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## **STATEMENT OF THE LEADER**

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### **Fair Funding & Core Cities**

I was proud to speak at an event outside City Hall on 9 September 2017 in support of the Fair Funding for Wales campaign. The most recent Welsh Government figures indicate that Wales is underfunded by approximately £1.2 billion per annum. With Cardiff Council facing a funding gap in the region of £75 million over the next three years, it is critical that Wales receives the funding it is due from UK Government, so that as a Council we can deliver the vital services that Cardiff citizens rely on.

In furtherance of this issue, on 12 September 2017, I attended the launch of the Core Cities Green Paper *'Invest – Trust – Reform, Core Cities UK's Vision for a Stronger, Fairer Britain'* at the House of Commons, joining city leaders from across the UK. The paper calls on the UK Government to invest in cities and their infrastructure, reform delivery arrangements by devolving powers to cities and introducing place-based policy.

On 9 October 2017, I am looking forward to welcoming the Core Cities Cabinet back to Cardiff, when the focus of the discussions will be on how cities can help solve the UK's housing crisis.

### **City Deal**

Last week, the first major investment arising from the City Deal was concluded – a £38m deal to develop the Cardiff Capital Region as a major cluster for firms developing compound semiconductors. The deal aims to attract £375m in private investment, create around 500 jobs directly with the potential for a further 2,000 indirect jobs within the region. The Cardiff Capital Region hopes to become the next European semiconductor cluster alongside Eindhoven, Leuven, Grenoble and Dresden, with the aim of surpassing the existing clusters to become a world leader in producing compound materials.

This deal is the first investment made under the £1.2bn Cardiff Capital Region City Deal. The 10 Councils will invest in and own the 'anchor' foundry in Newport which will be leased by St Mellons-based IQE plc. IQE will continue to work with scientists from Cardiff University as part of the deal. It is hoped that this deal will encourage other hi-tech firms to invest in the region as well as providing more opportunities for school-leavers to achieve well-paid and highly-skilled jobs in the Cardiff Capital region.

More widely, leaders are now considering the city deal business plan that needs to be approved by each council to satisfy the reserve matter in order to drawdown the wider city deal investment fund. The report that was considered by the Council, on 26 January 2017, makes clear that the business plan: *“will be developed outlining an indicative investment programme against the key programme themes and agreed strategic projects. This document is required for local authorities to understand the detail of their financial commitment.”*

This is a complex process and inevitably there are differing views about the shape and structure of the plan. In terms of Cardiff, I am keen to promote the development of a package of complementary economic development and infrastructure interventions, based on projects that will have the largest, demonstrable economic impact on the Valleys, as well as Cardiff. We need to demonstrate beyond doubt to local communities a collective commitment to bringing about a step-change in the performance of the city-region economy.

I will keep members informed as the process unfolds over coming months.

### **‘Work Welsh’ Programme**

The Council is fully committed to the Welsh Language. As a Council we have always supported our staff to attend Welsh language training, so I am pleased that we have registered for the National Centre for Learning Welsh’s new programme – ‘Work Welsh’. This is designed to support and deliver Welsh language training for officers and Members by offering fully-funded training to everyone, from beginners to fluent Welsh speakers.

Different courses are available which are flexible enough to accommodate the work pressures of participants. Officers are already taking advantage of the intensive Welsh language course which takes beginners to advanced Welsh level in 24 weeks. Members also recently attended a Welsh language awareness training session which will be rolled-out for all our Operational Managers over the coming months. In addition, a new 10-hour online Welsh greeting course has been made available to all staff and Members. For intermediate and advanced speakers residential courses are also available to increase their confidence when using Welsh in the workplace.

### **Welsh Language Translation Services**

The Council’s Bilingual Cardiff team recently won a tender worth up to £170,000 per annum to provide translation services for three years to the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Last year, Bilingual Cardiff translated 8.3 million words and received 12,000 requests, and provided translation services for a number of external organisations such as Bridgend and Newport Councils. With an increasing number of organisations now subject to the Welsh language standards, offering translations services to external bodies provides an opportunity for us to bring in additional revenue for the Council.

### **Public Services Board**

In June 2017, I chaired my first meeting of the Public Services Board (PSB). Many of the major challenges facing the city’s public services cannot be responded to by one organisation acting alone. Issues like supporting the city’s most vulnerable

children and families, keeping our communities safe, helping people into work or managing the public sector estate fundamentally require close partnership working with barriers broken down between organisations, particularly at a local level. The Cardiff PSB brings together decision-makers from across the city's public services to lead this programme of partnership working.

The Board is required to publish its first Well-being Plan by May 2018. In June, the Board approved draft Well-being Objectives to be submitted to the Well-being of Future Generations Commissioner. These include:

1. A Capital City that Works for Wales
2. Cardiff's Population Growth is managed in a Resilient Way
3. Safe, Confident and Empowered Communities
4. Cardiff is a great place to grow up
5. Supporting people out of poverty
6. Cardiff is a great place to grow older
7. Modernising and Integrating Our Public Services

Over the summer a series of actions have been developed by the Board for each of the above priorities, and a draft of the Well-being Plan will be released for a 3-month consultation from early October. I would urge all councillors to engage in shaping this important plan.

### **Staff Engagement**

Delivering our ambitions will rely on the hard work and dedication of our staff. Over the summer I have been out with Cabinet Members to meet with staff at Lamby Way, Willcox House and the Castle nursery where I've seen the dedication and determination of our staff first-hand. The Council is an incredibly diverse organisation, but it is clear to me that while the work many teams undertake does vary a great deal in nature, they share a common commitment of working for Cardiff. It's a source of great pride for me to lead an organisation that does such great work day in day out for the people of our city, and it's why I'm committed to making sure that we, as a Cabinet, continue to regularly talk with and listen to our staff, beginning with a staff conference in October focussed on delivering Capital Ambition.

**Councillor Huw Thomas**  
**Leader of the Council**  
27 September 2017

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## **FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT**

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### **Stonewall Workplace Equality Index 2018**

I am pleased to confirm that Cardiff Council has submitted an application to the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index 2018. Completion of the application involved officers from the LGBT Network, Human Resources and Equality Team. The formal document used as part of the application has already identified areas where we need to improve or introduce service provision for our LGBT customers and colleagues.

Following submission of the application, employees across the Council will be encouraged to complete the Stonewall staff survey, which closes on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017. We expect to receive our final score for the Index and related feedback early in January 2018. In the meantime, we will continue to work closely with Stonewall with the aim of becoming part of the Stonewall Cymru Diversity Champions Programme.

### **Cardiff Mobile App**

The new Cardiff mobile app, which has been designed and built using internal resources, will allow Cardiff residents to interact directly with the Council via their smartphones. The first version of this App will enable residents to:

- set up alerts as to when their waste collections are due and detail which bins should be included in each collection;
- report fly tipping using maps to clearly identify the location of the waste and to attach a photo and brief details of the waste to assist those tasked with clearing the waste; and
- access a range of Council Tax services, including the ability to query outstanding balances, set up direct debits and make payments via any Smartphone.

This initial functionality will extend the services that are already available via the Council's website and allow people to make reports or transact with the Council using a Smartphone from anywhere with a mobile or Wi-Fi signal. Once the initial release is available, new services are anticipated to be added to the new App on a regular basis. Councillors, directorates and a range of citizens will be offered the chance to test and feedback on the App prior to general release.

## **Code of Practice for Ethical Employment in Supply Chains**

In March 2017, Cardiff Council became the first public organisation to agree to sign up to the Welsh Government's Code of Practice for Ethical Employment in Supply Chains. On 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017, I was pleased to welcome the Welsh Government Leader of the House and Chief Whip, Jane Hutt AM, to County Hall to join with Cabinet Members in formally signing the Code.

## **Wales Interpretation and Translation Service**

The transfer of the Wales Interpretation and Translation Service (WITS) from Gwent Police to Cardiff Council and the related responsibilities for hosting the service is almost complete. Governance arrangements are being finalised and are expected to be agreed in the coming weeks. Officers are also working closely with ICT to manage the transition of the WITS IT infrastructure from Gwent Police. A WITS contact centre has now been established, based at Willcox House, with Cardiff Council employed WITS staff receiving calls from public sector bodies across Wales for interpretation and translation work. The service also has access to approximately 800 self-employed interpreters and translators.

## **Cardiff Council Website**

The Council's website continues to play an important role in enabling more people to access council services online, as evidenced by the following data:

- 165,000 visitors to the website in August 2017, viewing 640,000 pages of information.
- Online services take up is positive with 75% of customers choosing to request their waste receptacles online, rather than via traditional methods.
- £1.5m taken in online payments in August 2017 alone.
- Over 5,000 forms submitted via the website to report a problem or request a service.
- Content from the Ask Cardiff website was moved onto the Council's website to make consultation processes more transparent and easier for the public to access. The section received 3,049 page views with the "Live Consultations" page, receiving 763 views.

## **C2C**

In August 2017, C2C facilitated a half day workshop for HM Land Registry to support their procurement of workforce management software in response to the growth of their call centre operation. 20 delegates took the opportunity to take part in specialised Q&A sessions covering topics, such as staff engagement, establishing the right culture and forecasting/analytics. They also shadowed experienced members of the team as they undertook their duties. In addition, C2C hosted a visit from colleagues at Caerphilly Council who were seeking to share best practice and learn about the strategies and workforce engagement activities that make Cardiff award winning.

C2C representatives were also invited to attend a meeting with a Minister from the UK Government Department of Work & Pensions (DWP) to discuss how the South Wales Chamber of Commerce is working with local businesses in the region to develop recruitment opportunities. C2C has been working successfully with Jobcentre Plus since 2013 to assist people not in employment, education or training with work experience through 8-week placements.

**Councillor Chris Weaver**  
**Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance**  
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## **HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES STATEMENT**

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### **Rough Sleeping**

The Leader and I attended a conference last week hosted by Capital Law to consider the issue of rough sleeping in the city. The event was an opportunity for those working with the street homeless, those who had experienced street homelessness, businesses and specialist services to share their knowledge & experience and formally state their commitment to unite to tackle this growing problem. The rapidly increasing rate of street homelessness across the UK represents huge challenge for us all & I have been very impressed by the way our own Council teams and our front line partners have worked together to help individuals to make a life off the streets. The Leader and I went out with the outreach team and spoke to a number of those sleeping rough in the city centre. The team do an amazing job and the visit showed us very clearly how challenging the role can be. Between April and August 2017, 74 people were assisted off the streets of Cardiff, however despite this number continue to increase. I would encourage members to watch and share the very short video on street homelessness at [www.cardiff.gov.uk/homeless](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/homeless). The best help we can give is to support people off the streets and in the next few weeks we will be launching an alternative giving campaign to make it easier for those who want to help to do so.

### **Libraries**

I visited a number of our branch libraries recently and was very impressed by the commitment, passion and knowledge of the staff. Library services are so much more than just books and the integration of library and other community services at our Hubs has proved massively beneficial to outcomes across the board. For example one of our Neighbourhood Development Librarians supported five Autistic children and their parent/carers who attended the first session (of four) of a special library lock-in at Canton Library on its 'closed' day - they all had a fantastic time!

## **DigiFest**

Adult Community Learning and the Library Service have been working together to provide creative opportunities for Cardiff's Citizens to engage with technology. An example of this was DigiFest which was held on the 9th September at Central Library Hub. DigiFest promoted the extensive variety of digital services and resources offered by both services, whilst also serving as the first enrolment event for the Learning for Work courses. The event offered information stalls on topics such as Virtual Reality and Digital Photography and well-attended hands-on workshops about 3D Printing, building functional robots using Lego, Minecraft, coding and Raspberry Pis. Children and Adults had the opportunity to learn about apps, programming and experience a live band performing music using old-school Atari video game consoles and components.

The day was very popular with footfall for the building at 21% over the Saturday average, and with 85 successful enrolments including 56% of these being new learners. This demonstrates that DigiFest helped to attract people who had never registered on a course with Adult Learning before. I am delighted that Adult Community Learning and Cardiff Library Service are illustrating so well that by working collaboratively the impacts that can be delivered to the people of Cardiff are greater as we work towards a society that enables everyone to fulfil their potential.

## **Employability Services in Cardiff**

I would like to thank members who attended the recent briefing sessions and contributed to the development of a new, more joined up approach to employability in the city. Consultation on the proposals is currently underway and we have had an impressive response so far. I would encourage all members to take part in this process and to use your networks to make sure everyone gets the chance to take part in this important consultation. The outcome of the consultation and the resulting recommendations will be considered by Cabinet in November.

## **Into Work Advice Services Jobs Fair**

On Wednesday 6th September 2017 at St David's Hall The Into Work Advice Service hosted The Big Cardiff Jobsfair, in partnership with Job Centre Plus. Numbers were up on last year with nearly 2,250 jobseekers attending the event.

45 employers attended, which was also more than last year, offering over 6,000 real job vacancies. Employers included; Marks & Spencers, Toys R Us, South Wales Police, Legal & General, Admiral and Lidl showcasing a broad range of employment opportunities in a variety of different sectors. Cardiff Council Corporate Traineeship, Fostering Agency, Social Services and Cardiff Works were all promoting opportunities within the Council.

In addition, a range of employment and careers advice services including; Careers Wales, Communities 4 Work and The Wallich attended the event providing clients the opportunity to access funding or mentoring support to improve employment opportunities.

A range of training providers including Adult Community Learning, Cardiff & Vale College, Adult Learning Wales, ACT and ITEC were present promoting local training opportunities offering clients the opportunity to upskill.

The Into Work Advice team also carried out workshops throughout the day including – how to make your CV stand out and job interview skills. Overall the event was a great success.

**Councillor Lynda Thorne**  
**Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities**  
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**CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT**

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**Waste Management**

A successful open day was held at Lamby Way on the August Bank Holiday to raise awareness of the recycling facilities. Over 100 people signed up to guided tours of our recycling facility on the day. As a result of public demand, future tour events are now being planned.

**Energy**

Every year, we pay a taxation charge on our total operational carbon emissions under the UK Government's Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC). We have just filed our report on emissions for 2016-17, which confirmed that the Council emitted 36,633 tonnes. This has reduced by 12% (5,486 tonnes) since the previous year. Around a quarter of this reduction relates to the removal of leisure centres from our direct control, but the remainder is the result of a range of energy efficiency works across the Council's operational and schools estate, as well as street lighting activities. The total emissions in 2016-17 resulted in a CRC charge of £630,087.60, based on the cost per tonne of carbon, which was £17.20. The cost per tonne goes up each year and will be £17.70 in 2017-18.

The Energy & Sustainability Team has also been managing a UK-wide competition to develop first-of-a-kind portable renewable energy technologies. The project is the result of a £1m grant from the Welsh Government, Innovate UK and the UK Government Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. The first products to be developed under this project have now been installed for testing.

One system, developed by an SME called Renovagen, is based on a 50 metre retractable roll of thin-film, flexible solar material that can be easily laid out on any piece of available land to collect and store solar power. Two prototypes are now providing free renewable solar power for the buildings at Flat Holm and for the Council's electric vehicles at Lamby Way, which are used by Waste Management. This supports the service's commitment to progress a sustainable fuels agenda and officers are also exploring the use of alternative fuels for our next fleet of waste collection vehicles.

The other successful organisation, I2O, is finalising its own portable renewable energy system, which will be tested by providing free renewable power at Cardiff events in the near future.

## **Neighbourhood Services**

I would like to thank the members of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee for their recent review of 'Managing Street Cleanliness & Total Street Scene in Cardiff'. The comments and observations have been noted and I am looking forward to supporting the initiatives of Ward Action Plans and Digitalisation of Enforcement Services to support improved engagement and service delivery.

Fly tipping remains a high priority for my portfolio as I recognise the issues from my own ward. The Council is currently responding to 550 fly tipping activities per month that vary from construction waste (approx. 9% of incidents) through to black bags or household waste (approx. 61% of incidents). The teams are working to ensure that these issues are enforced, but they are only able to take action if evidence is found. To put this in perspective, in the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017, there have been 2,283 incidents where no evidence has been found to enable enforcement action to be taken.

Work has started on delivering information packs on waste presentation to university students living in Cathays and Plasnewydd. This forms part of a proactive approach in these areas to educate and engage with students and to take appropriate action to tackle any poor behaviour in terms of household waste presentation.

The 'Love Where You Live' initiative, working in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy, is going from strength to strength with volunteer participation growing and volunteer led improvement projects taking place in communities. Since April 2017, there has been 3,586 participation hours and 618 clean ups; ranging from community litter picks to litter champion picks being undertaken by individuals. In the last few weeks, the Volunteer Development Officer has facilitated the first meeting between volunteer groups. This meeting allows groups to discuss what they are doing and to share ideas. It was well received by the groups that took part and will take place quarterly in order to continue the sharing of good work and to provide support and guidance on issues such as applying for grants. This year, we will be holding a further 'thank you event', as we did last year, to celebrate the great work that the volunteer groups do here in Cardiff.

## **Bereavement Services**

The team of crematorium technicians at Cardiff Crematorium in Thornhill were recently honoured as runners up in the Crematorium Attendant of the Year category at the national Good Funeral Awards 2017. The awards recognised their unfailing service to the bereaved, ministers and funeral directors to ensure that all services at the chapels are carried out with care and meet the individual needs of each family.

Cardiff and Newport SANDS (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death charity) branch, in partnership with the Bereavement Services team, will hold the annual 'Wave of Light' service at the Wenallt Chapel, Cardiff Crematorium on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7:00pm. Bereaved parents will be able to attend Thornhill Chapel as part of a global campaign to light a candle in memory of those infants and children they have lost. This event will mark the end of the Baby Loss Awareness week.

The Annual Remembrance service will be held at Cathays Cemetery on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 2:00pm. The service will be led by Rev. Lionel Fanthorpe and will involve local schools and the Friends of Cathays Cemetery Walking for Health group. This service formalises the annual walking for health groups act of remembrance at the War Graves section at Cathays Cemetery and is part of the commitment to commemorating the Centenary of World War I.

### **Cardiff Dogs Home**

Cardiff Dogs Home has been recognised again at the RSPCA Cymru Community Animal Welfare Footprints (CAWF) Awards, which recognise and encourage good practice in relation to animal welfare. Cardiff Dogs Home won gold in the Stray Dog Footprint category for the fourth year in a row and a special award ceremony will take place at the Senedd on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017, which will be attended by some of the staff responsible for delivering the service.

Work continues on the reception area at the Dogs Home to make it more customer friendly and useful for the volunteers. Although not yet completely finished, the new space is already proving very useful and popular and will be a valuable addition once completed. Visitor numbers to the Dogs Home in July and August 2017 were 2890 and 2539 respectively. In July 2017, we had 1417 dog walks equating to 850.02 hrs of walking and, in August 2017, we had 1183 dog walks equating to 901.14 hours of walking. The service also found new homes for 29 dogs in July 2017 and 41 in August 2017.

On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017, a very committed and valued volunteer walker, Mike Day, was tragically killed in a road traffic accident while out walking a dog from the Dogs Home. On 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017, the Dogs Home will be closed to the public for a period, but open to volunteer walkers, in order to allow staff to attend the funeral of Mr Day. The staff will also be arranging a permanent memorial at the Dogs Home, in consultation with his family, in due course.

### **Shared Regulatory Services**

The Association for Public Sector Excellence (APSE) shortlisted the Shared Regulatory Services for one of its annual awards; the Best Service Team of the Year in the Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Regulatory Service category. This is a huge achievement for a service that has been fully functional for less than two years. It is also a testament to the huge amount of hard work and commitment shown by staff and the support of elected members over this short space of time.

**Councillor Michael Michael**  
**Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling and Environment**  
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**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STATEMENT**

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It gives me great pleasure to be able to make my second statement as cabinet member with responsibility for Children's Services.

I am pleased and encouraged with the commitment and dedication I have witnessed during my visits and discussions with staff, our partner organisations and service users. Social Workers are working under incredible pressure in the face of high demand for services and in the context of some high profile and far reaching complex cases.

The number of looked after children has increased from 690 at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 to 756 at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. An independent review of decision making for children who were accommodated in May and June has been undertaken which demonstrated that each and every case provides compelling reasons why there was no choice but to accommodate the children and, where age appropriate, care proceedings have been initiated.

The service continues to experience relentless demand arising from increasingly complex child protection investigations, including complex and organised abuse affecting multiple children. The rising demand and increased complexity is a consistent trend across Wales and the UK.

The early help front door (which will enable referrers to have greater understanding of current prevention and intervention services and their accessibility prior to contacting statutory services) and Signs of Safety will help in the longer term, but will not provide a quick fix to the immediate pressures. The Adolescent Resource Centre (ARC) became operational on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. The intended impact is to prevent the accommodation of teenagers on the edge of care and thus divert expenditure away from costly fostering / residential placements for looked after children to less costly preventative interventions. The impact of the ARC is already being seen with 7 young people on the edge of care prevented from being accommodated at an estimated cost saving of £144,700.

It is easy to view the rise in the number of looked after children negatively – it signals a failure in the overall effectiveness of wider social systems across communities and impacts adversely on our overall pressures. It is costly both financially for the Council and emotionally for the children and families at the centre of the decision-making process. However, it is important that the admission of these children into public care is recognised as the consequence

of effective safeguarding practice and as such, understood as a success because children are safe as a result.

The Agile Mobile Working project is now complete and has mobilised around 640 Social Services staff. The critical success factors of the project have been the ability to vacate / relocate staff and close buildings. This, along with the associated benefits including reduced carbon footprint, should be viewed as the primary benefit of agile working at present. Feedback from social workers has provided valuable insight into the benefits and issues with agile working. Positive feedback from a staff survey included: *“More time to complete recordings and paperwork = less stress”* and *“This has definitely had an effect on people’s health and well-being which in turn increases productivity and performance”*.

The In-House Fostering Recruitment Campaign has been refreshed - the ‘Count Yourself In’ Campaign was launched in February 2017 and attempts to attract people who may think they cannot foster. For example, single people, same sex couples and people with a disability. 100 runners will be running the Cardiff Half Marathon on 1<sup>st</sup> October to raise awareness for Fostering for Cardiff. Members can help to promote the campaign by sharing the link to the Cardiff Cares website <http://fostercarecardiff.co.uk/>.

Recruitment and retention of social workers continues to be a challenge for Children’s Services. Actions are being taken to refresh the recruitment campaign to address this situation, nevertheless, the underlying factors affecting recruitment and retention in children’s social work remain a challenge across the UK.

It is important that the positive progress the service has made in the following areas is not undermined in the face of increased pressure:

- A positive inspection for Children’s Services & Youth Offending Service
- A wholesale, three phase restructure of the service
- The introduction of MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub –The development of a comprehensive Early Help Strategy that is embraced by all partners and integrated with the wider Children’s Services change programme
- A refresh of our partnership working, placing Children’s Services at the leadership centre for the first time
- The pioneering of agile and mobile working in a very short timeframe and at scale within the Council
- The development of an integrated multi-agency Corporate Parenting Strategy
- Prepare the service for the implementation of The Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014; (April 2015)
- Kick-start a wholesale re-modelling of social work delivery and practice
- Leading a regional partnership programme of service re-engineering for children and adults with complex needs
- The development and launch of a high impact CSE Strategy;
- A range of asset disposals and re-provision across several service areas

- The implementation and refresh of a successful recruitment and retention strategy

**Councillor Graham Hinchey**  
**Cabinet Member (Children & Families)**  
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**SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING STATEMENT**

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I am pleased to provide an update on improving Adult Social Services in Cardiff and the increasingly important regional agenda in partnership with Cardiff & Vale University Health Board, the Vale of Glamorgan Council and other partners. I also welcome the results of the 2017-18 Quarter 1 performance report, which was considered by Cabinet on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017, which shows that Adult Services is continuing to make progress against both its corporate and directorate commitments.

**Day Opportunities for Older People**

I am delighted to announce that the Day Centre for Older People at Minehead Road in Llanrumney has reopened and work has now commenced on Grand Avenue Day Centre in Ely to establish a centre of excellence for people with complex dementia needs. The re-designed centres will deliver services in a modern environment that is much closer to the needs of today's population and incorporate features that make them a sensory loss aware environment.

**Direct Payments**

I can confirm the successful transition of the contract for the delivery of the Direct Payments Support Service to a new provider – Dewis Centre of Independent Living. Direct Payments are an essential tool to enable councils to put control in the hands of people who require care and support or in the hands of carers on their behalf. The new service will offer enhanced control and flexibility over when care is provided; the exact nature of the care; who they have caring for them and the standards and quality of that care. It will also offer better value for money, greater consistency of support, and better transparency in terms of monitoring quality and outcomes.

**Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC)**

Work in relation to reducing Delayed Transfers of Care is ongoing with our partners in Health and I am pleased to report an improving picture. The Integrated Health & Social Care Partnership reported back in June 2017 that the number is 20% lower than the same period last year. A recent Adult Services benchmarking report has also identified an overall 32% reduction in delays for social care reasons for adults aged 18+.

A multi-disciplinary team has been established with a fully staffed contingent of Social Work Assistants (SWAs) who meet every morning with specific wards to go through the “Board Round”. Their task is to gather information, pick up referrals and pick up on any cases that may benefit from an early intervention that is not social work relevant (e.g. housing). An Integrated Discharge Service (IDS) meeting is also held every day at 11:00am with Social Workers, Discharge Liaison Nurses, Social Work Assistants and Age Connects staff to consider information gathered and to prioritise tasks.

### **Dementia Friendly City**

I am pleased to confirm that the Council has achieved ‘Working towards a Dementia Friendly City’ status. A draft Dementia Strategy has been developed, which has been subject to consultation with all stakeholders ahead of a planned launch next month. A Dementia Strategy Steering Group has also been established. As part of this initiative, a new scheme to support organisations, local businesses and community groups to become more dementia-friendly has been introduced. The pledge scheme supports organisations to learn about and implement small changes to become more dementia-friendly.

The Council was pleased to support World Alzheimer's Day on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017, which helps to raise awareness and reduce the fear and stigma associated with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia. Cardiff City Hall was lit up in blue – the colour of the Dementia Friends forget-me-not symbol – that evening to help raise awareness and mark the launch of the pledge scheme.

### **Strengths Based Approach Model for Adult Services**

Work is underway with Institute of Public Care, Social Care Wales and the Social Services Improvement Agency (SSIA) to deliver with regard to the Strength Based Approach training required to move to a new model of delivery within Adult Services. Initial training sessions were held in December 2016 with a pilot team of 11 staff. Follow up sessions with the same pilot group took place in January and April 2017. All training sessions have been positively received by the 11 staff involved. Staff who completed this initial training have been selected as ‘Champions/Mentors’ and will support further sessions planned in November 2017 and in January & March 2018.

### **Occupational Therapy Service**

On 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the Royal College of Occupational Therapists launched a report, entitled ‘Living, not Existing: Putting prevention at the heart of care for older people’, which made specific reference to the Cardiff Community Occupational Therapy (OT) Service. This related specifically to a good practice pilot that they ran to review care packages in 2015/16 and find alternative solutions to double handed care. This resulted in actual savings of £274,765 and preventative savings of £120,514. As a result of the success of the pilot, the Council gave the service funding for two additional Occupational Therapists to continue this vital service.

The Royal College of Occupational Therapists asked the Cardiff Community OT Service to be part of a media launch of the report. The Team Manager and a

Review Occupational Therapist were interviewed on BBC Radio Wales at the home of someone that the Council had assessed for bathroom adaptations. The client praised the service and said that being able to shower independently would not only benefit her, but would negate the need for carers to assist. In addition to this, the OT service also featured on S4C's Newyddion 6 programme, during which an Occupational Therapy Assistant undertook an assessment of need and identified several small pieces of equipment that would enable the person to continue to live safely and independently in their own home. This media coverage provided an excellent opportunity for Cardiff's OT service to highlight the holistic approach that Preventative Services are able to offer in order to help people to remain independent in their own homes.

### **Safeguarding**

I am pleased to report that the development of a vision and strategy for Safeguarding in Cardiff will commence in Quarter 2, following recruitment to vacancies in the Safeguarding Unit.

The Quarter 1 result for the percentage of adult protection enquiries completed within 7 days was 99% and the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) protocols are now in place and were evaluated during Quarter 1. As a result of reviewing the Designated Lead Manager (DLM) role, it has been agreed a further two DLMs and administrative support will be required. Cllr Hinchey and I recently visited the MASH to learn first-hand about the significant work currently undertaken by its staff.

### **Regional Partnership Board**

On 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017, I chaired a meeting, in my role as Chair of the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board, between the Leaders and Cabinet representatives on the Board from both Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Councils. The purpose of the meeting was to help develop effective working relationships with our colleagues in the Vale of Glamorgan following the local council elections in relation to the integration of health and social care in the Cardiff and Vale UHB region. I'm pleased to report that it was a very positive meeting where we discussed some of the current priorities of the Regional Partnership Board, including the establishment of a regional pooled budget for care accommodation. We have agreed that we will continue to meet on a quarterly basis to discuss shared priorities and I'm sure this will be a valuable mechanism for supporting increased collaboration.

### **Telecare**

Telecare have recently produced an annual report detailing the successes over the last year. This includes some significant achievements during the past year, such as attaining ISO 9001 accreditation and maintaining their Telecare Standards Association accreditation; increasing partnership work with internal and external departments, and a successful implementation of Meals on Wheels which joined the service. I wish to pass on my thanks to their team for their incredible work this past year.

## **Disabled Facilities Grants**

I am pleased to report an improved level of performance in our delivery of disabled adaptations. The service is crucial in supporting people to maintain their independence and remain living at home. It is therefore important that we deliver these quickly and efficiently.

The number of people waiting for adaptations to be approved is currently 265, with an average waiting time of 8 weeks between OT referral and approval. This is now a constant, compared with 2014/15 where we had around 400 people waiting an average of 20 weeks for grant approval. This improved service has been achieved with the same capacity of staff, but by changing mechanisms of delivery. At the same time, the service has also seen a 20% increase in referrals received.

Due to increased demand, we are currently trialling a new approach to triage at the point of initial contact for the provision of walk-in showers, enabling direct referral for Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) following initial questions around current equipment/support that is in place. The new approach ensures quicker access to the service, allowing Occupational Therapists to deal with more complex cases and care reviews. An evaluation of this approach is showing the outcome has been positive, without detriment to the client or Local Authority. The service also ensures that the most urgent cases, such as hospital discharge, admission avoidance or a potential breakdown in care, are given the most priority and a visit will take place within three working days of a referral being received.

The current average cost of a DFG is currently £6,200, against the Welsh average of £8,000. A National Performance Indicator (NPI) measures the days of delivery from first contact with the Local Authority to completion of the DFG – the current Welsh average is 231 days. Cardiff processes the largest number of mandatory applications of any Local Authority in Wales and is currently delivering within 180 days.

A new Tender Framework will go live on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017, incorporating general, specialist and preventative adaptations work. Criteria for tenders will enhance the customer experience and integrate issues other than adaptations that can benefit the customer as part of a whole system holistic approach.

**Councillor Susan Elsmore**  
**Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health & Well-being**  
**27 September 2017**

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**LED Street Lighting**

I am pleased to inform Members that the delivery of LED lanterns on the strategic road network is now 75% complete. The programme will be completed by the end of the year and will provide the most energy efficient, controllable and effective lighting possible. Further upgrades and improvements to the City Centre and underpass lighting across the city are also being delivered.

**Highway Maintenance and Improvement**

A number of roads have been reconstructed throughout the city, most notably another phase of Grand Avenue in Ely, which has now received over £1M of investment, thereby ensuring a long term solution to a historic issue that will be suitable for future generations.

The carriageway surface treatment programme has also commenced. 10 streets received treatment in August and although the wet weather has caused some disruption to the programme it is set to continue into October to mitigate any delays as far as is possible. Notifications will continue to be delivered and advance information signage installed to ensure all stakeholders are aware of the works and disruption is kept to the minimal possible.

With regard to various minor works programmes, between July and September 2017, approximately £400k has been spent on circa 12,000 square metres of patching works within 27 of the 29 wards in the city. Within the same period, approximately £20k has been invested in lining refresh works, with a particular concentration in Rumney, Llanrumney, Plasnewydd and Pontprennau and further works still to be progressed.

**Moving Traffic Offences**

Moving Traffic Offences for phase 1 camera locations have now started to fall, with a reduction to date this year of 22%. This shows that behaviours are improving and this will lead to improved bus services in terms of timeliness and reduced network problems due to blocked junctions. The roll out of Moving Traffic Offence cameras for phase 3 was implemented in August and early September 2017, with a further 12 sites operational to support enforcement of bus lanes, yellow boxes and banned movements. Sites included the new Caerphilly Road bus lane scheme and key junctions on Newport Road where cars are making unsafe movements against banned movements.

### **On Street Parking**

The enhancements to pay & display parking options with new machines and pay by phone has meant that the service now takes more money by card (57%), compared to cash payments (43%). Smart Parking sensor installation is also substantially complete.

### **Cycling**

The concept design of the East-West Cycle Super Highway is progressing. Next steps include consultation on key sections, WeITAG options appraisal and preparation of bids for funding.

I can also confirm that Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 has been selected for Car Free Day.

**Councillor Caro Wild**  
**Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport**  
**27 September 2017**

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## **CULTURE AND LEISURE STATEMENT**

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### **Apprenticeship Scheme**

In July 2017, I updated Council on the introduction of two new Apprenticeship Schemes within my portfolio and advised that I would provide an update, in respect of further developments, following the recess. I am, therefore, delighted to report the creation of a new 4-year Electrical Engineering Apprenticeship at Cardiff Harbour Authority. The recruitment exercise has been completed and the successful candidate has commenced a course of study leading to the award of a BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Electrical Engineering. The course of study will be complemented by a comprehensive programme of practical experience. The recruitment process for a second Mechanical Engineering Apprenticeship, also over a 4-year term, has been completed, which will see the successful candidate working towards the award of the BTEC Level 3 in Mechanical Engineering. I had the pleasure of meeting the two new recruits on a visit to Barrage Control earlier this month and I am committed to providing these high quality opportunities within my portfolio that ensure the succession of skills to meet current and future service needs. I anticipate being in a position to provide an update on further opportunities in the New Year.

In addition to Trades Apprenticeships, my portfolio continues to support this Administration's commitment to supporting looked after children through the provision of work experience placements. Currently, two participants are nearing the end of a 7-week placement in the Parks Service and I want to see further opportunities provided across other areas within my portfolio.

### **Storm Aileen**

Members will have seen the impact of Storm Aileen that reached Cardiff during the early hours of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 bringing disruption across the city. 240 tree related incidents were reported over a period of 24 hours, with Council teams working through the night and collaboratively with partners to ensure the safety of citizens and minimising disruption. Whilst damage was inflicted on some vehicles and properties, there were no reports of injuries to persons during the period. The major impact of the storm was on our tree stock and officers from the Parks Service will, in the coming weeks, continue to complete remedial works on a priority basis. The Council's response was, I believe, a robust one, which tested our emergency plans and demonstrated our resilience. It is regrettable that over 50 trees were lost during the storm and I am working with officers and stakeholder organisations in bringing about a plan for replacement planting for the 2018/19 season that mitigates these losses.

## **Summer Events Programme**

I am sure that Members will want to join me in thanking all those involved in the successful delivery of an exceptionally busy summer season of events in Cardiff. Following swiftly on the heels of the successful UEFA Champions League Final in June 2017, the Council and its partners have ensured that the city has been able to offer something for everyone over the summer.

In July 2017, the 16<sup>th</sup> Cardiff International Food Festival returned to Cardiff Bay on 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Wales' largest free food festival never fails to draw the crowds and compliments from visitors and exhibitors alike. The August Bank Holiday weekend saw the successful delivery of the Pride Cymru Big Weekend in the civic centre. The Cardiff Harbour Festival also included the Extreme Sailing Series, which helps us to further build the excitement ahead of Cardiff's hosting of the Volvo Ocean Race in 2018.

Earlier this month, Cardiff staged the Kidney Wales 10k (3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017); welcomed the Queens Baton Relay ahead of this year's Commonwealth Games (5<sup>th</sup> September 2017); hosted the BBC Antiques Roadshow at Cardiff Castle (6<sup>th</sup> September 2017) and hosted the final stage and finish of the UK's premier road cycling race, the OVO Energy Tour of Britain (10<sup>th</sup> September 2017).

The Cardiff Bay Beach closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 following another successful year at Roald Dahl Plass and I am delighted that we have been able to work with Sayers Amusements Ltd to confirm exciting plans to relocate the beach to Alexandra Head for 2018. This is to make way for next year's National Eisteddfod in Cardiff when it returns to the Welsh Capital after an absence of 10 years. The exciting and innovative new open site format will mean that the Bay and the City will become the Eisteddfod Maes from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

## **Sport Pitches Winter Season**

This month has seen the start of the winter season for sports in the city, with children and adults representing clubs in local leagues using our parks pitches. The municipal sporting offer, as with our allotments, is so important for our city and our local communities in terms of providing outdoor leisure opportunities and improving health & well-being. I want to wish all those clubs competing in the 2017/18 campaign, in all age groups and through all tiers, an enjoyable and successful season.

**Councillor Peter Bradbury**  
**Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure**  
**27 September 2017**



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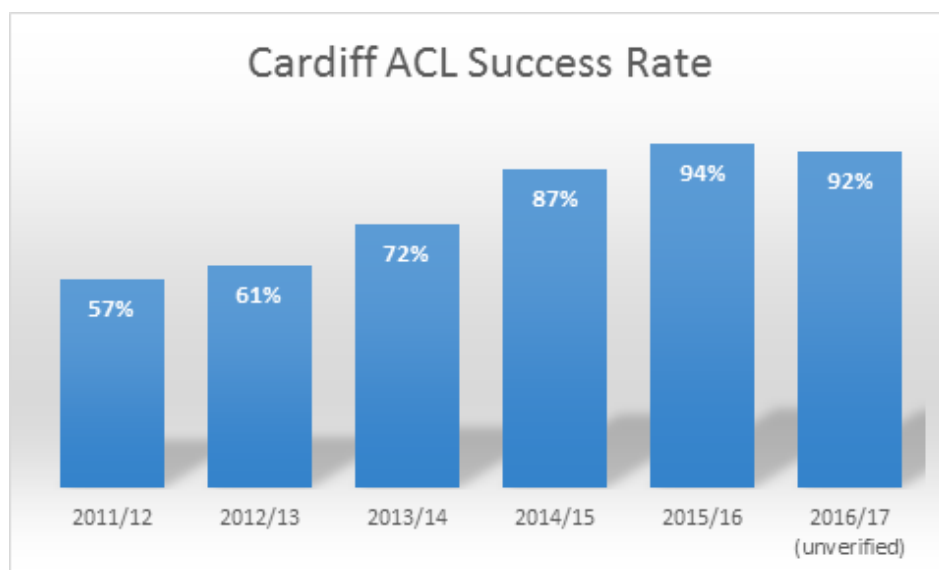
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**Adult Community Learning**

The Adult Community Learning Team is currently inputting the results of grant funded accredited courses for the 2016/17 academic year for submission to the Welsh Government via the Lifelong Learning Wales Record. The final freeze date for all results is in December 2017, at which point the Welsh Government will reconcile and publish the verified results in early 2018. Cardiff's current unverified result reflects a steady position, holding above 90%, and this will be fed into the overall Cardiff and Vale Community Learning Partnership (Vale of Glamorgan Council, Adult Learning Wales, Cardiff and Vale College) result.



**School Test and Examination Results**

This year has seen the introduction of a new set of GCSE qualifications in Wales and new rules for reporting school performance measures. These changes have made a significant difference to the results across Wales, particularly in the Level 2+ (5 GCSEs A\*-C including English or Welsh and Mathematics) and Level 2 (5 GCSEs A\*-C) thresholds. As a result of these changes, caution needs to be exercised when comparing the 2017 results with previous years. At Key Stage 4, provisional results show that 57.7% of pupils achieved the Level 2+ threshold. 69.8% of pupils achieved the Level 2 threshold (5 GCSEs A\*-C) and 93.2% achieved the Level 1 threshold (5 GCSEs A\*-G). Early indications suggest that Cardiff is the second highest in the Central South Consortium for the Level 2+ and Level 2 threshold, but one of the lowest for the Level 1 threshold.

In the Foundation Phase, the rate of improvement over the last four years in Cardiff is greater than across the Central South region and Wales as a whole. Performance at the expected level is 88.5%, above the Welsh average of 87.3%.

At Key Stage 2, the rate of improvement over the last four years in Cardiff is slightly greater than across Wales as a whole. Performance at the expected level is 89.4%, marginally (0.1ppt) below the Welsh average.

Indicative figures show that the gap in attainment of Free School Meals and Non Free School Meals pupils is smaller in Cardiff than across Wales in the Foundation Phase and at Key Stage 2. In the Level 2+ threshold at Key Stage 4, indicative figures show that Cardiff's Free School Meals pupils are the highest performing in the Central South region and the gap in attainment is slightly smaller.

### **Cardiff Seren Network**

Cardiff's Seren project has built on and connected with policies of other organisations, selective universities and widening access groups such as the Sutton Trust, LEDLET and the Widening Access to Medicine Regional group. Students have been supported with super-curricular opportunities, applications and interview preparation. The success rate for student applications to Oxford and Cambridge is 40%, compared to the all-Wales success rate of 20%.

### **School Organisation**

Work is continuing on existing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Band A projects. Cardiff West Community High School opened on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. The new building has received planning approval and construction work started on site on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Work at Howardian, Ysgol Glan Morfa, Gabalfa and Glan Ceubal has also now started and due to start on site at Ysgol Hamadryad this month. Work on the new Eastern High School continues to progress well and is on track for completion by 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017. A report is expected to be considered by the Cabinet in October 2017, which will set out the needs underpinning these priorities and outline the need for investment in the existing school estate and for adaptations to schools to increase Additional Learning Needs provision.

### **School Holiday Enrichment Programme**

The School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP) has had a very busy and successful summer, with the programme operating at 13 Cardiff school sites and involving children from 21 Cardiff schools. Cardiff's recent success winning both the Health and Nutrition Award at the 'Cateys' and the Lead Association for Catering in Education (LACA) Change4Life Award has generated significant media interest in both local and national media, including BBC Wales News, Channel 4 News and the BBC2 Victoria Derbyshire Programme. SHEP was also covered in the Guardian newspaper: <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/aug/30/wales-takes-bite-out-of-childrens-holiday-hunger>

## **Healthy Schools**

I am delighted that Severn Primary and Radnor Primary Schools have recently achieved the Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes' (WNHSS) 'National Quality Award'. They join Herbert Thompson Primary School (2011); Moorland Primary School (2015); Ysgol Pwll Coch (2015) and Adamsdown Primary School (2016) in all having been successful in achieving the award.

All schools in Cardiff are part of the Healthy Schools scheme, including nurseries, primary schools, secondary schools and the pupil referral unit. The scheme works to encourage schools to take a whole school approach to improving health and well-being, which means looking at everything from the policies adopted by the school, the school environment, the curriculum and the involvement of the whole school and wider community. In order to achieve the National Quality Award, schools are assessed against criteria, including food & fitness; mental and emotional health & well-being; personal development & relationships; substance use & misuse; safety & hygiene, and environment.

## **School Visits**

I was delighted to visit Roath Park Primary School recently along with Cllr Lynda Thorne and the Chair of Governors, Cllr Sue Lent, and see at first hand some of their innovative practice, part building on their involvement with the recent Erasmus+ Key Action 1 visit to Finland. They also are running a food co-op and it was good to see the school's involvement with the wider community.

**Councillor Sarah Merry**

**Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Education, Employment and Skills**

**27 September 2017**

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**ITEM 14****COUNCIL, 28 SEPTEMBER 2017 – LIST OF ORAL QUESTIONS**

1	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON (LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP – RHIWBINA WARD)</u></b></p> <p>Following the decision not to bid for the European Capital of Culture 2023, how is Cardiff going to stay on the cultural international stage?</p>
2	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR (LIB DEM GROUP – GABALFA WARD)</u></b></p> <p>Can members receive information on the detail of Cardiff Council's bid to the Welsh Government's Infant Class Size Reduction Fund, including number of schools and classes, the projected number of pupils to benefit, and plans for the scrutiny of that bid, so that Cardiff can offer the least well off children in our schools the support they need to thrive, and our teachers the capacity to provide that necessary support?</p>
3	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY (LEADER OF THE PLAID CYMRU GROUP – FAIRWATER WARD)</u></b></p> <p>Could the Leader give an update on the Council's position on the dumping of potentially radioactivity material in Cardiff's waters?</p>
4	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI (LABOUR GROUP – LLANDAFF NORTH WARD)</u></b></p> <p>Will the Leader provide an update on the administration manifesto commitment to bid for the title of European Green Capital?</p>

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5	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING &amp; ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GAVIN HILL-JOHN (CONSERVATIVE GROUP – PENTYRCH WARD)</u></b></p> <p>What consultations have taken place with Cardiff Council and representatives of Hinkley Point and does this Council support the dumping of potentially hazardous material in the bay?</p>
6	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN (LIB DEM GROUP – PENYLAN WARD)</u></b></p> <p>Following your election as council leader, you expressed support for increasing the use of sustainable forms of transport in the city. One part of that equation is to increase the proportion of cars being driven on Cardiff's streets that use electric and hybrid engines, but Cardiff and Wales are lagging behind many other parts of the UK in the provision of the necessary infrastructure to support this. In large swathes of the city, including many of Cardiff's inner city suburbs, an additional problem is that we have many thousands of properties without the necessary off-street parking provision that can provide car owners with the opportunity to easily recharge their vehicles at home. What action will you therefore initiate to address these challenges going forward, so that Cardiff can seek to become a leader in the adoption of electric and hybrid cars?</p>
7	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY (LEADER OF THE PLAID CYMRU GROUP – FAIRWATER WARD)</u></b></p> <p>How many school cleaning contracts were held by the Council on 01/05/2012 and are held now as of 25/09/2017?</p>

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8	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WONG (LABOUR GROUP – PLASNEWYDD WARD)</u></b></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the recent successes at A-levels and GCSEs for students at Cathays High School?</p>
9	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING &amp; ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN (CONSERVATIVE GROUP – RHIWBINA WARD)</u></b></p> <p>Can you please outline what plans you have to move from co-mingled recycling to kerbside sorting of recyclable waste in Cardiff?</p>
10	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE (SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH &amp; WELL-BEING PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK (LIB DEM GROUP – CYNCOED WARD)</u></b></p> <p>In light of a recent study published by Cardiff University on the positive impact on visual function and thereby quality of life of a person with sight loss accessing low vision rehabilitation service, what would you say is the recommended length of time someone with sight loss should wait in order to receive the service and what is the current waiting time for the service?</p>
11	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON (LABOUR GROUP – RIVERSIDE WARD)</u></b></p> <p>Following the consultation on the Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Guidance carried out earlier this year, has the Council understood the importance of producing a strong SPG; to what extent have points raised by the consultees been considered, and can you give any examples of what has changed as a result of the consultation?</p>

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12	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN (HEATH INDEPENDENT – HEATH WARD)</u></b></p> <p>In the United States the New York Parks department, and the Los Angeles Unified schools district among others, have instituted a moratorium on the introduction of rubber crumb artificial pitches because of concerns over the carcinogenicity of the material used in the manufacture of these pitches. A study* into the safety of the material is being conducted jointly by the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention Agency and the US Consumer Product Safety commission. This report is due to be published in mid-2018.</p> <p>Will the council institute a moratorium on the introduction of new rubber crumb artificial pitches in Cardiff until the results of this report are known, and if the report identifies a potential safety issue to review the current pitches in the city?</p> <p>*Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Playing Fields and Playgrounds</p>
13	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING &amp; ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN (CONSERVATIVE GROUP – RHIWBINA WARD)</u></b></p> <p>How much overtime has been paid to the waste management service area, on a month by month basis, over the last 12 months?</p>



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14	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING &amp; ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD (LIB DEM GROUP – GABALFA WARD)</u></b></p> <p>Despite residents taking care to present their waste, following collections wheelie bins and caddies are frequently not returned to the presentation point. Residents report that bins have been left in the middle of the pavement, blocking driveways or outside neighbouring properties. In particular those left in the middle of pavements can cause difficulty for elderly residents and wheelchair users trying to pass, whilst in windy conditions without shelter from walls or fences, the bins are more likely to blow over or into the road. Could the Cabinet member confirm whether waste collection teams are expected to return bins and caddies to the presentation point? If not, could an explanation be given?</p>
15	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (LABOUR GROUP – PLASNEWYDD WARD)</u></b></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member set out the long-term vision for economic development in Cardiff and the wider region?</p>
16	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS (CONSERVATIVE GROUP – PONTRENNAU &amp; OLD ST MELLONS WARD)</u></b></p> <p>On the 25<sup>th</sup> September detectives investigating the Parsons Green terrorist attack arrested a 20-year old man at an address in the Roath area of Cardiff, in connection with the attack. In recent times there have been a number of arrests in Cardiff related to Islamic extremism. Could you provide an update on the 'Prevent' Strategy in relation to Cardiff as a Local Authority and the steps being taken to prevent and tackle all forms of radicalisation which in turn could lead to terrorism?</p>

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17	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER (FINANCE, MODERNISATION &amp; PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY (LIB DEM GROUP – PENTWYN WARD)</u></b></p> <p>What has been the take up of the Additional Annual Leave policy amongst council employees?</p>
18	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY (CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (LABOUR GROUP – PLASNEWYDD WARD)</u></b></p> <p>It was very welcome to read in the Director of Social Services Annual Report 2016-17 that an information leaflet for taxi drivers covering Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) prevention has been developed by Children's Services in conjunction with Cardiff's Licensing Department and will be ready to distribute to the 2,200 licenced drivers in the city in the coming weeks. Could you please confirm what languages this leaflet will be in?</p>
19	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE (SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PHILIPPA HILL-JOHN (CONSERVATIVE GROUP – LLANDAFF WARD)</u></b></p> <p>Will the council be looking to adopt a social care charter such as UNISON's ethical care charter adopted by other councils across the country?</p>
20	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACKIE PARRY (CHAIR OF PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON (LABOUR GROUP – RIVERSIDE WARD)</u></b></p> <p>Following representations from taxi drivers about the unfairness of the way Uber taxis operate in Cardiff, where there are too many licenses – could Cardiff consider following Transport for London and end the Uber license?</p>

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21	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACKIE PARRY (CHAIR OF PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARKHILL (CONSERVATIVE GROUP – LLANISHEN WARD)</u></b></p> <p>Does the council agree with the decision by another of the UK's capitals to ban Uber, a company that has disrupted monopolies and lowered prices for consumers through innovation, and do they have plans to follow their lead?</p>
22	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES (LABOUR GROUP – ADAMSDOWN WARD)</u></b></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the decision to sell one of Adamsdown's few open spaces in Howard Garden's Bowling Green to a student accommodation developer?</p>
23	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES (LABOUR GROUP – ADAMSDOWN WARD)</u></b></p> <p>How does the Council plan to address the increase in visible drug use and drug dealing on the streets of Cardiff?</p>
24	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY (CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWEN-THOMSON (LABOUR GROUP – TROWBRIDGE WARD)</u></b></p> <p>The Director of Social Services Annual Report 2016/17 highlights the benefits of partnership working. How does the Council plan to continue improving early identification, intervention and prevention to ensure the safety of children in Cardiff?</p>

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**QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY  
(EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)**

**QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER  
(LABOUR GROUP – GRANGETOWN WARD)**

As you are aware, the Welsh Government announced earlier this week that £1.4 million is being invested into schools across parts of Wales to strengthen Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) support to staff and pupils. Will you join me in recognising the impact that early intervention with mental health difficulties, such as anxiety, low mood and self-harm, can have?