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## **STATEMENT OF THE LEADER**

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### **UK Core Cities Meeting with Michel Barnier and the House of Commons Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

On 19 February 2018, along with the other leaders of the UK Core Cities and Daniël Termont, the President of Eurocities, I met with Michel Barnier, the EU's Chief Negotiator for Brexit and Guy Verhofstadt, the EU Parliament's representative for Brexit. The UK Core Cities made clear that economies flow between cities, not just nations, often acting as drivers of national wealth. This was therefore an important opportunity to emphasise the role of cities within and beyond Brexit, and the need to involve city leaders in informing discussions that will impact on the ability of cities to generate and share opportunity.

The meeting in Brussels also allowed the Core Cities to argue the case for citizens, rather than nations, retaining EU citizenship as well as underlining the importance of cities, their institutions and UK parliaments retaining the ability to 'buy-in' to collaborative programmes. The development of Regional and city-to-city strategies post-Brexit was also discussed with the Core Cities advocating the establishment of a joint Cities Commission between UK and EU cities to oversee transition on issues that specifically affect cities. As a result of this meeting, the Core Cities gained a commitment from Guy Verhofstadt to hold an evidence session of the EU Parliament on the role of cities during and post Brexit. The Core Cities will now be seeking for the UK Government to engage much more closely with cities on these issues.

In addition, the House of Commons Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee (PACAC) is currently conducting an inquiry into Devolution and Exiting the European Union (EU). The inquiry is looking at the immediate aspects of EU withdrawal and the long-term implications for constitutional arrangements. This would include devolved governance issues and inter-institutional relations in the UK. The main purpose of this evidence session will be to explore the impact and implications of exiting the EU for devolution in England. Nevertheless, on 20 March 2018, I provided evidence to the Committee on behalf of the Core Cities, setting out that the ten UK Core Cities have a combined total population in their urban areas of 20 million and are responsible for around 25% of the UK economy, slightly more than London. They also account for 29% of UK trade exports and are home to almost 40% of the UK university population.

The Core Cities recognise the decision to leave the EU was driven, in part, by call from the electorate for greater control over the decisions that affect their lives and the way their money is spent in the places where they live. However, despite the

progress on devolution, the UK remains one of the most centralised states in the developed world, with the typical UK city controlling only 7% of the total taxes raised within its boundaries. At the local level in North America, it is nearer 50%; in Germany, 35%; and, across the OECD, it is an average of 25%. It is therefore important that powers and resources returning from the EU to the UK must not stop at Westminster, or even Holyrood and Cardiff Bay. They must be devolved to the local level, particularly as there is a link between the levels of local financial control and the productivity of a city. This is significant, because the UK's cities are not as productive as they should be and, if they performed just at the UK average, it would put an extra £70-90billion a year into the UK economy.

#### **Channel 4**

On 8 March 2018, Channel 4 announced that they were going to increase spending in the nations and regions of the UK, and establish a new national HQ outside of London alongside two smaller, regional creative hubs in 2019. These will accommodate up to 300 jobs, including key decision-makers, with the intention to grow this figure over time. In addition, the company's press release also committed Channel 4 to a new studio and a new Channel 4 news bureau in the nations and regions. The "4 All the UK" strategy could see a significant jobs boost across the nations and regions, with Channel 4 set to increase spend on its regional contents from its current quota of 35% to a new voluntary target of 50% by 2023. This will provide a boost of over £250 million to Channel 4's commissioning spend in the regions of the UK and could have a significant impact on the independent creative sector in Cardiff and the wider city-region.

Cardiff is well-placed to bid for this new investment and, on 9 March 2018, I wrote to the Chief Executive of Channel 4 to submit an initial expression of interest from Cardiff, which confirmed our intention to submit a bid. We understand that UK cities will be invited to submit formal bids from as early as April 2018, with a potential decision to be made by Channel 4 in September 2018.

I am pleased to say that the Cardiff Capital Region Joint Cabinet is supportive of a Cardiff bid. I have written to the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport and the Secretary of State for Wales seeking their support for a Cardiff bid. I also intend to work with the creative sector to bring a small steering group together who can help in developing a Cardiff proposition.

What we don't yet know is whether any invitation to bid will be a select one or if the bid process will be open to all cities and regions across the UK. I am currently planning to meet with Channel 4 and hope to be able to confirm the position shortly. In the meantime, I have been meeting companies and influencers, both within Wales and outside of Wales, who may have some insight into the process to be adopted by Channel 4 and, in doing so, identifying the key investment criteria that will form part of Cardiff's eventual proposition to Channel 4. As soon as we have more information on the bidding process, I will report back to Council with a progress report.

## **Local Government Reform**

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services launched a Green Paper consultation document entitled, “Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People”. I welcome this constructive approach from the minister. The case for stronger councils is one that I have made myself, and Cardiff has already outlined a range of new powers which would support the city’s development. It is good to see discussion on extended powers for Local Government featuring in the Green Paper.

We will reflect carefully on the merger options to form a considered opinion. What is clear is that Cardiff is already by far the largest authority in Wales, and is growing faster than the rest of Wales put together. In the face of unprecedented and immediate demand challenges, my administration is getting on with delivering an ambitious agenda to make Cardiff a more equal, more prosperous city; a Capital that truly works for Wales. We would have concerns about any process of reorganisation, or indeed of regionalisation which distracted us from our delivery agenda, or which weakens the accountability of decision-makers to the citizens of Cardiff.

## **Severe Winter Weather**

As Members will be aware, on 1 & 2 March 2018, Cardiff was hit by freezing wind, blizzards and drifting snow. The weather was so extreme that, for the first time, a Red weather warning was issued for Cardiff and South East Wales, meaning that there was a significant risk to public safety.

During the exceptional weather, Council staff worked around the clock, battling very difficult conditions to deliver essential services and ensure that our citizens were looked after. Our Winter Maintenance Team gritted 5,460km of road with 750 tonnes of salt. The Council’s Meals on Wheels team delivered 335 hot meals. The hard work of Registration Services ensured that all weddings and funerals took place. The Responsive Repairs unit carried out 390 emergency repairs for our Council tenants. C2C staff provided telephone and online support to citizens, speaking to 598 customers.

In the days following the snow, I was pleased to have the opportunity to visit many of the teams involved and to acknowledge their dedication, hard work and determination to deliver for the people of Cardiff. I am extremely proud of what staff achieved and the spirit that they showed.

On behalf of all my Cabinet colleagues, I would again like to thank every single officer who played their part in what was a truly fantastic team effort. The ‘One Council’ approach demonstrated throughout this period made clear to everyone that “Working For You” is more than just a Capital Ambition slogan.

## **Community Cohesion**

It was with great pride that I joined the annual march against racism on Saturday 17 March from Grange Gardens to City Hall. The march celebrated United Nations Day Against Racism and took place at the same time as other marches in Glasgow and London, as well as in other cities around the world. We must

recognise too that there are some – a small minority – in our city who do not share our values of freedom, tolerance and democracy. It is therefore important that we all re-affirm our commitment to making Cardiff the tolerant and inclusive Capital that we are all proud of.

**Councillor Huw Thomas**  
**Leader of the Council**  
**21 March 2018**



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## **SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING STATEMENT**

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### **Syrian Refugee Update**

Seven years after the civil war began in Syria, there is still no outward sign of an end to the conflict. Recent events have shown that the political and security situation in the country remains extremely volatile and, despite the efforts of the international community, the suffering of its citizens continues unabated. The Council continues to play its part in responding to the crisis by working in partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Council under the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme. During the past two years, we've been privileged to provide a home, and a chance for a new beginning, to a number of refugee families who were forced to flee the conflict. I'm pleased to report that, despite the appalling conditions that many suffered while living in temporary shelters and camps, most have successfully begun to re-build their lives and now look forward to a brighter future. However, as might be expected, there remain significant challenges in responding to the long term needs of this vulnerable group, not least their desire to become self-sufficient and to integrate fully into their new communities.

The Council continues to work in partnership with a number of statutory, third sector and community-based organisations to deliver support across the region and a number of initiatives have been successfully launched to overcome specific barriers, including bespoke language and employment support programmes. We continue to learn from this programme and endeavour to make resettlement to this city a truly positive experience.

### **Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence**

In line with the requirements set out in the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Act (Wales) 2015, Cardiff Council and key partners, including Health, Police, Vale of Glamorgan Council and survivors have developed a regional Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy 2018-2023, entitled 'It's in Our Hands'. This inaugural strategy sets out a shared vision that "people who live, work and visit Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan have the opportunity to live positive, independent lives without being affected by violence and abuse". It also sets out a regional approach to dealing with these issues in a collaborative and innovative way, and identifies where services need to work better to pursue perpetrators, prevent abuse from happening, protect and support victims. In addition to input from partners, the strategy has also been informed by survivors of abuse and I would like to thank them for their contribution which has been most valuable. The strategy is currently subject to consultation for an 8-week period and I would encourage Members to take a look at the document and provide any comments.

## **Inclusive Cities Project**

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation has funded the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) at the University of Oxford to work with five UK cities (Bristol, Cardiff, Glasgow, Liverpool and Peterborough) on a new area of work called the 'Inclusive Cities Project'. The cities and their local partners will be supported to achieve a step-change in their approach towards the integration of newcomers. It will also draw on ideas and experience from within Europe and innovative approaches from cities in the USA. Each city participating in the project will establish a local cross-sector taskforce to create a new narrative around migration and develop its own action plan outlining tangible changes. In Cardiff, we have chosen to focus on:

- Employability – the use of a co-ordinated single gateway approach to securing employment and ensuring that new arrivals are included in measures to prepare residents for a changing labour market.
- A co-ordinated gateway approach to the provision of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) that ensures an effective assessment of need and allocation of appropriate and timely provision of services.
- Use of the Volunteering Portal to signpost and promote volunteering and involvement in local communities.
- Developing a narrative about the inclusivity and diversity of the city that everyone can identify with.

The first meeting of the Cardiff 'taskforce' is due to take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

## **Canton Dementia Café**

Dementia cafés were created in Cardiff following close liaison with the Alzheimer's Society and their Service User Review Panel, based at Oldwell Court Day Centre. It was this user led direct feedback that has helped to create these new safe spaces for those living with dementia, as well as their friends, family, carers and health professionals within the city. Following the success of the Dementia Café at Cardiff Central Library Hub, Canton Library launched its own Dementia Café on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

At the launch event, the new Canton Dementia Café welcomed Mind on Music, which is a small charity that raises awareness of the benefits of music and sound for well-being. Founder, Bexi Owen, is on a year-long tour of the UK during which she has been visiting care homes, hospitals and other venues as part of the project. Visitors to the café really enjoyed singing along to her music, which has the power to soothe, stimulate and bring to mind long forgotten memories. In addition to this, visitors enjoyed refreshments, crossword puzzles, local history picture books, dementia book stock, professional information signposting, a good chat and even an impromptu arts session as one of the visitors brought along his water colours!

The Canton Dementia Café will take place on the last Wednesday of every month between 2.30pm and 3.30pm and the Central Library Hub Dementia Café is on the first and third Thursday of every month between 11.00am–1.00pm.

**Councillor Susan Elsmore**  
**Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health & Well-being**  
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## **STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT STATEMENT**

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### **Transport & Clean Air Green Paper**

I am pleased to launch the Transport & Clean Air Green Paper today. I would like to thank officers and colleagues from across the political parties for their involvement in the development of this Green Paper. The consultation will close on 1 July 2018 and I would call on Council to help ensure a full response to this Green Paper by encouraging local communities, stakeholder organisations and members of the public to join in the conversation. Copies of the Green Paper will be available in local hubs and branch libraries and can be accessed online at: [www.cardiff.gov.uk/askcardiff](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/askcardiff) Targeted engagement sessions will be undertaken with seldom heard groups alongside broader awareness raising activities. I will also be seeking the Lord Mayor's permission to debate the Green Paper at the June meeting of Council.

### **Welsh Government Direction**

Cardiff Council has received a legal direction by Welsh Government to undertake a feasibility study to identify the option that, in the shortest possible time, will deliver compliance with legal limits for air quality. This study, which will report in September 2018, will consider the scale of the current air pollution challenge, all of the options and measures currently in place or planned – many of which are set out in the Transport & Clean Air Green Paper – and will recommend what will need to happen next to reduce air pollution to legal levels, in the shortest time possible. Cardiff is not alone in having to tackle this issue. Similar feasibility studies have been directed recently by the UK Government in Bristol, Manchester and Leeds. Cabinet will be discussing this issue at its meeting on 28 March 2018, following a consideration by the relevant Scrutiny Committee. I will keep Council informed of developments.

### **Car Free Day Cardiff 2018**

Car Free Day Cardiff 2018 will be held on Sunday 13 May 2018 from 10am to 4pm in the city centre. The event will include a full city centre road closure, plus a section of North Road and the closure of the Civic Centre. Within the road closure area, there will be a 5km HSBC British Cycling Let's Ride family cycle ride. There will also be a wide range of on-street attractions and family entertainment, including cycle training; cycle parking; music; performances; BMX displays; climbing wall; bike repair; sustainable transport promotions/activity and sport-related content. We are also working with Public Health Wales to measure the health impacts of the event, including air quality, noise pollution and active travel.

Buses will operate from specified satellite locations and discounted travel will be available on the day. Travel planning information will be published nearer the event date. A marketing campaign to support the event will also be implemented 4 weeks ahead of the event using the hashtag #carfreeDIFF. Anyone wishing to get involved, or who needs further information, should contact: [carfreeday@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:carfreeday@cardiff.gov.uk)

### **British Cycling and HSBC GoRide Cycling Update**

The delivery of cycling initiative is progressing with the aim of getting more kids out on their bikes.

#### **GoRide – Schools Confirmed**

- Coed Glas Primary (triple intake)
- Radyr Primary (double intake)
- Danescourt Primary (double intake)
- Whitchurch Primary (triple intake)

#### **Schools in talks with GoRide Coaches**

- Stacey Primary (single intake)
- Ninian Park Primary (double intake)
- Oakfield Primary (double intake)
- Radnor Primary (double intake)

#### **Assembly & Taster Sessions**

- Cathays High School
- Willows High School

#### **Holiday Courses**

- Easter and summer holiday Friday courses in conjunction with the Road Safety Team's National Standards courses in Maindy.
- Commonwealth Games afternoon at Maindy during Easter.

#### **Community Activities**

- 2 x BMX holiday taster sessions being held in the summer half term.
- Sessions in Grangetown twice a month aimed at the BME (black and minority ethnic) community.
- Fortnightly sessions on Splott Pump track
- 4 week scheme in Gabalfa with children at risk of ASB in conjunction with South Wales Police.
- 7 sessions planned with Women and Girls to introduce them to key skills of riding a bike and introducing them to a racing environment.
- Currently in the process of arranging monthly disability sessions in Sophia Gardens.

#### **Club Development**

- Whitchurch coach and club development activities planned
- Cardiff BMX racing club has been formed.

## **Highways**

Through working with the CSS Highway Asset group, all Local Authorities in Wales have been successful in receiving additional funding from the Welsh Government to support additional funding to highway infrastructure maintenance. Cardiff received £2.571m of additional funding that will now be utilised in 2018/19 to support highway infrastructure maintenance.

Some of the planned improvement schemes have been delayed because of the adverse weather conditions and we appreciate your patience in this matter.

**Councillor Caro Wild**

**Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport**

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## **INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT**

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### **Indoor Arena**

I can confirm that detailed negotiations are now underway with the owners of the Council's preferred location for the proposed indoor arena along with discussions with a number of other developers and operators who could deliver ancillary developments necessary to secure delivery of the project. I can confirm that delivery of the arena remains a key commitment of the Administration and will spearhead the next phase of Cardiff Bay's development and will make a major contribution to the city's business and leisure tourism offer by bringing more visitors, supporting local businesses, and enabling improved transport links.

### **Toys 'R' Us**

The Council will be aware that *Toys R Us* has recently been placed in administration, which will result in the closure of its Cardiff Bay store at the International Sports Village. The site divides the two principal council owned development land holdings on the peninsula and, as a result, the Cabinet has concluded that it is in the interests of local council taxpayers to acquire the site in order to maximise the available return on investment through future development.

### **MIPIM**

The Leader of the County Council and I attended MIPIM, the world's leading property exhibition, in France on 13/14 March 2018. Established in 1990, the event brings together the most influential property professionals from the office, residential, retail, healthcare, sport, logistics and industrial sectors. During our "whistle stop" visit we met with a range of individuals including the owners of the preferred location of the proposed arena, the fund managers of Mermaid Quay, representatives of the funders of the Central Square development as well as the architects working on aspects of that development. We also took the opportunity to outline the Council's ambitions for the city as captured in *Capital Ambition* and rehearsed in the *Building More & Better Jobs* Green Paper at an event hosted by Arup.

### **Bus Station**

Significant progress has been made in the past month in connection with the creation of the Metro Delivery Partnership and, following an extraordinary meeting of the Council's Cabinet on 28 March 2018, the Leader of the County Council will make an announcement on behalf of the partners regarding the commencement of works.

### **Green Paper Consultation**

The *Building More and Better Jobs* Green Paper is still out for consultation, and all comments are welcome. The consultation ends on the 31 March 2018 and I would encourage all members and party groups to submit responses to help ensure the outcome of the consultation is as representative as possible.

**Councillor Russell Goodway**  
**Cabinet Member for Investment & Development**  
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## **CULTURE AND LEISURE STATEMENT**

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### **Music Strategy**

Members will be aware that, in December 2017, the Council launched its partnership with Sound Diplomacy to develop a music strategy for the city. Significant work has been undertaken over recent weeks and Sound Diplomacy will be undertaking a survey to seek opinions on various aspects of Cardiff's current music landscape. This survey will play a crucial role in the development of the final strategy. I would like to ask you to help us in encouraging your residents to participate in the survey, which will in turn help inform and develop a healthy and sustainable music industry in the city.

### **National Tourism Awards for Wales**

I am sure that Members will be pleased to learn that the Council's Visit Cardiff team secured the Best Event Award in the National Tourism Awards for Wales 2018 in recognition of the hosting and promotion of the UEFA Champions League Final that was held in Cardiff in June last year. The awards celebrate the best of Wales' tourism, showcasing Wales' tourism businesses and the industry's achievements. I am also delighted that Cardiff International White Water was also recognised as a regional finalist in the Best Attraction category.

### **Cardiff Story**

The Cardiff Story has recently been successful in securing a grant of £110,500 from the Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund. This will enable the funding of a new Community Curator post for three years to further expand their community work, which is increasingly being seen as an example of best practice internationally, as well as in the UK museum sector. Indeed, the Cardiff Story Museum Manager has been invited to speak about their award winning community outreach and engagement work at the American Alliance of Museums' conference, to be held in Phoenix, Arizona in May 2018. The conference will be attended by delegates from across the USA, as well as many international delegates, and will explore the ways in which museums serve as hubs of community activation and learning. I am delighted that the work of the Cardiff Story is being recognised in this way and that the Council is sharing its work and expertise with colleagues internationally.

### **Green Infrastructure Capital Grant**

I am pleased to advise Members that the Council has been successful in securing a grant of £98,000 under the Welsh Government's interim Local Authority Green Infrastructure Capital Grant scheme, which will help improve green infrastructure for the direct benefit of improving air quality in Cardiff. Our tree stock can have a

significant and positive impact on air quality and the grant will enable the Council to more accurately map and quantify stock, identifying areas for development. Part of the grant also includes provision for new planting programmes.

### **Urdd/WRU National Junior Sevens**

Earlier this month, the Urdd/WRU National Junior Sevens was held for the first time in Cardiff at Pontcanna and Llandaff Fields, with over 2,000 children participating. I was delighted to see so many young people involved in this event, including many girls' teams, with great support from their school teachers and volunteers. The event was very professionally organised with catering, physio, communications, digital scoreboards and league tables and S4C TV coverage, which made it a real spectacle for all the children taking part. Feedback from the event organisers has been extremely positive with discussions already taking place about the event's return to the venues in 2019. A legacy plan for the event, whereby schools and clubs will benefit from free coaching courses and equipment, also formed part of the arrangement, targeting areas of greatest need.

### **Meeting with the Minister for Culture, Tourism and Sport**

I recently met with Lord Dafydd Elis Thomas AM, the Welsh Government Minister for Culture, Tourism and Sport, to discuss a number of policy matters impacting on sport and physical activity – such matters not only impact on Cardiff, but also could have a significant benefit for Wales. The main points of interest and discussion were to develop a measurable outcome for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools ensuring that new school designs provide inspirational sports facilities for pupils, whilst ensuring that they are accessible for the local community in extra-curricular time. I also stimulated a debate on whether or not ESTYN should be including stronger measures for schools in terms of physical activity and well-being for pupils and a measure for their role in the community as part of the 'community focussed schools' agenda in Wales.

We discussed the need for National Governing Bodies to have a more flexible approach to funding inner city clubs that do not own their land and play on municipal fields. We have had too many clubs prevented from securing investment and being prevented from progressing through their respective league pyramid structures. We also debated the role of Sport Wales and their future direction in terms of Community Sport and allocation of lottery funds. Since lottery resources were directed at the London 2012 Olympics, we have seen a reduction in capital grants and this concerns me greatly. I intend to follow this up with the Chair and Chief Executive of Sport Wales.

**Councillor Peter Bradbury**  
**Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure**  
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## **EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS STATEMENT**

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### **International Women's Day 2018**

Almost 100 young people from St Mellon's Primary School and Willowbrook Primary School performed with the Welsh National Opera (WNO) at the Senedd on 8 March 2018 as part of the celebrations for International Women's Day. The young people, who have been involved in the WNO outreach programme, performed two songs from the WNO's 'Rhondda Rips It Up!', which was written to celebrate the life of Newport suffragette, activist and entrepreneur, Margaret Haig Thomas, Lady Rhondda. Lesley Garrett and Madeline Shaw also performed songs from the opera in front of an invited audience. The WNO will be showcasing Lady Rhondda's fight for equality in a number of ways throughout the summer across Wales and England, including community events, talks, school workshops and exhibitions, as well as the production itself.

### **Celebrating the Commonwealth**

On 13 February 2018, Cardiff Youth Council was invited by Children in Wales to meet with Lord Ahmad, Minister of State for the Commonwealth and the UN. The Minister wanted to engage with young people and develop his understanding of their priorities ahead of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in April 2018. Some of the policy areas that are being raised as priorities by young people include youth unemployment; climate change and its impacts on oceans; disability rights; and youth mental health.

On 12 March 2018, as part of Commonwealth Day, David Abadir from Cardiff Youth Council travelled to 10 Downing Street to meet with the Prime Minister for questions before attending a 'Commonwealth Big Lunch'. At the same time, three other members of the Youth Council attended a similar event at the Wales Office in Cardiff Bay hosted by the Secretary of State for Wales.

### **School Holiday Enrichment Programme**

The Council received official notification from the WLGA on 26 February 2018 confirming match funding for the School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP) in Summer 2018. The Local Steering Group has committed to deliver SHEP in accordance with the 19 criteria and 10 recommendations of the programme, together with the implementation of a Quality Assurance Framework. During the coming months, the Local Steering Group will be working closely with the 16 schools in Cardiff to provide training, advice, information and support during the planning process. A stakeholders' meeting is also arranged for 1 May 2018.

## **Estyn Inspections**

Since the introduction of the new Estyn inspection framework at the start of the 2017-18 academic year, five primary schools and one secondary school in Cardiff have been inspected and had their reports published. All have been judged to be good or excellent for standards, and three have been asked to submit case studies for their excellent practice. Under the new framework, one primary school has been judged as requiring improvement in teaching and learning experiences, and leadership and management. Progress is being reviewed in the areas of recommendation.

Of the schools inspected under the previous framework, four primary schools and one secondary school are requiring Estyn monitoring. One primary school is in Special Measures. Although this represents a decrease in the number of schools requiring Estyn follow up, there is no room for complacency. The Council, in partnership with the Central South Consortium, is committed to building on the progress of recent years to make sure that every school in Cardiff is a good or excellent school.

## **National School Categorisation**

National School Categorisation outcomes for Cardiff schools continue to improve. In the primary sector, the proportion of schools in the green and yellow categories is higher than the Wales figures (89.7% in Cardiff, compared to 85.3% in Wales). In the secondary sector, the proportion of schools in the green and yellow categories is also higher than the Wales figures (88.8% in Cardiff, compared to 68.3% in Wales). There has been a corresponding decrease in the number of schools in the amber and red categories in both sectors.

In the special sector, there has been a slight increase in the proportion of schools in the green and yellow categories, and a corresponding decrease in the number of schools in the amber and red categories. However, these figures are slightly below the Welsh averages. Improving and extending provision for learners with Additional Learning Needs, both in mainstream and special schools, remains a priority for the local authority.

## **Believe: Organ Donation Support Charity**

A Cardiff mother whose husband and young son died tragically two years ago is bringing her 'Fraser Bear' to life through an animation that is to be screened in schools across Wales, encouraging families to talk about organ donation.

Anna-Louise Bates set up the *Believe: Organ Donation Support* charity after her husband Stuart and 7-year old son Fraser were fatally struck by a car in December 2015. She has been working with Mike Young, the Welshman and animation producer behind iconic 80s children's show, 'SuperTed', and the more recent 'Norm of the North', to create an animated film to help spread the charity's message. The short film, scripted by Anna-Louise and voiced by two local Cardiff schoolchildren in English and Welsh, shows an animated version of the Believe charity mascot, 'Fraser Bear' – the nickname Anna-Louise and Stuart had given to their son – explaining how his organs have gone on to save the lives of four people.

The charity's aim is for the animated film to be made available as a teaching resource to all primary schools in Wales, in an attempt to de-stigmatise the subject of organ donation and get young children and their families talking about it. I would also like to encourage Members to access the video through the following social media channels:

- Website: [www.believe-ods.org.uk](http://www.believe-ods.org.uk)
- Facebook: fraserbear2015
- Twitter: @fraserbearbates
- YouTube: Believe TV
- Hashtag: #FABGiftOfLife

An event is also scheduled to take place at the Senedd on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

### **Success of Radyr Comprehensive School Alumna**

Former Radyr Comprehensive School pupil (1981-1988), Carole Cadwalladr, won the Technology Journalist of the Year award at the British Journalism Awards in December 2017. The judges said that her investigation into the role of tech companies in elections was outstanding journalism, which raised a huge number of important issues for democracy and society.

On 13 March 2018, Carole went on to win the Specialist Reporter of the Year award for her reporting on Cambridge Analytica and Brexit at the National Press Awards, which are organised by the Society of Editors. She was also shortlisted for her reporting on Brexit in the Distinguished Reporting Award category at the European Press Prize 2018, which recognises excellence in journalism across all 47 countries of Europe.

### **Mini Me Yoga School**

Bryn Hafod Primary School in Llanrumney has become the first school in Wales to successfully achieve Mini Me Yoga accreditation, which is used around the world. The school's success has ensured that Wales is now part of a list of 30 countries to embrace Mini Me Yoga, which provides children with the tools to understand and take control of their feelings, using breathing, meditation and mindfulness. It increases the children's capacity to learn and be gentle to one another, and teaches respect for nature and how to grow strong both mentally and physically.

In order to meet the requirements for Mini Me Yoga accreditation, the school has involved 80 members of staff, including teachers, teaching assistants, support staff and catering staff. Following extensive training, the school is now using the Mini Me Yoga programmes as part of their weekly schedule of lessons.

The Mini Me Yoga programme is slightly different to those provided by other children's yoga organisations, in that it trains parents and teachers to share a simple 15-minute programme with their children. This means that yoga can be incorporated into children's everyday lives.

### **Tongwynlais Primary School**

The Pear Tree Federation between Tongwynlais and Coryton Primary Schools is due to be established on 27 March 2018. This process was initiated and driven by Councillor Jones-Pritchard, working with the staff and governors, and it offers many benefits for the schools, their staff and pupils.

In addition, one of the teachers at Tongwynlais Primary School, Mrs Stockdale, has won a Primary Science Teacher Trust – Teacher of the Year Award 2017; one of only two teachers in Wales to have received it. This includes a cash award for the school and also access to resources and expert practitioners in primary science from across the UK.

### **Leonard and Marian Jones Music in the Community Prize**

I want to congratulate the Cardiff Council and Vale of Glamorgan Foundation Orchestra on being awarded this year's Leonard and Marian Jones Music in the Community Prize by Cardiff University. The prize, which is awarded annually for outstanding contributions to music in the community, was presented on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the University. Several children attended the event and Anna, a pupil from Lakeside Primary School, accepted the award on behalf of the Orchestra.

**Councillor Sarah Merry**  
**Cabinet Member for Education, Employment & Skills**  
**21 March 2018**

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**FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT**

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**Staff Engagement**

As part of our programme of staff engagement, the Leader and Chief Executive visited staff based at Lamby Way on 30 January 2018. This event provided an important opportunity to begin a conversation between the Cabinet and council employees about our priorities, the challenges facing the city and, crucially, how we as a Council need to respond. The event also celebrated the success and achievements of 35 members of staff based at Lamby Way who have completed the Cardiff & Vale College Essential Skills Agored Cymru Training. The Council is committed to investing in staff to develop their skills and support their future development and I want to congratulate those officers on their achievements and wish them every success in their future careers with the Council.

**International Women's Day**

The Council's Women's Network celebrated International Women's Day at County Hall on 8 March 2018 with inspirational speakers, choir music and exhibitors offering a range of products and services. I would like to thank the co-chairs of the Women's Network, Sarah Hyde and Alice Owens, for welcoming everyone and setting out their plans for the Network over the coming year. I also want to thank Sarah McGill, Corporate Director (People & Communities) who, as the newly appointed Women's Network Champion, spoke at the event about the importance of the work-life balance and having confidence in yourself in the workplace.

**Living Wage Accreditation Scheme**

In 2017, the Council put in place a Living Wage Accreditation Scheme to encourage Cardiff-based Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) to become accredited Living Wage employers. The scheme covers a SME's first three years of accreditation fees and has been a key factor in the increase in the number of accredited Living Wage employers in Cardiff from 29 at the end of 2016 to its current level of 58. I am pleased to inform Council that the Accreditation Scheme will continue in 2018/19. Further details and application forms are available through the Council's Procurement Team.

**Councillor Chris Weaver  
Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance  
21 March 2018**

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## **HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES STATEMENT**

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### **Additional Fire Safety Checks on Cladding of High-Rise Housing Blocks**

Following last summer's tragedy at Grenfell Tower in London, and with tenant safety as our top priority, the Council decided to go beyond the initial review of our cladding systems that checked for ACM (Aluminium Composite Material) to make sure that there were no other issues with the cladding of our high-rise council housing blocks.

The results of these extra tests have established that the cladding on six blocks fail current standards. They show that, whilst the 50mm of insulation in the cladding is fully fire retardant, the veneered, fibrous-hardwood, rain screen panels fail today's combustibility standards. Our checks have also revealed that fire barriers were not built into the cladding system on the exterior of the buildings in question. While this was not required by regulations at the time of installation, today's standards are much higher and we are also taking this into account.

Naturally, everyone living in these blocks will be very concerned by this news, but I want to reassure them that we are working closely with South Wales Fire and Rescue Service to ensure that we follow the latest fire-safety guidance and to decide the best way forward. I believe we are the first council in the UK to carry out these additional checks on cladding; because of this and because of the test results, we have informed Welsh Government and we will also be informing the UK Government's Department for Communities and Local Government.

The high-rise blocks of flats affected are:

- Lydstep Flats, Llandaff North (3 blocks);
- Loudoun and Nelson House, Butetown; and
- Channel View, Grangetown.

Immediate actions that have taken place include:

- Round-the-clock fire warden patrols and increased CCTV monitoring.
- All flats have smoke detectors fitted and these are checked annually as are gas appliances.
- A letter was hand delivered to all residents on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March.
- The C2C line was extended on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March to 8pm to answer any immediate concerns.
- Information sessions for residents in the affected blocks were provided on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

- It is likely that the cladding on all blocks affected will need to be removed and a small sample has been removed to determine the best way to achieve this.

As had previously been agreed, we are also committed to:

- Upgrading fire doors to above set standards in all our high-rise blocks, replacing the 30-minute integrity fire doors with higher specification 60-minute fire doors. This will be completed by May 2018.
- All high-rise blocks are also set to be fitted with sprinklers.

### **Give DIFFerently**

Members will be aware that the Give DIFFerently scheme was launched in November 2017 and aims to encourage those visiting, and living in, Cardiff to think differently about how they give to those who are begging, homeless or at risk of homelessness. It also aims to end the cycle of homelessness and move people away from rough sleeping by providing meaningful support through small grants that will really make a difference to individuals.

Give DIFFerently was developed by the Council's Homelessness Outreach team, working in partnership with Wallich, FOR Cardiff, Big Issue Cymru, Huggard, Salvation Army, South Wales Police, Public Health Wales and Community Foundation in Wales. The scheme focuses on card payments to ensure that people can give to people they see on the streets in a constructive way, even if they aren't carrying cash. To this end, a 24/7 contactless payment point has been provided at The Hayes and was launched on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 by Wales and British Lions rugby star, Sam Warburton OBE. The donation payment is set at £2 and any contribution made will be doubled by the Four Acre Trust. The contactless payment point will be accepting donations until Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The funds raised will be put towards small grants for those currently experiencing or at risk of homelessness and will be distributed through Cardiff's front line services. Addressing rough sleeping and homelessness in the city is a real priority for the Council and by giving DIFFerently, everyone can help us tackle the issue so that some of the most vulnerable people in our society can begin to rebuild their lives.

### **HRA Business Plan**

I am pleased that Cabinet agreed the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan 2018-19 on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The Business Plan sets out our purpose and vision as a social housing landlord and communicates how we are going to deliver our ambitious targets and highlights many exciting projects which are planned over the next few years. It covers many areas of work, including maintaining the Welsh Housing Quality Standard, managing our homes, advice and information and our ambition to build new council homes.

I am excited about the delivery of new council housing in Cardiff and I can confirm that I have set officers a challenging target of delivering 2,000 new council homes over a 10-year period, with at least 1,000 being delivered by May 2022.

The vision has become a reality with our major new-build partnership with Wates Residential (Cardiff Living) now well underway. All 10 development sites included

within Phase 1 of this programme have planning permission and we have 4 schemes where work has commenced on site. Phase 1 will deliver 195 new council homes, as well as 291 homes for sale. Our first handovers of council homes through Cardiff Living is planned for October 2018. The concept design work for Phases 2 and 3 of the Cardiff Living programme are being progressed to determine how many new homes these phases will deliver. This long-term partnership is also delivering many initiatives benefitting our citizens through a large scale community benefits package, including local employment, apprenticeships and local community investments.

A long term development programme is in place giving confidence that we have enough land and opportunities to deliver at least 2,000 new council homes on a range of sites, ensuring that we are able to build the right homes in the right places. Some of these sites provide opportunities to make a real step-change in the volume of council homes being built and help regenerate areas of the city.

I am particularly excited about some of the innovative housing solutions that could help us to deliver more homes quicker. We have been successful in applying for Welsh Government Innovative Housing funding for two schemes delivering new temporary accommodation for homeless families using shipping containers and we are working to deliver a factory built volumetric solution that can help us deliver homes quickly and at scale. This works towards our plans and aspirations for housing and communities in Cardiff. Having a good quality home, in a safe and connected community, is important to all of the citizens in Cardiff.

**Councillor Lynda Thorne**  
**Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities**  
**21 March 2018**

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## **CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT**

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### **Cardiff Dogs' Home**

Cardiff Dogs' Home has taken on the stray dog contract for the Vale of Glamorgan Council covering the Penarth and Barry area and has also tendered a bid for the South Wales Police kennelling contract. We are currently providing this service on an interim basis, but it will become more permanent if the tender is successful. Both of these contracts are likely to generate substantial additional income for the service.

We are also pushing ahead with the corporate digitalisation agenda and have developed a new website specifically for Cardiff Dogs' Home, which should be operational by the end of April 2018. This will allow people to see all the dogs available for adoption at the Dogs' Home; report their dog if it is lost; check to see if their dog has come into the Dogs' Home; apply to be a volunteer and register for induction, as well as many other functions. We are also developing a new phone system to direct customers more effectively to relevant contacts or information and reduce the amount of time that staff spend dealing with phone enquiries. This will improve the customer experience at the Dogs' Home by freeing up staff to spend more time with visitors and volunteers.

### **Palm Sunday Memorial Service**

Bereavement Services will hold an ecumenical Palm Sunday Memorial Service at the Wenallt Chapel at Thornhill Crematorium on Sunday 25 March 2018 at 2pm. Visitors are invited to place a memorial card with a personal message in memory of loved ones onto a memory board which will be presented during the act of remembrance. A collection will be held at the end of the service in aid of the Sands charity (Cardiff and Newport Branch), which supports anyone affected by the death of a baby; works with health professionals to improve bereavement care and aims to reduce baby deaths by promoting and funding research.

### **Commercial Working**

The Cleansing team has been successful in achieving an extension of the contract with FOR Cardiff for £150,000 per annum. This funding has been utilised to enhance service provision in the city centre and you may well see the FOR Cardiff branded team working when you visit the city centre. The Neighbourhood Services Enforcement team has also secured a contract with Cardiff and Vale Health Board for continued provision of litter enforcement on their land and will hopefully support the enforcement of no smoking on hospital grounds when this stage is implemented from the Public Health (Wales) Bill.

## **QSA Awards 2018**

I am really proud to announce that our Waste Management service won the large 'Employer of the Year' award at this year's QSA Apprenticeship Awards on 15 March 2018 and one of our apprentices, Michael Thomas, also won the 'Apprentice of the Year' award. This reaffirms our commitment to developing our workforce and investing in our future through apprenticeships.

## **Love Where You Live**

There are now 16 Keep Tidy Groups across Cardiff. To date, in this financial year, there have been 8,288 volunteer hours from recorded activity. We estimate that, through the Keep Wales Tidy Partnership, there are 200 litter champions working independently across the city. There are now two hubs (Grangetown and Cathays Library) that provide litter picking kits and a further seven hubs will do so shortly (STAR; Fairwater; Ely & Caerau; Pentwyn Powerhouse; Canton Library, Llandaff North & Gabalfa; Riverside Medical Centre).

The Community Street Planters scheme has also provided 47 planters in 26 locations across 13 wards. A further 49 planters will be distributed during the current calendar year. A survey of community planter participants has identified the following impacts:

- 182 people involved (average of 15 per planter location);
- 60% believe fly-tipping/litter had reduced in the area;
- 68% know their neighbours better;
- 71% love where they live more than they did before; and
- 82% found other benefits from the planters being in place.

## **Ward Action Plans**

A successful briefing on the development of Ward Action Plans took place earlier this month, which was attended by 27 Members. Officers are now working to develop and engage with Local Members on their individual plans with a target of each ward having a plan in place by June 2018.

## **Coastal Risk Management Programme**

On 15 March 2018, the Cabinet approved the procurement of detailed design and construction of coastal defences for the foreshore along Rover Way to the South East of Cardiff. The estimated £11M project will be funded by the Welsh Government (75%) and Cardiff Council (25%) and will reduce the risk of coastal flooding to residential and non-residential properties as a result of sea levels rising due to climate change. The Wales Coast Path and cycleway will be included within any design and construction of coastal defences. The Council will also work with the Welsh Government to ensure that there are no concerns about future phases of the Eastern Bay Link. Officers will brief Local Members for the area covered by the report over the next month and I will provide regular updates on this strategic project as it proceeds through the design and delivery phase.

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## **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STATEMENT**

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### **Families First**

I recently had the privilege of attending a Families First event that recognised the achievements of a group of 20 young commissioners aged 10-19 years old and 12 parent/carer commissioners who were trained and supported to participate in the re-commissioning of the new Families First programme. The youngest commissioner was 10 years old. Certificates and t-shirts were presented to all those who participated to thank them for their contribution. The coming together of parents, carers, children and young people provided an excellent opportunity for Families First to ensure that new services appropriately reflect the needs of the citizens they are meant to serve and are delivered in a way that make them most accessible with maximum impact. I understand from Families First officers that many of the young commissioners and parent/carer commissioners went on to participate in tender exercises for services providing healthy relationships support for young people; a youth information service; an early years volunteer based family support service, and a family well-being service. Their participation was highly commended by the professionals who were also part of the evaluation panels. In addition, their insightful contribution and straight talking appropriately challenged providers who were being interviewed and I understand that the professionals involved found them to be truly inspirational and an absolutely pleasure to work with.

### **Swan Family Centres**

I recently attended the formal opening of the Swan Family Centres in the east and west of the city. The centres, managed by Swanstaff, provide supervised contact for our Looked After Children who can only meet with their parents under supervised conditions due to safeguarding concerns. After much scrutiny and deliberations, the Council awarded Swanstaff the contract to deliver this invaluable service for our Looked After Children. The 4-year contract commenced in May 2016 with provision to extend for a further year.

The purpose of the service is to offer a safe and secure child-friendly environment where Looked After Children can meet their parents, siblings and other family members or significant people within the terms of specified contact arrangements, with a view to supporting the relationships between child and parent/family in circumstances where it is not safe for the child to live within the family. The service provides a range of different types of contact, including centre-based; activity-based; community-based and home-based contacts.

Swanstaff work in partnership with Social Workers to ensure that a safe service is provided, whilst maximising the most natural contact with significant people in the

child's life. The service aspires to minimise the level of observation, particularly detailed written observation as far as realistically possible. It also aims to build on parental strengths at all times and will endeavour to work with the child or young person, as well as the family member or connected person, to ensure that the contact session is enjoyable and positive for the child or young person. Safeguarding of the child or young person is fundamental for the service. In the last reporting quarter, the service was working with 405 children and delivered 3683 contact hours.

As the Cabinet Member for Children & Families, I remain wholeheartedly committed to ensuring that our Looked After Children are the Council's top priority and, as such, provision such as this should be nothing less than outstanding. Indeed, the family centres reflect a gold standard with well-resourced facilities that provide a homely environment with well-furnished and child-centred decorated family rooms and kitchen facilities for parents to enjoy time with their children in comfortable and safe surroundings. They are supported by staff who are confident and competent in their roles to safeguard children and promote positive family relationships.

### **Hafan Gobaith**

On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, I attended Hafan Gobaith to join the staff based there to officially open the building. The staff of the Looked After Children service and the Personal Advisor service all moved into the building in February 2017. Staff moved from the Ely Family Centre and from Suffolk House and are now enjoying better, safer working conditions. There were also plans originally to move the Fostering Team into Hafan Gobaith in order to complete the specialist services based there, but unfortunately there was not enough space to make this viable or comfortable for staff.

### **Bright Start Traineeship Scheme**

Whilst at Hafan Gobaith earlier this month, I also had the opportunity to launch the rebranded Bright Start Traineeship Scheme, which was formerly known as the "Looked After Children (LAC) Traineeship Scheme". Having listened to young people, it was apparent that they did not like the previous name of the scheme and so they suggested "Bright Starts – where ability meets opportunity". In the three years since it was first launched, the scheme has worked with almost 100 young people, giving them the opportunity to have work experience within the Council. I would like to extend my gratitude to the many service areas and managers who have embraced the scheme and given so many young people in Cardiff such positive experiences and assistance with their future employment. If Members have links with companies or organisations who would be willing to support Bright Start, please let me know.

**Councillor Graham Hinchey**  
**Cabinet Member for Children & Families**  
**21 March 2018**



## NOTICE OF MOTION

### MOTION 1

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR MIKE PRITCHARD JONES

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR JOHN LANCASTER

### AMENDMENT 1 TO MOTION 1

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR ASHLEY WOOD

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR EMMA SANDREY

### AMENDMENT 2 TO MOTION 1

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MICHAEL

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ASHLEY LISTER

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**22 MARCH 2018**

**MOTION 1**

Proposed by: Councillor Mike Jones-Pritchard

Seconded by: Councillor John Lancaster

That this Council recognise the damage that waste plastics cause to the world wide environment, acknowledge that there are measures we can take now to reduce, or cease, our contribution to that contamination and damage and commit to becoming a “Plastic Free” City.

This Council resolves to start the process to becoming a Plastic-Free city by;

- Supporting Plastic Free Coastlines, committing to plastic free alternatives and supporting plastic free initiatives within the City. Setting the example and leading the way by removing single-use plastics from Council premises, encouraging plastic free initiatives and promoting the removal of single-use plastics elsewhere.
- Working to encourage local businesses and retailers to stop using, and selling, single-use plastic items, replacing them with sustainable alternatives.
- Creating plastic-free community spaces in our parks, libraries, hybs, community and leisure centres.
- Working with stakeholders to create plastic-free schools, colleges and organisations.
- Promoting or organising community events to remove plastic waste from our coastline and elsewhere.
- Seeking to set up, with local businesses and community representatives, a stakeholders group to further this aim.

Examples of single use plastics and alternatives are;

- Paper instead of plastic straws,
- Recyclable or reusable cups
- Metal, compostable or other material instead of plastic cutlery
- No single serve condiment sachets
- Compostable or reuseable stirrers
- Paper bags or wrapping instead of plastic
- Reuseable bottles instead of throwaway plastic
- Punched and bound papers instead of polypockets.
- Seeking alternatives to laminating paper public notices for a non plastic option.

Opportunities;

- Schools plastic free policy
- Planning condition, perhaps with Welsh Government support, for inclusion in management or waste policies
- Increase our percentage of recyclable waste, reduce incineration and landfill
- Our offices, parks, hubs, schools, libraries, leisure centres, vehicles and thousands of staff
- Our purchasing and influencing power with suppliers, partners and stakeholders
- Future Generations Act – this has to be one of the most compliant decisions that can possibly be made!

Received Tuesday 27 Feb 2018

**COUNCIL**

**22 MARCH 2018**

**MOTION 1 - AMENDMENT 1**

Proposed by: Councillor Ashley Wood

Seconded by: Councillor Emma Sandrey

After the first paragraph replace all text with: -

*This Council notes that:*

- *Single use plastics create unnecessary waste with negative impacts on our communities and environment. Approximately 400 million tonnes of plastic are produced globally each year of which 40% is intended to be single-use [1].*
- *Over 8 million tonnes of plastic enter the world's oceans each year, with most originating from the land [2].*
- *Many plastics, including polystyrene, cannot be recycled and paper coffee cups are often fused with polyethylene making them difficult to recycle.*
- *Re-use is preferable to recycling or disposal, requiring less energy and creating less waste.*
- *Small businesses across South Wales are taking proactive steps to encourage consumers to use less plastic [3].*
- *Cardiff University students have already taken the initiative with a 'No Straw campaign' [4].*

*This Council resolves to start the process to becoming a Plastic-Free city by:*

- *Supporting Plastic Free Coastlines, committing to plastic free alternatives and supporting plastic free initiatives within the City. Setting the example and leading the way by aiming to remove all single-use plastics from Council premises by the end of the 2018-19 financial year, and promoting the removal of single-use plastics elsewhere.*
- *Urging all business with which we work, through procurement avenues and other networks, to promote the phasing out of similar products in their business environments. Furthermore, encourage all local businesses and retailers to stop using, and selling, single-use plastic items, replacing them with sustainable alternatives.*
- *Ensuring all organisations in receipt of council funds to make a commitment to sustainable practices and be encouraged to phase out all single use plastics.*
- *Seeking to set up a stakeholders group including community representatives, to further this aim, in all business environments and communities.*
- *Creating plastic-free community spaces in our parks, libraries, hubs, community and leisure centres.*
- *Working with stakeholders to create plastic-free schools, colleges and other organisations.*

- *Continuing to promote, organise and support community events to remove plastic waste from our coastline and elsewhere.*
- *Developing a plastics policy.*

*Opportunities:*

- *Schools plastic free policy*
- *Supporting the wider introduction and use of water fountains and re-fill stations.*
- *Planning conditions for inclusion in management or waste policies*
- *Increase our percentage of recyclable waste, reducing incineration and landfill*
- *Our offices, parks, hubs, schools, libraries, leisure centres, vehicles and thousands of staff*
- *Our purchasing and influencing power with suppliers, partners and stakeholders*
- *Future Generations Act – this has to be one of the most compliant decisions possible!*

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The amended Motion would read:

That this Council recognise the damage that waste plastics cause to the world wide environment, acknowledge that there are measures we can take now to reduce, or cease, our contribution to that contamination and damage, and commit to becoming a "Plastic Free" City. This Council notes that:

- Single use plastics create unnecessary waste with negative impacts on our communities and environment. Approximately 400 million tonnes of plastic are produced globally each year of which 40% is intended to be single-use [1].
- Over 8 million tonnes of plastic enter the world's oceans each year, with most originating from the land [2].
- Many plastics, including polystyrene, cannot be recycled and paper coffee cups are often fused with polyethylene making them difficult to recycle.
- Re-use is preferable to recycling or disposal, requiring less energy and creating less waste.
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This Council resolves to start the process to becoming a Plastic-Free city by:

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- Urging all business with which we work, through procurement avenues and other networks, to promote the phasing out of similar products in their business environments. Furthermore, encourage all local businesses and retailers to stop using, and selling, single-use plastic items, replacing them with sustainable alternatives.
- Ensuring all organisations in receipt of council funds to make a commitment to sustainable practices and be encouraged to phase out all single use plastics.
- Seeking to set up a stakeholders group including community representatives, to further this aim, in all business environments and communities.
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**MOTION 1 – Amendment 2**

Proposed by: Councillor Michael

Seconded by: Councillor Lister

First Paragraph delete all after damage and replace with: -

*Single use plastics create unnecessary waste with negative impacts on our communities and environment.*

*Approximately 400 million tonnes of plastic are produced globally each year of which 40% is intended to be single use.*

*Over 8 million tonnes of plastic enter the world's oceans each year with most originating from the land.*

*Re-use is always preferable to recycling or disposal, as it requires less energy and creates less waste.*

*Businesses across South Wales are taking proactive steps to encourage consumers to use less plastic.*

*Cardiff is the leading city in the UK for recycling.*

*Cardiff is the best city of the 10 core cities for recycling.*

*Cardiff's new 2018-21 Waste Strategy will focus on meeting the targets set by WAG of 70% recycling by 2025.*

*Cardiff Council will identify recycling streams that will add to our recycling figures and calls on all Councillors for support.*

*This Council recognises the good work being done to increase recycling.*

*This Council recognises the damage to our World by waste, including single use items and calls on the UK Government to take steps to reduce waste and prevent it getting into the oceans and causing more harm.*

*This Council calls on the Cabinet to continue:*

- (i) to work with partners such as the No Straw Stand to get the message on single use straws, as well as working with them on getting environmental*

*Education books to every primary school, and giving them space on our 'Love Where You Live' website.*

*(ii) to work with Welsh Water on Refill Stations such as:-*

- *Cardiff Central Library*
- *Grangetown Hub*
- *Llandaff North & Gabalfa Hub*
- *Llanishen Hub*
- *Llanrumney Hub*
- *Rhydypennau Hub*
- *Rumney Hub*
- *St Mellons Hub*
- *Star Hub*

*(iii) to work with partners to send unwanted medical aids to Kenya and Somaliland*

*This Council further calls on the Cabinet to ensure that we continue to explore markets for recycling previously thought to be not recyclable such as: -*

- *Card Tyres;*
- *UPVC Double Glazing;*
- *Polystyrene*
- *Mattresses etc.,*

*This Council calls on the Cabinet to produce a report outlining plans by October 2018 to reduce single use items on council premises such as cups, wrapping, bags etc.,*

*And further calls on the Cabinet to discuss with partners and stakeholders on the reduction of single use items.*

The Amended Motion would read:

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This Council recognises the damage to our World by waste, including single use items and calls on the UK Government to take steps to reduce waste and prevent it getting into the oceans and causing more harm.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to continue:

(iv) to work with partners such as the No Straw Stand to get the message on single use straws, as well as working with them on getting environmental Education books to every primary school, and giving them space on our 'Love Where You Live' website.

(v) to work with Welsh Water on Refill Stations such as:-

- Cardiff Central Library
- Grangetown Hub
- Llandaff North & Gabalfa Hub
- Llanishen Hub
- Llanrumney Hub
- Rhydypennau Hub
- Rumney Hub
- St Mellons Hub
- Star Hub

(vi) to work with partners to send unwanted medical aids to Kenya and Somaliland

This Council further calls on the Cabinet to ensure that we continue to explore markets for recycling previously thought to be not recyclable such as: -

- Card Tyres;
- UPVC Double Glazing;

- Polystyrene
- Mattresses etc.,

This Council calls on the Cabinet to produce a report outlining plans by October 2018 to reduce single use items on council premises such as cups, wrapping, bags etc.,

And further calls on the Cabinet to discuss with partners and stakeholders on the reduction of single use items.

**CYNGOR CAERDYDD  
CARDIFF COUNCIL**



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**22 MARCH 2018**

**ORAL QUESTIONS**

1	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></b></p> <p>As Heath Park is to be upgraded, as we are working towards Green Flag status, could we have a drinking fountain installed combined with a plaque to commemorate its re-dedication?</p>
2	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></b></p> <p>Many of the residents in Penylan who are unhappy with the proposed loss of trees in Roath Brook Gardens and Roath Mill Gardens to facilitate phase 3 of the Roath flood scheme works being undertaken by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) have said they would prefer to see an alternative scheme that would instead involve increasing the capacity of Roath Park lake through the lowering of the lake bed. With NRW having recently announced that they are pausing this phase of the flood scheme works to give the residents group an opportunity to seek their own independent hydrology assessment, could you advise if the council would be supportive of such an alternative scheme should it prove a feasible alternative option for providing flood mitigation, and what (if any) previous view has the council given as to whether or not it would be supportive of such an option?</p>
3	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SINGH</u></b></p> <p>Due to the high level of development going on in the city centre and the close proximity to Riverside, are there any plans to invoke compulsory purchase orders in Riverside?</p>

4	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></b></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member outline the Council's plans for the Graving Docks?</p>
5	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></b></p> <p>Most parents in the UK back air pollution exclusion zones around schools, according to a study by Client Earth. Will these be considered as part of the proposals that come out of the green paper on transport and clean air?</p>
6	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AHMED</u></b></p> <p>What are your future plans regarding the 20 mile per hour speed limit throughout our city?</p>
7	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL</u></b></p> <p>In light of the delay of the green paper on transport, can you confirm that the Live Air Quality Monitoring stations have now been purchased, and when will they be installed in Llandaff and across the city?</p>
8	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></b></p> <p>Is there a process in place to establish and communicate diversions for bus companies and their customers during road works?</p>

9	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARRY (CHAIR OF LICENSING COMMITTEE)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR EBRAHIM</u></b></p> <p>We are all aware of the risks associated with smoking cigarettes, such as increased risk of cancer, heart disease and respiratory problems. Similarly, these risks are present when smoking shisha. There is a growing number of shisha bars in Cardiff. What kind of licensing conditions can the council use to regulate these shisha bars?</p>
10	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS</u></b></p> <p>Many residents are concerned about pressure on local schools places in coming years in NW Cardiff in light of multiple, very large new developments along the A4119 Llantrisant Road. Although the developments will include new schools, they will not be ready until the 500<sup>th</sup> house occupation. That could mean around 5 years and 100s of students moving into these new developments that have to use existing schools in Creigiau, Radyr and Pentyrch for example. Given they clearly don't have capacity for this, what is plan for them in the years before any new school builds are available?</p>
11	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></b></p> <p>Mothers have contacted me regarding concerns with sitting in their back garden with their children; pets and postman have been attacked on Farm Drive; bin bags torn open leading to mess on our streets; it isn't just the accumulation of bird mess that raises concerns regarding increasing seagull population, but also the fact that they come down and attack people and pets that raises concerns. As we approach nesting time and with growing seagull population to reach 5,000 by 2020 in Cardiff, what is the council doing to ensure residents in areas like Cyncoed feel safe and unthreatened by seagulls?</p>

12	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON</u></b></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member reassure residents of Pontcanna that there will be no repeat of the damage to the parkland as there was at the 2008 Eisteddfod?</p>
13	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN</u></b></p> <p>Following the unfortunate closure earlier this month of the much used Household Waste Recycling Centre at Wedal Road, can the Cabinet Member please outline how discussions are progressing to find an alternative site and a proposed timescale for a new facility to become operational?</p>
14	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></b></p> <p>The decision to opt with Option A for 2018/19 School Admissions arrangements broadly represents maintaining the status quo and will not address the significant pressures on admissions to secondary school. When can we expect proposals to be brought forward to address capacity issues before the Council's Band B capital investment programme is completed?</p>
15	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI</u></b></p> <p>Firstly, I would like to thank you and the council staff for responding so well to the severe weather conditions over the past few weeks. However, following this severe weather, road surfaces have been damaged and potholes increased. What are the Council's plans to address this?</p>



16	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></b></p> <p>Does the Leader of the Council support recent suggestions made by a Cardiff Labour Assembly Member that the Welsh Government should introduce a 100% car park levy on city centre parking, known as the ‘Car Park Tax’?</p>
17	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR REES</u></b></p> <p>How many of Cardiff’s total number of schools do not have a defibrillator on site?</p>

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