion as amended would be as follows:

- 1) This Council notes that there are six community Councils in Cardiff, namely:
 - Lisvane Community Council,
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 - Radyr & Morganstown Community Council,
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- 2) This Council recognises the hard work carried out by the members and officials of these Community Councils and notes that many of the participants are volunteers.
- 3) However this Council notes that in the 2017 Election all Community Council seats were uncontested and therefore no election held.
- 4) This Council calls on the Cabinet to, in conjunction with the Community Councils, consider how links could be improved and strengthened. The Cabinet may wish to consider:
 - (i) If there are areas where services could combine (e.g.: either the Community Council or Cardiff Council undertaking grass cutting in an area).
 - (ii) How to enhance and continue with a single point of contact for Community Councils.
 - (iii) How the Community Council Charter can be further embedded within Cardiff Council and how awareness of it can be increased.

- (iv) Regular liaison between key officials and Community Councils, with those periodically attending Community Council meetings.

The Cabinet should bring forward a report.

NOTICE OF MOTION

MOTION 2

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR NEIL MCEVOY

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR KEITH PARRY

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COUNCIL

25 JANUARY 2018

MOTION 2

Proposed by: Councillor Neil McEvoy

Seconded by: Councillor Keith Parry

This Council notes the proposal to dump 300,000 of mud from outside Hinkley Point Nuclear Power Station in Cardiff's waters.

This Council calls upon the Cabinet to observe Precautionary Principle (PP) as detailed in Article 191 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The PP aims at ensuring a higher level of environmental protection through preventative decision-taking in the case of risk. In other words, prevention is better than cure, also called the "preventative principle.

Given that there has been no calculation of the potential dosage of radiation from the Hinkley Point material beneath 5cm and also that there were only 5 samples taken at a depth below 5cm, this Council concludes that in the interests of public safety, the Council will pay for independent a thorough analysis of the mud at depth, in consultation with CEFAS and the campaigners behind the petition to the National Assembly for Wales

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NOTICE OF MOTION

MOTION 3

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR BABLIN MOLIK

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR JOE CARTER

AMENDMENT 1 TO MOTION 3

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR JAYNE COWAN

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR DAVID WALKER

AMENDMENT 2 TO MOTION 3

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR SUSAN ELSMORE

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR LYNDA THORNE

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COUNCIL

25 JANUARY 2018

MOTION 3

Proposed by: Councillor Bablin Molik

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Carter

This Council notes that:

- The 'Trapped in a Bubble' report estimates that 18% of people feel lonely 'always' or 'often'. This would equate to 62,000 people in Cardiff;
- loneliness can be experienced by people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, abilities and sexual identities;
- whilst individual factors play a key role, community and societal factors can contribute to loneliness;
- research has found that lacking social connections can be as damaging to our health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day
- research commissioned by the Eden Project estimates the cost of social isolation and disconnected communities in Wales as £2.6 billion per annum;
- the third sector has a pivotal role in providing support services which help to address loneliness and isolation;
- investing in services to prevent loneliness will improve health and well-being and in the long term save money in health and social care budgets and society in general.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to:

Develop a strategy for tackling loneliness in Cardiff, with consideration given to:

- Close partnership with third sector organisations;
- a range of interventions currently being used elsewhere such as inter-generational living models, befriending services, social clubs and volunteering opportunities;
- using the council's corporate landlord role to allow greater use of local authority facilities by groups that combat loneliness;
- encouraging schools, colleges and universities to create a culture of volunteering among their students so as to address the generational gap and encourage engagement and participation.

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COUNCIL

25 JANUARY 2018

MOTION 3 – AMENDMENT 1

Proposed By: Councillor Cowan

Seconded by: Councillor Walker

Addition of an additional opening sentence to read: -

“The Prime Minister has recently appointed a Minister of Loneliness to tackle the social and health issues caused by social isolation, with a multi million pound fund.”

Amendment of the Resolution with the addition of ***“bring a report back to full Council in September 2018 to”*** after This Council calls on the Cabinet to

Addition of two bullet point immediately after the amended resolution as follows:

- ***“reinstating the funding for luncheon clubs, whilst working with local Councillors, community groups and organisations to help set up new groups or resurrect ones which have closed.***
- ***acknowledging the good work undertaken by Good Neighbour Groups across Cardiff which serves many of our residents well. Look to explore funding options to continue to grow the services they provide.”***

The Motion as amended would be as follows:

The Prime Minister has recently appointed a Minister of Loneliness to tackle the social and health issues caused by social isolation, with a multi million pound fund.

This Council notes that:

- The ‘Trapped in a Bubble’ report estimates that 18% of people feel lonely ‘always’ or ‘often’. This would equate to 62,000 people in Cardiff;
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- research has found that lacking social connections can be as damaging to our health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day
- research commissioned by the Eden Project estimates the cost of social isolation and disconnected communities in Wales as £2.6 billion per annum;

- the third sector has a pivotal role in providing support services which help to address loneliness and isolation;
- investing in services to prevent loneliness will improve health and well-being and in the long term save money in health and social care budgets and society in general.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to bring a report back to full Council by September 2018:

Develop a strategy for tackling loneliness in Cardiff, with consideration given to:

- reinstating the funding for luncheon clubs, whilst working with local Councillors, community groups and organisations to help set up new groups or resurrect ones which have closed.
- acknowledging the good work undertaken by Good Neighbour Groups across Cardiff which serves many of our residents well. Look to explore funding options to continue to grow the services they provide.
- Close partnership with third sector organisations;
- a range of interventions currently being used elsewhere such as inter-generational living models, befriending services, social clubs and volunteering opportunities;
- using the council's corporate landlord role to allow greater use of local authority facilities by groups that combat loneliness;
- encouraging schools, colleges and universities to create a culture of volunteering among their students so as to address the generational gap and encourage engagement and participation.

COUNCIL

25 JANUARY 2018

MOTION 3 – AMENDMENT 2

Proposer by: Councillor Susan Elsmore

Seconder by: Councillor Lynda Thorne

Bullet Point 1 – second sentence after the words equate to add **“about”**

Bullet Point 2 – reword as follows:

- ***Loneliness can be experienced by anyone regardless of age, ethnicity, sexuality or ability;***

Delete Bullet Point 3

Bullet Point 4 – first line after research delete has and replace with **“shows”**

Bullet Point 4 at the end of the sentence insert research source ***(Holt-Lunstad, 2015);***

Bullet Point 6 – replace with ***“All sectors, including the third sector, have a pivotal role in promoting and providing services which help to address loneliness and isolation;”***

Bullet Point 7 - delete all after *well-being*

Delete all after *This Council calls on the Cabinet to:* - to bullet point 4 and replace with

Continue to develop and co-ordinate those strategies for tackling loneliness in Cardiff, including:

- (i) ***Support to older people and community groups to develop and deliver local solutions that counteract loneliness, for example the Day Opportunities Strategy;***
- (ii) ***Work with communities across the generations to foster informal structures that enable people to participate in society on their own terms, for example Preventative Services, in partnership with Cardiff City Foundation, have for the second year running facilitated an intergenerational literacy project in partnership with four local primary schools and older people;***

- (iii) ***Adult Services through the Healthy and Active Partnership (HAP) commissions targeted interventions at preventing unnecessary entry into statutory health, or social care services or to prevent or delay an increase in existing care package intervention. This is a volunteer based service which addresses the issue of social isolation and loneliness by encouraging and supporting individuals to access community facilities and activities of interest to them;***
- (iv) ***Consider innovative ways to support community groups by encouraging the use of Council facilities, for example libraries and hubs for Well-being Wednesdays;***

The Motion as amended would be as follows:

This Council notes that:

- The *Trapped in a Bubble* report estimates that 18% of people feel lonely 'always' or 'often'. This would equate to about 62,000 people in Cardiff;
- Loneliness can be experienced by anyone regardless of age, ethnicity, sexuality or ability;
- Research shows that lacking social connections is as damaging to our health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day (Holt-Lunstad, 2015);
- Research commissioned by the Eden Project estimates the cost of social isolation and disconnected communities in Wales as £2.6 billion per annum;
- All sectors, including the third sector, have a pivotal role in promoting and providing services which help to address loneliness and isolation;
- Investing in services to prevent loneliness will improve health and well-being

This Council calls on the Cabinet to:

Continue to develop and co-ordinate those strategies for tackling loneliness in Cardiff, including:

- (i) Support to older people and community groups to develop and deliver local solutions that counteract loneliness, for example the Day Opportunities Strategy;
- (ii) Work with communities across the generations to foster informal structures that enable people to participate in society on their own terms, for example Preventative Services, in partnership with Cardiff City Foundation, have for the second year running facilitated an intergenerational literacy project in partnership with four local primary schools and older people;
- (iii) Adult Services through the Healthy and Active Partnership (HAP) commissions targeted interventions at preventing unnecessary entry into statutory health, or social care services or to prevent or delay an increase in existing care package intervention. This is a volunteer based service which addresses the issue of social isolation and loneliness by encouraging and supporting individuals to access community facilities and activities of interest to them;

- (iv) Consider innovative ways to support community groups by encouraging the use of Council facilities, for example libraries and hubs for Well-being Wednesdays;
- (v) Continue to encourage schools, colleges and universities to create a culture of volunteering among their students so as to address the generational gap and encourage engagement and participation.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

MOTION 4

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR BOWEN – THOMSON

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR SAEED EBRAHIM

AMENDMENT 1 TO MOTION 4

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR ADRIAN ROBSON

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR THOMAS PARKHILL

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COUNCIL

25 JANUARY 2018

MOTION 4

Proposed by: Councillor Bernie Bowen - Thomson

Seconded by: Councillor Saeed Ebrahim

This Council notes that:

2.6 million women born in the 1950's have had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011. Hundreds of thousands of women are suffering severe financial hardship as a result of how these changes were implemented and communicated.

WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) have been campaigning for the government to make 'fair transitional state pension arrangements' for women born in the 1950s. They have emphasised the hardship endured by many women as a result of these changes, particularly as many had little or no personal notification of the changes.

The Department for Work and Pensions has confirmed that it did not write to women affected by the 1995 Conservative Government's Pension Act until 14 years later, in 2009. However, these letters were sent to women born up to 5 April 1953 and subsequently halted in 2011 whilst further increases in state pension age were made by the Government. The DWP started writing to women born after 6th April 1953 in 2012, just 2 years before some were due their state pension.

These changes affect women in Cardiff. The number of women born in the 1950's affected by the Pensions Acts by constituency is estimated as follows:

Cardiff Central = 3,400 women
Cardiff North = 5,300 women
Cardiff West = 5,200 women
Cardiff South & Penarth = 5,800 women
(House of Commons Library Estimates, Jul 2017)

The change in the number of women aged 60+ years claiming Employment Support Allowance (ESA), universal credit or jobseekers allowance (UC or JSA) between Aug 2013 and Aug 2017 by constituency is as follows:

Cardiff Central = +440% (ESA) & +50% (UC/JSA)
Cardiff North = +440% (ESA) & +100% (UC/JSA)
Cardiff West = +430% (ESA) & +150% (UC/JSA)
Cardiff South & Penarth = +510% (ESA) & +100% (UC/JSA)

The percentage of women aged 60+ years needing to claim ESA or UC/JSA, between 2013 and 2017, has increased disproportionately compared to other age groups and compared to men. Pension age changes are a significant contributory factor to this increase.

The significant loss of income to women who were expecting their pensions at 60 will have an adverse effect on our local area. According to WASPI, some women are at risk of losing up to £45,000 as a result of not receiving their pension until they are 66 years of age. Women and families affected by these changes will have less disposable income. For some women, they are having to sell their homes, claiming housing support and/or finding they need to claim other benefits to survive. Not all women are able to continue working due to ill health, caring responsibilities for parents and/or grandchildren, redundancy, etc.

In response, this Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

This Council further calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.

Cardiff Council also commits to supporting women affected by the sudden impact of these unfair transitional state pension arrangements by providing advice and information through the community Hubs and Libraries across Cardiff to help women access all benefits to which they are entitled.

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CARDIFF COUNCIL**



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MOTION 4 – AMENDMENT 1

Proposed by: Councillor Adrian Robson
Seconded by: Councillor Thomas Parkhill

Delete all except for the final paragraph.

Amend final paragraph, removing the words struck through:

“Cardiff Council ~~also~~ commits to supporting women affected by the sudden impact of ~~these unfair~~ transitional state pension arrangements by providing advice and information through the community Hubs and Libraries across Cardiff to help women access all benefits to which they are entitled.”

The Motion as amended would be as follows:

Cardiff Council commits to supporting women affected by the impact of transitional state pension arrangements by providing advice and information through the community Hubs and Libraries across Cardiff to help women access all benefits to which they are entitled.

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ORAL QUESTIONS

1	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PHILIPPA HILL-JOHN</u></p> <p>Can the cabinet member please confirm the purpose of the Llandaff conservation area appraisal review please?</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>Following the recent decision by Cardiff Bus to withdraw its number 56 service, residents in certain parts of Penylan have now lost access to a direct bus route to the city centre and this is having a major impact for some residents – such as those who are elderly, those with disabilities or mothers with young children – for whom alternative services may now be out of reach. At a recent meeting between ward councillors and Cardiff Bus, the company’s representatives explained they were no longer able to continue this service without receiving a subsidy from the local authority. Will you therefore commit to exploring with ward councillors what could be done to restore a direct bus service to the city centre to the affected parts of Penylan, including looking at the possibility of the council providing a subsidy for this socially-necessary service?</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER</u></p> <p>Will the cabinet member work with myself and stakeholders including residents, community groups and retailers in Cardiff Bay Retail Park to develop a strategy to improve Grangemoor Park so we can achieve Green Flag Status?</p>

4	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JENKINS</u></p> <p>With the recent change of management of leisure centres across the city, most leisure centres, including Llanishen Leisure Centre, have seen significant changes over the past few months; not least the scrapping of the All Active Junior Card and disruption to important local services such as Soft Play. Does the cabinet member agree that Better need to urgently start focusing on delivering better services to the citizens of Cardiff?</p>
5	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>Cardiff has seen a large number of planning applications for high density student accommodation in recent months. At the October Council meeting in reply to a written question, we were told the council would be bringing forward a draft Student Accommodation SPG. Can we have an update on progress and a date when this SPG will be ready?</p>
6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR STUBBS</u></p> <p>Can the cabinet member make a statement about improving drainage on rugby pitches on Tremorfa Park?</p>
7	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL</u></p> <p>Following the cross party support of our recent composite motion on Air Quality, when can we expect the live AQM monitors to be installed in Llandaff and across the city?</p>

8	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON</u></p> <p>In light of the council's decision not to subsidise the Cardiff East Park and Ride on Sundays, is the cabinet member still committed to a shift from cars to public transport?</p>
9	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES</u></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the current situation regarding Network Rail and the Carillion run site on Splott Bridge?</p>
10	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL</u></p> <p>Following the Additional Learner Needs Review and the proposed introduction of the new ALN (additional learner needs) statements to replace SEN (special educational needs) statements, will this see the re-introduction of the funded transport to college for disabled children that was phased out in 2016/2017 that discriminates against disabled children and their families?</p>
11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>Waste collections regularly fail to empty and return communal bins at blocks of flats across Llanedeyrn. Residents in Brynfedw, Coed Y Gores, Chapelwood and Pennsylvania would like to know when they can expect a better service?</p>

12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SINGH</u></p> <p>What steps is the cabinet member taking to ensure that the benefits of the development taking place on the BBC building which is on the doorstep of areas such as Riverside and Grangetown will be shared with residents of these areas?</p>
13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></p> <p>Cardiff businesses in particular rely heavily on tourism. With the imminent abolishment of tolls on the Severn Bridges, a population close to 1million people living in Bristol and South Gloucestershire area can access south Wales easily. What measures are the council undertaking in the greater Bristol areas to promote and encourage these people to visit Cardiff in particular?</p>
14	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>Show Racism the Red Card Wales published a report late last year stating increase in the level of racism seen amongst primary school children in Wales, more recently home office statistics have shown 29% increase in hate crime and 35% increase in religious hate crime. Young Muslims in Wales say they have been frequently stared at in public, called "terrorists" at school and been told by strangers to take off headscarves. What are we doing to tackle racism, religious hate crime and Islamophobia in our schools?</p>
15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACOBSEN</u></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member arrange a meeting with the leaseholders of the old Morrison's Store in Pentwyn and myself to discuss the use of the building for the benefit of residents in Pentwyn?</p>

16	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></p> <p>In view of the increase in fly tipping, how many times has Wedal Road HWRC been closed to residents in the last 6 months, and was it closed in an effort to downgrade the site?</p>
17	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HENSHAW</u></p> <p>Could the council member outline to us what provision is being made to ensure that people who are deaf have efficient and sufficient access to the advice sessions at the City Centre Hub?</p>
18	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>Dog mess is a major problem in our Parks and Open Spaces. Will you commit to increase the level of enforcement to ensure that dog owners pick up after their dogs?</p>

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