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COUNCIL, 28 JANUARY 2021 – LIST OF ORAL QUESTIONS

1 QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES

You were one of the two signatories to the helpful letter sent to every household in Cardiff, Len Richards, CEO of Cardiff & Vale University Health Board (CAVUHB) being the other. As such, presumably, you were closely involved in the roll out of the vaccination program agreed by the UK's Independent Joint Vaccination Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, agreed by all four nations in the UK, which determined a priority list that stated "In the first phase, we will vaccinate according to age and risk of serious illness if someone catches coronavirus". Yet in the update issued by CAVUHB on 15 January, it was clear that, of the 18,532 doses delivered, only 1,472 doses were given to care home residents and over 80's in priority groups 1 and 2. A worrying disparity causing real concern.

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COUNCIL, 28 JANUARY 2021: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT (COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MICHAEL)

W1 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

Why weren't flats prioritised when it was clear that there was weeks' worth of uncollected waste in Llanedeyrn and Pentwyn?

Reply

The Waste Management Team will respond to all concerns relating to missed collections; however, at times, there will be issues where contamination of recycling bins and the presentation of waste means that collection crews are unable to undertake their duties or carry out their service. For example, where access to, and use of, communal bin areas for flats is abused, collection crews are unable to clear the bins and specialist cleansing teams have to be engaged in order to clear the waste.

The Caretaking Services Clear & Clean Team within Housing & Communities provides additional support to the Council's Waste Management Team. When council tenants report excess waste in bin areas and courtyards, the Clear & Clean Team will endeavour to visit the location prior to the collection date in order to remove the waste. This enables the waste collection crews to empty the bins more easily. In addition, the Tenancy Management section works with the Waste Management Education Team to visit blocks of flats to speak to residents to encourage them to dispose of their waste appropriately.

In terms of the clearance of uncollected waste, the Caretaking Services Team has completed 165 visits to various locations throughout Llanedeyrn and Pentwyn since the beginning of January 2021. Of these, 72 visits required the removal of side waste next to the main bins and 93 required general rubbish clearances from the courtyard area.

W2 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON

In the last 18 months, what progress has been made on securing a site for a household waste recycling centre to replace the closed Wedal Road and Waungron Road sites?

I would refer you to the replies that I provided to previous Written Questions from Cllr Walker on this issue back in September 2019 and at the last Council meeting in November 2020.

W3 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

Could the Council provide a breakdown of the number of flytipping incidents for the past three years (2018, 2019, 2020) and the number of successful flytipping prosecutions for the past three years (2018, 2019, 2020)?

Reply

Financial Year	No. of Recorded Fly-Tipping Incidents	Number of Successful Prosecutions	
2017/18	5928	2 prosecutions for fly-tipping10 prosecuted for Duty of Care	
2018/19	5219	1 prosecution for fly-tipping23 prosecuted for Duty of Care	
2019/20	5378	1 prosecution for fly-tipping1 prosecuted for Duty of Care	

We are committed to tacking fly-tipping in the city and, in 2019/20, we maintained our good performance in clearing over 99% of reported fly-tipping incidents within five working days, with 80.35% of incidents leading to enforcement activity. The lower numbers of successful prosecutions in 2019/20 reflect the significant amount of time that it takes to pursue a prosecution. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has only increased these timescales, with interviews under caution having to be delayed, as well as a growing backlog of Court cases. The Court also keeps any fines imposed and, therefore, the Council will usually only seek prosecutions for large-scale fly-tipping offences.

The Council will otherwise issue Fixed Penalty Notices for fly-tipping (£400 each), Duty of Care (£300 each) and the deposit of waste contributing to litter (£100 each), with the fines income being retained within the service to support further enforcement and to improve the cleanliness of the city.

As I outlined previously in reply to a similar Written Question from your ward colleague, Councillor Dianne Rees, in October last year, the Council has made a number of improvements in dealing with flytipping since 2017. These include the launch of the CardiffGov app in June 2018, which provides residents with free reminders of their recycling and waste collection days, as well as the ability to report flytipping at the scene. The app has proven to be a great success in streamlining the process for reporting and addressing fly-tipping concerns, as well as enabling us to better map fly-tipping hotspots in the city. Since 2017, we have also introduced both covert and overt CCTV surveillance at hotspots throughout the city in order to assist us with preventing and tackling fly-tipping.

W4 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JONES-PRITCHARD

I have raised this matter as a ward issue and Cllr Michael is looking into it. However, as the issue has caused problems elsewhere in the city, other members will be interested in this, hence this written question. On 23rd December, I and I'm sure other councillors, were called out by residents who were affected by surface water flooding. Streets became streams or ponds and surface water came out of inspection chambers, due to pressure of water under them. A lot of work has been undertaken in the city, in an effort to address flows, to reduce the likelihood of flooding during periods of high rainfall. However, with Climate change, and 1 in 100 year events happening more regularly, what is the council's approach and what measures are planned for improving the quick removal of high levels of surface water in known areas of risk, to eliminate flooding?

Reply

During the intense storm that was experienced across the city on 23rd December 2020, vast numbers of sewers, main rivers and ordinary watercourses reached full capacity, resulting in the inability of highway drainage systems to operate effectively.

Cardiff has a largely urban environment, which makes the quick removal of surface water from existing infrastructure difficult. Any proposals/projects for the removal of surface water has to ensure that flood risk is not exacerbated elsewhere, which requires detailed catchment modelling. The Council's Flood and Coastal Risk team has a number of detailed investigations underway across the city, which aim to lower the risk of flooding from numerous sources within these catchments.

The implementation of Schedule 3 of The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 introduced the requirement for approval from the Council's SuDS Approval Body (SAB), in addition to planning consent for any construction project over 100 square metres.

The guidance for the design and implementation of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) issued by the Welsh Government emphasises the importance of surface water control and proposals are scrutinised in detail to ensure that there is no exacerbation of flood risk downstream as a result of proposed construction activity.

The Council's SAB team works with developers and encourages the removal of surface water from existing infrastructure by utilising sustainable drainage principles.

<u>CULTURE AND LEISURE</u> (<u>COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY</u>)

W5 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL

What has been the total spend on new equipment, upgrading existing equipment and resurfacing in children play areas over the last 5 years in Riverside Ward?

Reply

The total spend on play areas in Riverside Ward in the last five years is £176,859.69, which has been allocated to the following sites:

- Despenser Gardens Toddler Play Area (£73,376.21);
- Despenser Gardens Multi-Use Games Area (£66,423.33); and
- Llandaff Fields Toddler & Junior Play Areas (£37,060.15).

These schemes have been funded by Section 106 contributions.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS (COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)

W6 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

Since May 2017, along with Cllr Rees, we have been acting on the legitimate concerns of residents in Old St Mellons regarding the lack of progress in the development of a primary school at the St Edeyrn's Development. Could you as, Cabinet Member for Education, provide me with assurances the primary school will be developed and ready for the September 2022 intake?

<u>Reply</u>

The Council has provided you with written assurances associated with the primary school at the St Edeyrn's development, including a timeline of correspondence, meetings and exchanges with the developer. The scheme is currently progressing through a tender process to appoint the building contractor and the existing programme issued by the developer indicates that the school will be completed in time for occupation in September 2022.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES (COUNCILLOR LYNDA THORNE)

W7 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

The Council highlighted the need to increase the number of gypsy and traveller sites in Cardiff. Could the Cabinet Member provide a list of all potential locations the Council have reviewed and provide an update on which sites are actively being considered as locations for gypsy and traveller sites?

<u>Reply</u>

The Council has previously reviewed a number of sites across Cardiff as part of the Local Development Plan (LDP) process and in accordance with the statutory Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment covering the period 2016-2026. This information is available in the public domain.

Work previously undertaken on the identification of sites to meet the evidenced need for permanent and transit Gypsy and Traveller sites in the city will be taken forward in the review of the LDP and will be informed by the preparation of a revised Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment.

Recent work by the Council has focused on the improvement and expansion of the two existing sites at Shirenewton and Rover Way, which together have the potential to accommodate the whole of the city's requirement.

Expansion of the Rover Way site will require a diversion of the existing carriageway and the use of a temporary site to enable the existing plots to be realigned and upgraded. Discussions are ongoing with Welsh Government to determine if this option is both achievable and affordable.

<u>LEADER</u> (COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS)

W8 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS

With the publication this week of the Wales national vaccine plan, will the council be discussing with the Welsh Government and Public Health Wales prioritising teaching and support staff for the vaccine once the initial priority groups have been vaccinated?

Reply

The policy on Covid-19 vaccination in the UK has been informed by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), which is an independent expert advisory committee to UK health bodies. We are not aware of their advice for the next phase of the vaccination programme; however, I can confirm that discussions are ongoing with Welsh Government and they are aware of the call to prioritise teaching and support staff in schools. I have asked officers to maintain dialogue with Welsh Government and Health partners about this. I am also due to meet shortly with the Chief Medical Officer for Wales to discuss vaccinations for taxi drivers in the city following representations made to me by the Taxi trade.

W9 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

When will the Covid-19 vaccination facility be open at Pentwyn Leisure Centre? Pentwyn residents are currently being asked to attend for vaccination in Pontprennau, which while not far away, does mean that many have to be taken by car, rather than walking if they were able to get it at Pentwyn Leisure Centre.

Reply

Health colleagues are leading on the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccination programme in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. The Council understands that the Mass Vaccination Centre (MVC) at Pentwyn Leisure Centre will be operational from 1st February 2021. This will become the second MVC in Cardiff, with mass vaccinations currently being delivered solely at the former STAR Centre in Splott, which opened before Christmas. Access to vaccinations at the Mass Vaccination Centres will be through a booked slot for residents and frontline workers from across Cardiff and the Vale. In addition, vaccinations will continue to be delivered through local GP primary care practices.

W10 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL

We must all do all we can to stop the spread of COVID right now. With roughly a third of people who have coronavirus not showing symptoms, targeted asymptomatic testing and subsequent isolation is highly effective in breaking chains of transmission. In England rapid regular testing is led by local authorities who design programs based on their in-depth knowledge of the local populations, so testing can have the greatest impact. Lateral flow tests have already been hugely successful in finding positive cases quickly — and every positive case found is helping to stop the spread of Covid. According to UK Government figures, asymptomatic lateral flow tests have already identified 14,800 cases on Covid-19 that otherwise would have gone unnoticed and potentially spread further within the community. What are we doing as a council, or with Welsh Government, to replicate this initiative?

Reply

Lateral flow testing is an important part of the overall strategy to combat the impact of Covid-19. The Council has already secured significant numbers of lateral flow testing kits and has rolled them out for use in Care Homes and frontline social care in line with Welsh Government guidance.

Whilst consideration is currently being given to expanding the use of lateral flow testing for wider frontline services, it is important to see all aspects of the testing strategy as a holistic response.

Community testing capacity has been enhanced in the city with facilities at County Hall and Museum Avenue, as well as the mobile testing unit that can be deployed as required in areas of high demand. This is on top of the large scale testing centre at Cardiff City Stadium.

The operational deployment of the testing strategy is under constant review by the Incident Management Team in Cardiff to ensure that testing capacity across the city is being used to best effect.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT (COUNCILLOR CARO WILD)

W11 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS

How frequently is the condition of pavements inspected?

What criteria are used to determine which pavements should be prioritised for repair?

What plans does the council have to replace pavements made up of flagstones or paving blocks with tarmac?

Reply

Footways are inspected either monthly, 3 monthly, 6 monthly or annually, depending on their hierarchy classification. For example, a busy footway such as City Road is inspected monthly, whereas a culde-sac footway would be inspected annually.

During inspection, defects that meet our intervention criteria of 20mm or more are classified as safety or maintenance defects and are scheduled for repair within the appropriate timescale, which will be anywhere between the next working day and 3 months, depending on severity.

The inspector can also identify minor works repairs, such as localised tarmac surfacing or replacing slabs with tarmac; however, these have no timescale for repair and will be added to a works program. In addition, the inspector will identify larger areas of footway that need resurfacing or reconstruction, which form part of our capital renewal programme.

When considering footways for inclusion in renewal programmes, prioritisation is based primarily on their condition and other factors such as Member and public enquiries, concerns raised from safety inspections and areas that have repeated maintenance requests. In areas where slabs are continually being replaced following cyclic safety inspections, consideration is given to replace larger areas with a tarmac surface.

W12 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS

Parking over pavements is an increasing hazard damaging the pavements themselves and often causing obstructions for pedestrians requiring them to walk on the roadway. Following the recent recognition of the problem nationally, has the council had any indication from the Welsh Government about a timescale for how this problem can be addressed?

Reply

The Council is awaiting further contact from Welsh Government about their timeframes for implementing any new legislation to address pavement parking in Wales following its acceptance of the recommendations of the Welsh Pavement Parking Taskforce in October 2020.

Nevertheless, we are currently seeking the views of Cardiff residents through our <u>Pavement Parking survey</u>, which runs until 9th February 2021. We want to make our streets as enjoyable and as safe as possible, and responses to the survey will enable us to better understand the problems caused by pavement parking in the city.

Parking on pavements still falls to the Police to enforce under their powers relating to obstruction where there are no traffic orders for the Council to enforce. Residents are advised to report any specific pavement parking issues directly to the Police by telephoning 101.

W13 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

What consultation is carried out specifically with bus companies in respect of cycle lanes being installed on major bus routes?

Reply

Bus companies are consulted on proposals for cycleways and all other transport infrastructure schemes that may affect bus routes in the city. Where necessary, traffic modelling is undertaken as part of the design process, which allows any impacts on bus services to be identified and mitigated.

W14 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

What is the rationale for the proposed new link road between Llanrumney and Pentwyn being a bus gate, specifically since services from the Cardiff East park and ride facility already have bus lane access on their current route?

Does the council envisage new routes being created, and what discussions have they had with bus companies with regards to this?

Reply

The proposed new link road would provide Llanrumney residents with better accessibility by bus to, for example, University Hospital of Wales and Cardiff Gate retail & business parks, as well as much quicker journey times to/from the City Centre. The Council does not wish to encourage additional traffic through residential streets in Llanrumney attempting to access this new connection to Pentwyn. Additional modelling work is still to be undertaken and formal discussions have not yet taken place with bus operators.

W15 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

What conversations is the council having with Welsh Government with respect to the future of bus services in Cardiff, with reference to how they are operated, managed, and with respect to integrated ticketing?

The future of bus services, both locally and regionally, is a matter of concern for all Welsh local authorities and discussions with Welsh Government and Transport for Wales are taking place on an almost weekly basis.

Officers attend meetings of the Bus Reform Working Group, which includes representatives from Welsh Government, Transport for Wales, local authorities and WLGA. This group is working towards the establishment of sustainable bus networks in Wales at national, regional and local levels. It is clear from these discussions that local authority input is vital to ensure that these networks meet the needs and aspirations of local communities.

Transport for Wales is committed to introducing integrated ticketing across different operators and modes, and the Council fully supports this commitment as an important element in achieving 50% travel by sustainable modes.

W16 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON

There is a pothole that forms on Pantmawr Road, near the cemetery gates, which regularly needs repairing. In view of the number of times residents have had to request a repair, would it be more cost effective for this section of road to be fully resurfaced?

Reply

The overall condition of the carriageway in this area is good and would not require resurfacing; however, there is a localised area of the road surface that has failed continually, hence the repeated pothole at this location. Highways engineers will need to carry out ground investigations to determine why this is the case. Once these investigations have been carried out, a decision can then be made as to the most appropriate repair works needed at this specific location.

W17 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

We were advised in 2019 that Pontprennau would see the introduction of NextBikes. This would be a brilliant addition to our Community. It would also be beneficial for NextBikes to be installed in the new St Edeyrn's Development in Old St Mellons. I have previously suggested these locations. Could you provide me with an update on this?

During the last review of potential Nextbike sites in the city, the possibility of installing bikes in the Pontprennau area was scoped again and discussed further with the operator. Potential sites in Pontprennau included the Community Centre, Medical Centre and new Primary School.

No suitable sites were able to be identified for reasons of scheme security, land availability and opposition by local residents and businesses. This was reported to Members at the time and any suggestions for other specific sites for investigation were requested.

A site at St Edeyrn's could be considered in future when other nearby stations are available, thereby offering an appropriate level of network density so that riders can connect effectively with the scheme.

W18 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

There are currently a number of well used and popular high streets in the North of Cardiff. Residents advise me they are anxious about the prospect of parking charges being introduced by Cardiff Council. Could the Cabinet Member rule out introducing parking charges in areas which currently benefit from free parking provision?

<u>Reply</u>

There are currently no plans to introduce parking charges in high streets in the north of Cardiff; however, ensuring the appropriate turnover of parking spaces on street is vital to the economy of these local and district centres. This indicates that, where unrestricted parking exists, some time-limited controls may need to be considered in the future. Any such proposals will, of course, be accompanied by measures to ensure that local businesses are not operationally disadvantaged where the use of a vehicle is required.

W19 WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL

What has been the total spend on new and upgraded infrastructure for cycling, pedestrians and resurfacing roads over the last 5 years in Riverside Ward?

The total spend in the last five financial years on transport infrastructure in Riverside, including cycling & pedestrian schemes and carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing, is in the order of £2.473 million. This is comprised of £1.906 million in Welsh Government funding and £567,000 in capital spending by the Council on schemes including Safe Routes in Communities, 20mph speed limits and modal filters. In addition, nearly a third of this money (£785,000) is for the Sophia Gardens Cycleway, which forms part of our strategic cycleway network (Cycleway 4) and will provide a link between the City Centre and destinations in the Llandaff Ward.



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COUNCIL: 28 JANUARY 2021

AMENDMENT SHEET

ITEM 9: AMENDMENT 1 TO NOTICE OF MOTION 1

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Parkhill

Seconded by Councillor Mia Rees

We would like to amend as follows. Change -

"6. We ask that these proposals are considered by Cabinet" to -

"6. We ask that where there is a financial impact to the Council, Cabinet considers the proposal within three months and where there is no financial impact, the proposals are implemented by the Cabinet without delay."

The substantive motion, as amended, would read:

Let's make Cardiff Greener, Healthier and Wilder!

The aim of this motion is to enhance the Council's One Planet Strategy in terms of combatting climate change and increasing bio-diversity in Cardiff.

Actions would build on the work Cardiff Council already does to preserve its parks and open spaces.

Working in partnership with grassroots community groups, Friends groups and environmental organisations, the Council will enable social and climate justice delivery above and beyond the vital services the Council provides.

The Council's relationships with grass roots community groups are well established and the Parks Service works in partnership with about fifty partner organisations, who over time have, and continue to, influence, policy, strategy and operational matters.

Specifically a strategic partnership with the RSPB is well established and three major projects involving both parties exist, these being;

• **Giving Nature a Home in Cardiff project**, which commenced in 2016 project, also in partnership with Buglife Cymru and funded through the National Lottery Community Fund, which seeks to engage local communities and children in Cardiff with nature, including supporting the development of pollinator friendly habitats.

- Living Levels Landscape Partnership Project, which commenced in 2018, a National Lottery Heritage Funded Partnership Scheme, which aims to reconnect people with the Gwent Levels Landscape.
- Flat Holm Island A Walk Through Time project whereby in 2018, the Council was awarded a National Lottery Heritage Fund development grant of £150k towards the first stage of a £1.3million major heritage and conservation project, in partnership with the RSPB and Flat Holm Society.

This Council notes:

- 1. Our declaration of a Climate Emergency in 2019
- 2. The response to the Bio-diversity task and finish group of the Council's Environment Scrutiny Committee
- 3. That the Council is developing an ambitious and major programme that seeks to increase tree canopy across the city from 19% to 25% by 2030. A number of external funding bids, which have the potential to attract significant investment, are under consideration by funding bodies. The scope and scale of the plans that we have in place will be greater than any other Core City.
- 4. The impressive sustainability proposals around energy, housing and transport that the Council has developed.
- 5. The pressures on a fast-growing city to provide land for uses such as; housing, education, and jobs.
- 6. That the council has agreed to consult on replacing our Local Development Plan, which would give an opportunity to strengthen environmental protections.
- 7. And commends the excellent job done by residents, volunteers, and stakeholder groups to plant trees and enhance local nature and bio-diversity. The staff across the Parks Service and Neighbourhood Services facilitate and support the work of the voluntary efforts and this has to be resourced / managed.

Therefore this council proposes:

- 1. To publish a plan for the mass planting of trees in the city. So that local groups, Cardiff schools and schoolchildren have opportunities to plant within the public realm.
- 2. To establish a new Public Tree Nursery at Forest Farm. The Council benefits from a team of qualified and experienced Arboricultural Officers and Arborists who will provide advice and guidance to residents and community groups. The nursery will focus on propagating stock of local provenance.
- 3. To Identify land that can be used with local communities for community gardens, pocket parks, growing spaces, and meeting places and work with these groups to foster healthy lifestyles and increase local bio-diversity, especially in more urban areas of the city.
- 4. To protect and enhance nature and public access for walking and cycling, along our riverbanks and around the edge of Cardiff Bay.

- 5. To support the National Park City movement in Cardiff ensuring the full-weight of the council's resources supports this people-led movement.
- 6. We ask that where there is a financial impact to the Council, Cabinet considers the proposal within three months and where there is no financial impact, the proposals are implemented by the Cabinet without delay.

ITEM 9: AMENDMENT 2 TO NOTICE OF MOTION 1

Proposed by: Councillor Rodney Berman

Seconded by: Councillor Ashley Wood

In section headed "Therefore this council proposes:" insert the following additional bullet points prior to existing bullet point 6, and renumber accordingly:

- 6. In line with the aim of a creating a greener Cardiff, to reject the planned disposal of public open space in an area of the city recognised as deficient in open space to facilitate the development of a museum of military medicine.
- 7. In addition to planting new trees, to also develop a plan for greater retention of existing tree cover in the city including by establishing criteria which would give greater protection against the disposal for development of council owned land with existing woodland or substantial mature tree cover.

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 people with the Gwent Levels Landscape.
- Flat Holm Island A Walk Through Time project whereby in 2018, the Council was awarded a National Lottery Heritage Fund development grant of £150k towards the first stage of a £1.3million major heritage and conservation project, in partnership with the RSPB and Flat Holm Society.

This Council notes:

- 1. Our declaration of a Climate Emergency in 2019
- 2. The response to the Bio-diversity task and finish group of the Council's Environment Scrutiny Committee
- 3. That the Council is developing an ambitious and major programme that seeks to increase tree canopy across the city from 19% to 25% by 2030. A number of external funding bids, which have the potential to attract significant investment, are under consideration by funding bodies. The scope and scale of the plans that we have in place will be greater than any other Core City.
- 4. The impressive sustainability proposals around energy, housing and transport that the Council has developed.
- 5. The pressures on a fast-growing city to provide land for uses such as; housing, education, and jobs.
- 6. That the council has agreed to consult on replacing our Local Development Plan, which would give an opportunity to strengthen environmental protections.
- 7. And commends the excellent job done by residents, volunteers, and stakeholder groups to plant trees and enhance local nature and bio-diversity. The staff across the Parks Service and Neighbourhood Services facilitate and support the work of the voluntary efforts and this has to be resourced / managed.

Therefore this council proposes:

- 1. To publish a plan for the mass planting of trees in the city. So that local groups, Cardiff schools and schoolchildren have opportunities to plant within the public realm.
- 2. To establish a new Public Tree Nursery at Forest Farm. The Council benefits from a team of qualified and experienced Arboricultural Officers and Arborists who will provide advice and guidance to residents and community groups. The nursery will focus on propagating stock of local provenance.
- 3. To Identify land that can be used with local communities for community gardens, pocket parks, growing spaces, and meeting places and work with these groups to foster healthy lifestyles and increase local bio-diversity, especially in more urban areas of the city.

- 4. To protect and enhance nature and public access for walking and cycling, along our riverbanks and around the edge of Cardiff Bay.
- 5. To support the National Park City movement in Cardiff ensuring the full-weight of the council's resources supports this people-led movement.
- 6. In line with the aim of a creating a greener Cardiff, to reject the planned disposal of public open space in an area of the city recognised as deficient in open space to facilitate the development of a museum of military medicine.
- 7. In addition to planting new trees, to also develop a plan for greater retention of existing tree cover in the city including by establishing criteria which would give greater protection against the disposal for development of council owned land with existing woodland or substantial mature tree cover.
- 8. We ask that these proposals are considered by Cabinet.

ITEM 9: AMENDMENT 2 TO NOTICE OF MOTION 1

Proposed by: Councillor Michael Michael

Seconded by: Councillor Keith Jones

The additions are shown in red italic and the deletions have been stricken through.

This Council notes:

- 1) There are new, large housing developments in Cardiff either recently constructed, under construction or ready to start. These form part of the city's required Local Development Plan (LDP) to build 40,000 homes in the period 2006-2026. At least 6,500 of these being affordable homes.
- 2) Many of these have planning a permission with section 106 planning agreements for a range of amenities, possibly including community facilities such as schools, surgeries, halls, shops other community buildings or transportation enhancements.
- 2) The Master-planning principle used in the LDP means that all these sites require significant S106 payments from the developers to pay for a range of amenities, possibly including community facilities such as schools, surgeries, halls, shops other community buildings or transportation enhancements. These agreements are legally binding and already over a quarter of a billion pounds of investment has been secured for the current LDP strategic sites.
- 3) The planning obligations on these sites often include a trigger point, or an occupancy deadline, for the commencement or completion of the obligation, such as a school.

This Council also notes that there have been instances when community facilities on new Cardiff developments have not been commenced or completed at the agreed trigger point. This impacts on services available to new residents, increases the pressure on existing services offsite and may slow the formation of social links within the new community. It can

also have the possibility of restricting the delivery of public services by this council, as well as impacting on the delivery of the LDP and affecting other existing adjoining communities and infrastructure.

This Council notes that some triggers can be straightforward, others can be more complicated, involving separate consenting processes to secure the best facilities in the public interest. It recognises that major infrastructure delivery can be complex and is linked to multiple external factors, and requires a number of bodies and service areas to work together in a focused and flexible way.

This council also notes that developers are bound by legally binding agreements with regard their obligations, and that adding an additional layer of enforcement could be counter-productive as flexibility and collaboration is replaced by a more rigid approach.

This Council calls on:

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- 2) The Cabinet to bring forward a report outlining how the Council's planning enforcement regime will be strengthened regarding the construction of provisions covered by section 106 obligations, especially community facilities, on new developments. This should include how this will be achieved in the context of both the current Local Development Plan and any replacement plan.
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ITEM 14: COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Committee	Vacancy	Group	Nomination Received
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	1 vacancy	Propel	
Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee	1 vacancy	Labour	Norma Mackie (should have been added to November
Environmental	No vacancy	Labour	Peter Wong missed off the membership list
Planning Committee	1 vacancy	Conservative	
Public Protection	1 vacancy	Propel	
Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny	1 vacancy	Propel	

