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COUNCIL:

30 NOVEMBER 2017

ITEM 12 – LEADER & CABINET STATEMENTS

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Councillor Michael**
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Elsmore**
- 4. Cabinet Member, Strategic Planning & Transport – Councillor
Wild**
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Goodway**
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Councillor Weaver**
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STATEMENT OF THE LEADER**AGENDA ITEM: 12**

Staff Engagement

I was pleased to join my Cabinet colleagues on 9 November 2017 at a staff engagement event to begin a conversation about our priorities, the challenges facing the city and, crucially, how we as a Council, need to respond. Attended by around 300 officers, it was an opportunity to acknowledge the dedication of staff and their absolute importance in delivering our agenda for the city. Delivering our priorities for the city requires a strong partnership between members and officers, with clear boundaries. As a politically led and professionally managed organisation, Cabinet is clear that we are responsible and accountable for the decisions we take. In return, we have set high expectations of our staff – to deliver with the utmost commitment, creativity and compassion – and I have seen first-hand the determination of staff to do their best for our city. It is my intention going forward that this dialogue will form part of a wider programme of staff engagement.

WLGA Autumn Seminar

I attended the WLGA Autumn Seminar on 23 November 2017 and welcomed delegates from across Welsh local government and public services to Cardiff City Hall. The new Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services, Alun Davies AM, attended the event and outlined his commitment to working with councils on local government reform, including his aim to meet the planned timeline for introducing a new Local Government Bill in June/July 2018 that was set out by the previous Cabinet Secretary.

Cardiff Commitment

The Cardiff Commitment represents a coordinated approach to supporting all young people in Cardiff to secure a job that enables them to reach their full potential, whilst contributing to the economic growth of the city. Working in partnership with the city's major employers in the private, public and third sectors, the Council is taking direct action to help prepare young people for the world of work.

By participating in the Cardiff Commitment, employers such as Admiral, British Airways, Eversheds, and GE Aviation have pledged to work with schools on employability skills and pathways into employment. On 2 November 2017, I was extremely proud to sign the Employer Pledge with the Chief Executive on behalf of the Council. I would encourage you all to support this important initiative.

European Plaque of Honour

Cardiff has been awarded the Plaque of Honour by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, which was presented at a ceremony held on 10 November 2017 at the Central Library. Cardiff is the only UK city to receive any part of the Europe Prize this year. This award highlights our commitment to working with our sister cities and with international partners as well as our continued commitment to our European friends. I am proud that Cardiff remains an outward-looking and culturally diverse city and must continue to act as a key connecting point between Wales and Europe.

Planning for Just Cities

On 14 November 2017, I was invited to respond a lecture given by visiting Harvard academic, Dr Susan Fainstein, which was organised by the School of Geography and Planning at Cardiff University. Dr Fainstein presented arguments from her book, *The Just City*, and shared international examples of how inequality could be addressed within major urban areas. It was a valuable opportunity to rehearse the priorities of the city with leading academics and city development commentators to ensure that our continued focus on reducing inequality in Cardiff is as informed and as effective as possible.

Cardiff Third Sector Council

I was delighted to deliver the keynote speech at the Cardiff Third Sector Council AGM - *Influencing Matters* - on 16 November 2017, which was held at Yr Hen Lyfrgell. The Third Sector makes a huge contribution to life in Cardiff, adding skills, diversity and an understanding of the needs of local communities, which can help make services more responsive and tailored to what each person, family or community needs most. The Third Sector also has a vital role to play in delivering public services and is well-placed to develop bold, innovative and sustainable solutions to complex issues.

Councillor Huw Thomas
Leader of the Council
29 November 2017

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CYNGOR CAERDYDD****COUNCIL: 30 NOVEMBER 2017**

CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT**AGENDA ITEM:**

Recycling Waste Management**Reuse**

I am pleased to announce that the Council have secured a reuse partnership with the British Heart Foundation, which will start from next week.

The British Heart Foundation will be working with the Council to provide:

- Reuse reception areas at both Lamby Way and Bessemer Close Household Waste Recycling Centres; Residents can bring all items that they feel can be reused to be placed in storage containers; HWRC staff will also be trained to identify reusable items that the public may be trying to dispose of.
- A free reuse collection service for large electrical appliances and furniture.
- Outlets in Crwys Road, Cathays and Cowbridge Road East, Canton where residents can take items that can be re-used, or purchase donated items.

This will support our reuse and recycling performance, give benefits back to our communities through this strong partnership with an excellent charity and the good work they do in Cardiff. We will continue to grow our network of reuse opportunities throughout the city.

Skip Service

The team have also made another step forwards in growing our strong commercial base. The Commercial Recycling Waste Services team are now branching into a new commercial and domestic skip service. As of January 2018, householders and businesses can hire small or large recycling/waste skips from the Council. Full details will be provided to all Councillors in the New Year and information on the service will be on our web pages as we begin our marketing campaign. Our competitive pricing will go head-to-head with the private sector, but offer a reliable and robust public service. This will further support our communities and provide additional income to support our services.

Materials from the skips will be recycled where possible. There is a whole array of markets we support. For example - rubble will be sent for building materials, glass sent for aggregates and road making, whilst plastics can be sent for a wide range of materials such as window frames to polyester clothing.

Neighbourhood Services

Ward Action Plans

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

Neighbourhood Services are currently working on a pilot to deliver Ward Action Plans working with Local Members of four wards. These plans will support a change to move towards working with Local Members, communities and citizens on issues or concerns for their ward. This will allow management of resource on priorities to give a more responsive approach to making improvements. There will also be ownership of issues or concerns that are broader than just a single team. This work will compliment core citywide services for aspects such as cleansing, road repairs and winter maintenance.

Leaf-fall Clearance and Volunteer Work

Autumn is a particularly challenging time of year for cleansing and drainage teams, as resources are stretched to tackle leaf clearance throughout the city. The cleansing teams target areas of the highest footfall and leaf fall in each ward once a fortnight and also prioritise 'hotspot' areas which are at risk from flooding.

In addition to the hard work of the cleansing and drainage teams, I have been very impressed with the community spirit of residents that are working with the Council to help us keep their communities clean and tidy. There have been a series of community clean ups in a number of wards including Riverside and Plasnewydd.

I am delighted that Keep Roath Tidy recently won the Keep Wales Tidy Clean Communities Award and Keep Splott Tidy were well deserved runners up which just shows the important role that Community Groups play in helping to keep the streets of Cardiff clean.

Anyone that would like to take part in, or set up, a community group in their area is asked to visit <https://www.keepcardiffidy.com/volunteering/>

Bereavement Services

War Memorials

Bereavement Services have secured grant funding from CADW and the War Memorials Trust to the value of 85% of the total funding for refurbishment work to both Radyr and Rumney war memorials.

Bereavement Services are also progressing a bid to secure funding for refurbishment of the Welsh National War Memorial (Cenotaph) located in Cathays Park. Funding has already been approved to undertake a detailed report to be

completed by a Conservation Architect, which will be used to establish the extent of the major cleaning, and renovation works required. The report is nearing completion and will be sent to the War Memorials Trust for consideration of works, which will be in the region of £70,000, of which around £60,000 will be grant-funded.

All of the schemes will be undertaken during 2018 and will be completed ahead of the significant commemorations to mark the 100-year anniversary of the end of World War One.

Cathays Cemetery Remembrance Service

A Service of Remembrance was held at the Commonwealth War Graves Cross of Sacrifice in Cathays Cemetery on 7 November 2017 as part of the ongoing commemorations of World War One. I attended the event alongside the Lord Mayor, Councillor Merry, pupils from Allensbank Primary School, pupils from Ysgol Mynydd Bychan and the Royal Regiment of Wales. The service concluded with the Friends of Cathays Cemetery Walking for Health Group's annual Act of Remembrance whereby a roll of honour of those buried in the Commonwealth War Graves Section was read out aloud on the Tuesday closest to Remembrance Sunday.

Defibrillator for Thornhill Crematorium

On 5 December 2017, Welsh Hearts will be presenting a defibrillator to Cardiff Crematorium. Pidgeons Funeral Directors and Watkins & Gunn Solicitors have sponsored the defibrillator. Such sponsorship makes this vital lifesaving equipment possible and all members of the crematorium staff will be trained following the presentation to use the equipment.

Annual Christmas Memorial Service

The annual Christmas Memorial Service will take place at the Wenallt Chapel on Sunday 10 December 2017. The service of hymns, readings and poems will begin at 2.00pm and will conclude at approximately 2.45pm with a collection in aid of Tŷ Hafan which is Bereavement Services' chosen charity for 2017. Tŷ Hafan, one of the UK's leading paediatric palliative care charities, offers comfort, care and support to life-limited children, young people and their families in the hospice, in the community and in their home. We will be inviting the congregation to purchase a memorial gift tag in memory of a loved one. The written dedication will then be placed on one of the Christmas Trees situated near the entrance to the chapel. The money raised from the sale of the dedications will also be donated to the charity. The service is fully inclusive and open to anyone to attend and refreshments will be available at the end of the service.

**Councillor Michael Michael
Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling and Environment
29 November 2017**

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SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING STATEMENT**AGENDA ITEM:**

Adult Services continues to make progress against its 2017/18 Corporate and Directorate commitments and I would like to share some highlights.

Dementia Friendly Status & Pledge

We are working collaboratively with Public Health Wales to achieve 'working towards' Dementia Friendly City status. We are also involved in a number of positive actions with colleagues in Communities & Housing, including:

- One of the two overarching priorities for Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Safeguarding Adults Board is 'Safeguarding People with Dementia'. As part of this commitment during year one of operation, the Board will focus on quality assuring safeguarding practices in residential and domiciliary care settings, and develop an effective methodology for benchmarking.
- Dementia Awareness training courses for Social Workers are being offered across two days in November and December. The course updates practitioners' knowledge and understanding of dementia, reviews best practice guidance around person centred care and considers how to support people to live well with dementia. All course participants are invited to become a *Dementia Friend*.
- The Dementia Focus Group has been meeting every six to eight weeks to progress dementia support and associated work in Cardiff North. With representatives from South Wales Police, South Wales Fire & Rescue Service, Cardiff Hubs and Libraries, and Independent Living Services, an action plan for Cardiff North has been developed which links directly to the City Wide Dementia Friendly plan. Work with local schools is ongoing, and links with local Scout and Guide Groups have been established to further support Dementia initiatives in Cardiff North. A monthly support session for people with Dementia and their carers takes place at Thornhill Church Centre.
- Officers have created an online forum/dashboard, where Dementia Champions are able to communicate and gain advice. Sixteen inter-generational Dementia Friends sessions took place at various locations between July and September, creating 129 Dementia Friends. Support specialist age-appropriate Dementia Friends sessions for children were delivered in schools via classes or assemblies. Dementia Friends sessions

also took place with 2nd Rhiwbina Beavers and 22nd Cardiff Cubs, involving children aged between 6 and 10 years old. Future sessions are planned with Llanishen and Lisvane Scout Group (ages 6 to 14 years). Dementia Friends sessions are being promoted regularly through the Healthy Schools initiative, with Coed Glas (North Cardiff), Thornhill Primary (North Cardiff), Gabalfa Primary (West Cardiff) and Kitchener Primary (South West Cardiff) all expressing an interest. All staff within 24/7 Services, Telecare, Meals on Wheels and Sandown Court are now Dementia Friends. Fire officers in Whitchurch and Roath Fire Stations also recently attended Dementia Friends sessions.

Delayed Transfers of Care

I am pleased to confirm that performance in relation to Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC) for social care reasons for adults aged 75+ has continued to improve. The Quarter 2 result is 1.10 compared to 1.40 for the same quarter in 2016-17. This is a noteworthy continuation of improved performance.

Following a review of 2016-17 Integrated Care Fund (ICF) projects, the ICF Programme Board agreed that 2017-18 would be a year of consolidation. As a result of securing ICF Funding for 2017/18, Adult Services has been able to extend “reablement” to more adults in the community through the “Bridging Team”, so that individuals can remain in their own homes. Work between Health and Adult Services to improve the effectiveness of care pathways for those admitted to hospital or being discharged is also currently underway.

Carers Developments

Work in relation to adult carer’s assessments is ongoing. I am pleased to report that we are on course to meet the annual performance indicator target. 51.8% of carers have been offered an assessment (1,785 offers for 3,447 carers), compared to 47.4% for the same period last year (1,515 offers for 3,198 carers). The number of carers assessments completed during Quarter 2 is 182, compared to 151 last year. Given the identified low number of referrals from Mental Health teams, a part-time Carers Assessment Worker has been allocated to focus specifically on Mental Health referrals. An e-mail referral system has been included to see if this improves referral rates.

Meeting the Needs of People with Sensory Impairment

Our Preventative Services, Social Services and Care & Repair teams have developed a working partnership for the delivery of well-being assessments for residents with sensory loss. In the first instance, the First Point of Contact team will discuss with a client what it means to them to feel independent and safe, both at home and within their community. From this conversation, the officer will establish the most suitable provider to meet those needs. If the need is social care related (i.e. rehabilitation), a referral is made to the relevant team; however, through the partnership with Care and Repair, referrals can now be made to their Managing Better service. This service features Critical Prevention Caseworkers who work with vulnerable members of the community with a hearing/visual impairment, visit them in their homes to complete a ‘healthy homes assessment’, which will establish their needs and identify bespoke solutions.

National Safeguarding Week

National Safeguarding week was between 13th and 17th November 2017 and provided a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of safeguarding children, young people and adults. The themes this year ranged from mental resilience, to modern slavery and digital safeguarding. Partner organisations represented on the Cardiff & Vale Regional Safeguarding Board collaborated on a diverse programme of events and activities during the week. I am delighted to report that many of the events took place at the Central Library Hub, which had a packed itinerary of activities which were very well attended. Access was provided to information and support to citizens from South Wales Police, the Alzheimer's Society, White Ribbon and Age Connects amongst other organisations. Sessions included human trafficking and modern slavery awareness, creative writing, mindfulness through craft, understanding cyber bullying, and even science & skills and 'How to be Happy' delivered by leading Welsh psychologist Professor Neil Frude.

National Safeguarding Week is a very important event in the national calendar and emphasises how we prioritise our safeguarding responsibilities. I am pleased to say that an innovative, popular and varied programme was delivered this year that was enjoyed by all who participated.

White Ribbon Day

Cardiff Council was pleased to support this year's White Ribbon Day on 25th November 2017, which coincides with the United Nations (UN) *International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls*. Following on from this through to 10th December 2017 (which is UN 'Human Rights Day'), organisations across Cardiff are taking part in 16 days of activities to raise awareness of gender-based violence in which everyone is encouraged to participate and wear their white ribbons. I can also confirm that the Council is in the process of re-applying for White Ribbon status in collaboration with the Vale of Glamorgan Council as part of a regional partnership approach.

Councillor Susan Elsmore
Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health & Well-being
29 November 2017

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STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM:

Road Safety Week

Road Safety Week was held from 20 to 26 November 2017 and I want to highlight the great work that the Road Safety & Training Team has been doing over the last six months:

- The Streetwise initiative, including the theatre presentations, where 3,385 year 7 pupils and teachers took part. A further 1,438 year 6 pupils were Streetwise trained in the class room and this will now be followed with practical training on our roads.
- Kerbcraft training over the first 6 months has been provided to 1,110 pupils and the team are on track to achieve the annual target.
- National standard cycle training over the first 6 months was provided to 1,129 pupils.
- Bus safety and evacuation training provided.
- Junior Road Safety Officers are successfully continuing to work outside Schools with Civil Enforcement and Road Safety Officers.
- Megadrive had a successful event on Tuesday 26 September 2017 where 75 secondary school students attended.
- Pass Plus Cymru has had 32 young drivers trained. You can take this course within 12 months of passing your driving test and it may help reduce car insurance costs.
- Provision of free adult national standard cycle training.
- Support for School crossing patrols continues with sponsorship of hi-visibility equipment by Admiral.

The team promoted Road Safety Week through a series of short articles and social media posts to promote the safety initiatives and training that is available.

Winter Maintenance

The Winter Service is now fully operational with officers on stand-by and providing this essential service across the city. Grit bins have are fully stocked and the weather forecasts are being closely monitored and analysed to ensure the network remains as safe as is possible. To date there have been a small number of salt treatments, this is expected to rise as the coldest months are upon us.

Electric Vehicle Charging

There is increasing interest in Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points. We have begun a feasibility study to provide the Council with a comprehensive resource on which it can base decisions for the way forward in providing EV charging facilities across the authority. There is a challenge for promoting this infrastructure in densely built residential streets in the city and the Council has begun work to investigate what the best solution would be for the city, including the need to find a way of facilitating the use of Electric Vehicles where no home charging is possible.

The study will encompass a complete review of the EV market including UK Best Practice, infrastructure technology, energy requirements, installation issues, maintenance and warranty, costs, funding options, commercial/operational models and procurement. The study will also provide an Options Appraisal and Recommendations and a Draft Action Plan. Consultants (Arcadis) were appointed in November 2017 to undertake this work and the timescale for delivery of the study is February 2018 and Members will be briefed in due course following the review of options, and outcomes of the feasibility study.

Alongside this work, officers are also currently investigating options for a small pilot of a charge point system early next calendar year. It is anticipated that technology which connects EV drivers to a charging point installed on a lamp post would be a possibility. This would be subject to technical feasibility, including access to appropriate power sources and safety assessment. The Council is encouraging residents and stakeholders to propose locations for the installation of charging facilities – both for the technology trial and for the long term.

Installation of home charging points is currently a matter for individual householders and is subject to the location and suitability of the property involved. The Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) provides grants for home charging points and further information can be found at the link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/564537/evhs-guidance-for-customers-v-2.1.pdf

Clean Air / Green Paper

The creation of the Green Paper related to transport, air quality and related health improvement has been progressing as follows:

- Meetings have been held with the Welsh Government, including a workshop with DEFRA, specifically on air quality and future improvement measures.
- Fortnightly cross-directorate working group meetings that include external representation from interested parties such as Public Health Wales are ongoing.
- A steering group including Councillors Elsmore, Michael and myself has been established and officers report on a bi-monthly basis on progress and to discuss the strategy going forwards.
- We are working with Cynnal Cymru who are helping us scope the Green Paper content and consultation process.

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INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT

Green Paper

The County Administration is, today, publishing its promised Investment & Development Green Paper “*Building More and Better Jobs*” which will form the basis of an extensive consultation exercise designed to generate a refreshed economic development agenda for our nation’s capital city and its hinterland. This honours the commitment set out in the Administration’s recently published policy document *Capital Ambition*.

The publication marks the beginning of a three-month consultation period which will allow local residents, businesses and all those that depend on the Cardiff economy the opportunity help shape an ambitious agenda aimed at rebuilding the momentum of Wales’ economic dynamo. The Green Paper is available online and can be accessed via the Council’s website.

A series of meetings and events will be held over the next three months designed to allow the greatest possible engagement with those who want to influence and inform the development of a White Paper to be published next year. I will seek an opportunity for the Council to debate the Green Paper in January to ensure that every member has the opportunity to contribute to this important exercise.

It is clear that the Council has much to do to rebuild its relationship with the private sector which we will need to rely on to help deliver the ambitious agenda that is so critical to Cardiff and Wales in the post-Brexit era. The Council has done this successfully in the past, but it is dependent on providing confidence and clarity in the direction that our city is heading. This Green Paper will trigger the start of that process.

Land & Property Disposals

Every year the Council publishes an Asset Management Plan which details the land and buildings that the Council proposes to dispose of during the period going forward. The current plan was agreed by the previous Administration and sets out details of disposals planned for 2017/18 and 2018/19. Councillors will recall that I have previously made a commitment to inform members of any planned disposals of land and property located in their electoral divisions in advance of the publication of the plan and to consult them prior to any final decisions being made.

Councillors will appreciate that, given the difficult financial challenges faced by the Council, there is a requirement to document how the Council's property estate will be used to support services and investment in the city.

Cardiff Capital Fund

The Council will recall that the former Liberal Democrat/Plaid Cymru Administration, established the Cardiff Capital Fund, an initiative championed by the former Deputy Leader, Councillor Neil McEvoy which allowed the council to take an equity stake in emerging businesses which found difficulty in raising funds in the market. I have to admit to having been sceptical about the merits of the initiative given the associated risks to council taxpayers funds – a scepticism which appeared to be justified in its early years.

However, I am pleased to inform the Council that one of its equity investments in a local company has allowed it to develop to the point where it has been able to attract major private sector funds allowing the Council to dispose of its equity stake with a positive return. The fintech business, Wealthify, has secured a significant investment from Aviva, which has become a majority shareholder in the business. This investment will help secure jobs and develop a more competitive fintech cluster in the county.

Business Engagement

I mentioned earlier the need to rebuild the Council's important relationship with the private sector which will be so critical to the delivery of the Administration's economic development agenda. As a result, since the election I have taken steps to ensure that the Council re-engages with those players who can make a significant contribution to our economic development effort.

Last Friday, following an invitation from Paul Gardener, I presented *Capital Ambition* along with some associated investment and development ambitions to the Wales division of Forum for the Built Environment. The presentation was well received and it is clear that businesses have an appetite to work with the council to invest in projects which will help deliver our ambitions for the county. It will be important for the Council to move forward with confidence if we are to translate that appetite into tangible benefits for local people in the form of jobs and opportunities.

Whitehall – What Next

It is essential that we not only present our economic development agenda to local business but also on the national and international stage. This will be more critical in the post Brexit period to ensure that Cardiff and Wales does not lose out on any of the opportunities that Brexit presents. The UK Conservative Government has made a manifesto commitment to move government departments and other non-departmental government bodies out of London and into the regions. Cardiff has a good track record of attracting similar organisations with Companies House being a good example.

As a result, and in attempt to grasp the initiative and to ensure that Cardiff is placed clearly on the UK Government's radar. The Chief Executive and I addressed around fifty senior representatives from UK Government departments and other UK public

bodies at a Cardiff sponsored event in Whitehall making the case for the UK Government to make Cardiff “Whitehall West”. The Administration will follow up is initiative at an event being organised by the Secretary of State for Wales at which the Leader of the County Council will have the opportunity to present Cardiff’s case to UK Government Ministers.

Councillor Russell Goodway
Cabinet Member (Investment & Development)
29 November 2017

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CULTURE AND LEISURE STATEMENT**AGENDA ITEM: 12**

Parks

I am very pleased to advise that the Council's Parks Service has been shortlisted as a finalist in the Association for Public Service Excellence – Best Performer of the Year Award for Parks, Open Spaces and Horticultural Services. The Service has been placed in the top five of fifty - five benchmarking authorities and against a range of cost, customer, quality, environmental and operational performance indicators. An awards event will take place in early December.

I am also delighted to advise that as a result of a public vote, Roath Park has been shortlisted for the UK's Best Park Award 2017. Fields in Trust, formerly the National Playing Fields Association, administer this award and the winner will be announced this evening at an event in London.

Earlier this week I was delighted to mark the Tree Council's National Tree Planting Week in my own ward of Caerau. This event has been running for over forty years, this year running from 25 November to 3 December 2017. As part of this year's celebration the Council will be working with partners which include Cardiff Civic Society through their Tree Canopy Project, Trees for Cities and our network of community groups to plant in excess of 150 new and replacement trees. Such initiatives are vitally important ensuring that the vitality of our tree stock, which brings a range of important benefits to the city and its citizens, is maintained.

On Saturday 25 November in Bute Park, an event hosted by the Lord Mayor celebrated the Council's commitment to The Tree Charter, an initiative led by the Woodland Trust. The Charter recognises the importance of trees in sustaining landscapes rich in wildlife, greening and strengthening our landscapes and mitigating threats such as climate change. Cardiff is very well blessed with trees, particularly in Bute Park, which benefits from the highest number of champion trees, those defined as the tallest and broadest of their species, in the United Kingdom. The event saw the unveiling of a carved totem pole as a commitment to the charter.

At a Welsh Hospitality Awards event earlier in the month, the Cardiff International White Water Rafting Team was successful in winning the Best Entertainment Team category award. The Welsh Hospitality awards are the annual celebration of the best in Welsh dining, catering, venues and entertainment from across the principality. The awards bring together a diverse range of venues dedicated to delivering outstanding service and products to the customer. The award demonstrates the quality of service and teamwork, and reflects well on staff and the Council as a whole.

Events

I do not believe that Members can be in any doubt that Christmas has arrived in Cardiff. Launched with our annual Step into Christmas event on the 9 November, our capital city has undergone yet another sparkling transformation. Over 120,000 people joined us to enjoy this special evening, an increase of 6% on last year, and we have even more festive offerings to tempt residents and visitors alike into our city over coming weeks. This includes a Christmas Market consisting of over 200 talented artist, craft, food and alcohol producers from across Wales; the opportunity to meet Santa in Cardiff Castle; a choice of three classic and timeless Christmas ballets in St David's Hall performed by the Russian State Ballet & Orchestra of Siberia; or the sheer magic of the New Theatre's Pantomime – Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Winter Wonderland is offering an even larger rink under a starlit roof, a giant wheel and authentic Alpine Village and cosy Bierkeller. The first outdoor rink in the UK to receive Access Accreditation, this annual attraction is now widely acknowledged as one of Europe's best outdoor ice rinks.

Amongst all the preparations for Christmas, the Council once again facilitated the arrangements for the National Remembrance Service for Wales, which was a moment for us all to stop and join the rest of the UK in reflection and to remember our fallen heroes. I would like to thank all those Members and Officers who attended and to thank them for their support and to thank the officers of both the Welsh Government and the Council's Protocol Team for their hard work in preparing and delivering this important annual service.

Finally, I am delighted to advise Members that the Cardiff Story Museum Manager has been invited to speak about the Museum's award-winning community outreach and engagement work at the Engage International Conference at the end of this month. The conference takes place in Hull, UK City of Culture. It will draw together arts and educational professionals from across the world and will explore the theme of equality, diversity and access. I am delighted that the work of the Cardiff Story has been recognised in this way and that the Council has the opportunity to share our experience and knowledge with colleagues from around the world.

Councillor Peter Bradbury
Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure
29 November 2017

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EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS STATEMENT

Eastern High School

I am delighted that Estyn inspectors visited Eastern High in November 2017 and have removed it from the category of 'special measures'. They noted that there is a trend of improving results at all key stages, with Mathematics and English improved significantly. They say that performance now compares very well with similar schools. The school moves into the new Eastern Learning Campus buildings in January 2018, in partnership with Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC).

Whitchurch High School

I am also delighted that Estyn inspectors judged that Whitchurch High School has made good progress in respect of the key issues for action identified in the inspection of January 2016. Estyn have now informed the school and the Local Authority that it will remove Whitchurch High School from the list of schools requiring Estyn Review. There will be no further Estyn monitoring visits in relation to this inspection.

Radyr Comprehensive School

In November 2017, Estyn inspectors also judged that Radyr Comprehensive School has made good progress in respect of the key issues for action identified in the inspection of March 2016. Radyr Comprehensive School will now be removed from the list of schools requiring Estyn Review. There will be no further Estyn monitoring visits in relation to this inspection.

21st Century Schools Band B Programme

The Cabinet Secretary for Education, Kirsty Williams AM, announced on 10 November 2017 that £2.3bn had been earmarked to modernise education infrastructure in Wales. The announcement confirmed that the Welsh Government is committed to supporting projects submitted in Outline Strategic Business Cases by local authorities and further education institutions, subject to the approval of business cases for specific schemes. A report, which sets out the proposed schemes in Cardiff under this programme, is expected to be considered by the Cabinet in December 2017.

Admissions Policy

We will be consulting on a number of changes to our Admissions Policy. There is no pre-determined view as to the outcome: oversubscription criteria are a particularly sensitive subject and it was felt that it was desirable to consult on a range of options. Members will have the opportunity to comment as part of the consultation process.

Association of Colleges (AoC) Beacon Awards

Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) have been successful at the AoC Beacon Awards 2017, winning the Skills Education Group Award for Transition into Post 16 Education and Training for our Junior Apprenticeship Programme.

The AoC Beacon Awards capture and celebrate the best and most innovative practice among UK further education colleges. They are designed to "promote the interdependence of further education colleges, business, professional and voluntary organisations to their mutual advantage, through highlighting excellence and sharing best practice". We look forward to continuing our work with CAVC on this, and other, exciting and innovative projects.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week was held on 13-17 November 2017 and this year's theme was "all different, all equal". Schools across Cardiff took part in various activities, including assemblies about equality and wearing odd socks and colourful clothing to celebrate uniqueness.

Inspire Awards 2017

On 15 November 2017, our dedicated anti-bullying team, Cardiff Against Bullying, hosted the Inspire Awards 2017. These awards recognised the contribution that children, young people and adults have made to enhance the lives of those around them through acts of kindness. As part of the day, pupils from Christ the King and Thornhill Primary Schools gave presentations about the clubs and activities they have participated in with the Cardiff Against Bullying team, including playground buddies training and the "I can do it" program. The event celebrated the commitment of groups and individuals to promoting wellbeing, resilience and happiness in our schools and communities.

Sam's Story

On 7 November 2017, the Children's Commissioner for Wales, Sally Holland, launched the 'Sam's Story' exhibition at the Senedd in Cardiff Bay. Sam's Story is a consultation project launched to help better understand bullying in Wales today. Over 2,000 children and young people took part in the creative consultation by producing drawings and sharing contemporary experiences of bullying. The project includes contributions from pupils at Roath Park, Radnor, Millbank and Bishop Child's Primary Schools. The exhibition features some of the images and words, created and authored by children and young people. It shows the real impact that bullying and social unkindness is having on children's lives. There are some great examples of empathy and compassion shown in these stories, highlighting that there is lots of positive work going on in schools to tackle and prevent bullying.

Modern Foreign Language Scheme – Cardiff University

Cardiff University has been recognised with the Threlford Cup by the Chartered Institute of Linguists for a mentoring project, which has doubled the uptake of modern languages at GCSE in some areas. The Threlford Cup is awarded annually to an individual, organisation or project that has encouraged language learning in others.

Cardiff University led the modern foreign language (MFL) scheme, which trains students from Welsh universities to talk to pupils about the benefits of studying languages. The scheme is run by the Welsh Government and works with more than a quarter of all secondary schools in Wales. Language students from Cardiff, Swansea, Bangor and Aberystwyth, are, trained as mentors and coaches and paired with schools in their areas to do weekly sessions with groups of young people.

Parliament Week

Students from St Teilo's and Cathays High Schools were welcomed into the Council Chamber at County Hall for an event organised as part of this year's Parliament Week. They had the chance to question Anna McMorrin MP (Cardiff North) and Jo Stevens MP (Cardiff Central) and the quality of the questions asked was very high. My Cabinet colleague, Cllr Chris Weaver, who has portfolio responsibility for democratic engagement, also spoke at the event, which was chaired by Cllr Derbyshire as Lord Mayor. I would like to thank everyone who took part and Cllr Lister for organising the event.

Tremorfa Nursery School

I am delighted to announce that Tremorfa Nursery School has been recognised, both nationally and internationally, for its inclusive practice in the early years. Tremorfa Nursery was the only school in the UK to be selected (one of 8 in Europe) to participate in a 3-year project in 2015-2017. The project aimed at identifying, analysing and subsequently promoting the main characteristics of inclusive early childhood education.

Last year, 12 professionals (researchers and early years experts) from 8 different countries visited Tremorfa Nursery School, observed practice and interviewed staff, parents and governors as part of the study. Welsh Government officials were also involved in the visit.

The Headteacher has recently returned from Portugal where she presented the recognised inclusive practice and the links with the Welsh Foundation Phase curriculum, which has been developed at Tremorfa Nursery School. In attendance at the international conference were the Directors of the European Agency, the Portuguese Minister of Education, researchers, policy makers and leaders of many excellent early childhood education establishments from across Europe.

A self-reflection tool has been created as one of the outcomes of the project. More information can be found at:

<https://www.european-agency.org/agency-projects/Inclusive-early-childhood-education/casestudy%20visits>

Folli Fest

Folli Fest is a creative festival for young people by young people. It aims to celebrate the creative potential of young people in Cardiff while celebrating the positives of being an active citizen. Folli Fest is a collaboration between a broad range of partners brought together by young people. Partners include the Wales Millennium Centre's Radio Platform project, Grassroots, Ministry of Life, Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, Chapter Arts and Cardiff MADE.

Folli Fest took place on 10 November 2017 at Castell Coch in collaboration with CADW's Public Programmes scheme. It was organised by Cardiff Youth Council and youth arts collective, Are You Lost Yet?, with support from the Council's Youth Service. This new event featured five stages of live music and performance from young people aged 14-25 from across Cardiff. In total, over 70 young people performed at the castle and 45 young people volunteered at the event that was attended by over 200 people.

Adult Community Learning

Overall, enrolments for Adult Community Learning (ACL) in 2017/18 when compared with 2016/17 are up from 3519 to 3746. This includes 41% of learners being brand new to our programmes having never enrolled on a course previously.

As a partnership (Cardiff & Vale Community Learning Partnership) we have also launched an Open Badge initiative. Open Badges are a means of recognising and commending achievements made on courses that do not offer formal accreditation. They take the form of a digital "badge" which contains embedded information evidencing the learners' work completed in order to achieve the badge, such as completing their first typed letter or having full attendance at a particular course. These badges can then be shared with potential employers or placed on digital CVs to help demonstrate the learners' experience.

We have been working on bringing Open Badges to Adult Learning in partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Council and agreed to pilot the scheme at the HTML/CSS course that began at the end of October 2017, with a particular view to monitoring how awarding the badges could positively impact the number of learners enrolled who achieve full attendance. To do so, we agreed that a learner would receive a badge per lesson describing their achievements at that specific session, and then they would receive an overall perfect attendance badge so long as they did not miss a session of the course.

These badges have been issued to learners upon completion of each session. The end result has been very positive, with all learners being incredibly enthusiastic about the badges reflected in significantly higher attendance rates than previous courses. Of the 11 learners who began the course, 8 achieved the full attendance badge compared to only 4 people out of 12 attending all sessions at the previous course that did not involve the awarding of Open Badges. Whilst this is only the first course to feature the badges, the evidence of their success and positive impact on attendance indicates that they will be a useful tool for other courses in the future.

Councillor Sarah Merry
Cabinet Member for Education, Employment & Skills
29 November 2017

**CARDIFF COUNCIL
CYNGOR CAERDYDD****COUNCIL: 30 NOVEMBER 2017**

FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT**AGENDA ITEM:**

It gives me great pleasure to be able to make this statement as Chair of the Corporate Safeguarding Board.

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is an important issue in which we all have a role to play. Safeguarding is about what we can do to keep children and vulnerable adults safe, with a particular emphasis on protecting them from abuse and exploitation. It is also about being able to respond quickly and appropriately to concerns or allegations that come to our attention. This requires us to have clear and appropriate policies and procedures that are understood by staff and members.

The Council's Corporate Safeguarding Board was established in March 2015 and was previously chaired by Cllr. Hinchey in his role as Cabinet Member of finance and now chaired by myself in my current Cabinet Member role.

The Corporate Safeguarding Board includes senior representation from all Directorates to ensure that all public facing services integrate safeguarding awareness into their operations. The Board does not cover operational practice in Adults or Children's Social Services or in schools but aims to promote effective cross Directorate safeguarding practice particularly in terms of information sharing and data collection, front-line operational awareness, staff training and the vetting and barring of staff who have significant or unsupervised contact with vulnerable adults or children.

I am very pleased to have taken on the role of Chairing the Board and would wish to emphasise my commitment and the commitment of the whole Cabinet to this very important agenda. I also want to take this opportunity to share with you the Corporate Safeguarding policy, which was launched during the National Safeguarding Week in November 2017.

The Corporate Safeguarding Policy provides a framework for every Directorate within the Council setting out responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and protecting children and adults at risk, drawing together the corporate policies and guidelines for safeguarding, and agreeing the methods by which the Council will be assured that it is fulfilling its duties.

As part of the policy, a new e-learning safeguarding training module has also been launched and it is expected that all staff across the council will engage in this training.

This will make sure that all our staff understand what to look for and what to do when children or adults may be experiencing or at risk of harm or abuse.

The links to the Policy and the e-module will be circulated by email.

Wales CIPD People Management Awards

As I mentioned at Council last month, Cardiff was shortlisted in the Wales CIPD People Management Awards – ‘Best Employee Engagement Initiative’ category. The good news is that the Council was successful in winning this award, beating off competition from Welsh Water and Wales & West Utilities. This achievement is recognition of the work undertaken across all directorates and, more importantly, recognises the contribution that all our staff make to the delivery of council services to the citizens of Cardiff.

UK Government Budget

Last week, the Chancellor set out the UK Government’s Autumn budget. The full consequences for the Welsh Government’s budget, and the potential impact on Local Authority funding in Wales are being assessed. Following on from this, the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Mark Drakeford AM, gave his reaction when speaking at the WLGA Autumn Seminar on 23 November, in which he warned that the Westminster budget does not signal an end to austerity, or any significant impact on expected future settlements. He stated that the Welsh Government’s own budget will be 5% lower in real terms in 2019-20 than it was in 2010-11. A headline figure of an additional £1.2 billion for Wales refers to money up to 2021, of which approximately £1 billion is capital funding. More than half of this amount is made up of loans that will have to be repaid to the UK Government. The Welsh Government’s final settlement for local authorities will be announced in December.

Equalities Update

The Equality Impact Assessments of the Budget Proposals have been published on the Council’s website. The budget consultation is up and running and will end on 14 December 2017.

The Equality Team is assisting the Cardiff Academy who are currently developing equality training around race and religion.

The Council’s submission to the Stonewall Workplace Index through an online survey of Council employees has been completed. Feedback is expected from Stonewall in the New Year.

Equality Officers are working with the Communities, Housing & Customer Services Directorate to implement a Sign-Video Relay Service in the Central Hub, which will provide real-time British Sign Language for deaf customers.

A Focus Group was also held at Cardiff Deaf Centre on 27 November 2017 to seek the views of deaf people with regard to Cardiff’s Well-being Plan.

Wales Interpretation and Translation Service

Cardiff Council is hosting two engagement workshops for the Deaf Community in Cardiff as host of the Wales Interpretation and Translation Service (WITS). The first took place on Monday morning 27 November from 9am to 12pm in Committee Room 1 at County Hall and the second will be held on Monday evening 4 December from 5pm to 8pm in Committee Room 2 at County Hall.

The purpose of the workshop is to meet with members of the deaf community, allowing them to share their experiences with us, so we can develop and improve our service where possible; ideally, helping to strengthen relations with them following feedback from service users of some issues with the service. There will be further opportunities next year to engage with other deaf communities across Wales.

Website

It's great to see our online services being accessed more and more in line with our Digital First approach. This provides our citizens with digital access in line with everything they can access digitally outside of the Council. Some highlights for October included:

- Over 56% of visitors to the Council's website were using a mobile device – smart phone or tablet.
- Parking permit online applications are increasing and are up 3% on last year.
- Use of the online waste collection look up has increased. In October 2017, almost 11k more residents checked their collections than in October 2016.
- Visits to Parking, Roads and Travel increased 3.9% on September 2017; with over 15k visitors viewing travel advice for the Anthony Joshua fight (3,124 on the day of the fight).
- With Secondary school admissions opening, visits to the School Admissions pages increased by 2.3% on September with almost 24k page views in total.
- 539 people visited the Emergency Contact Number page during the month. This is likely to be as a result of fallen trees/ blocked highways caused by Storm Brian. People also took to social media to report instances of fallen trees to the Council. These were logged and communication was issued by the Council's Communications & Media Team to alert residents on which roads were still blocked or had re-opened once cleared.

Councillor Chris Weaver
Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance
29 November 2017

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**CARDIFF COUNCIL
CYNGOR CAERDYDD****COUNCIL: 26 OCTOBER 2017**

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES STATEMENT**AGENDA ITEM:**

Rough Sleeping

As winter approaches, Council provision is put in place to keep homeless people out of the cold weather. The cold weather provision commenced during November, with 39 spaces currently operating. Another 15 spaces will be opened from mid-December and a minimum of 16 further contingency spaces are available.

I'm happy to confirm that we will shortly be launching 'Give DIFFerently', with Council, Police, For Cardiff and the Big Issue, alongside other partners, providing the public with an alternative way to support individuals other than giving directly to people who are street begging. The campaign will provide quick access to funds to bring about positive change (e.g. items for a new flat, clothing for interviews, bikes to attend work/training/education opportunities).

A multi-agency task group to address begging and anti-social behaviour is currently being set up with Police and partners and a diversionary pathway has also been drafted.

New Employability Service

The Council will expand its successful Into Work Service and bring in-house much of Cardiff's employability provision. This new and improved service will provide a city-wide, joined-up approach to help and support people into work or upskill people in their current jobs. Funding will be available for participants for training and to help them overcome any barriers they may have preventing them from returning to work (e.g. interview clothes or child care costs).

The service will include an Employability Gateway so people can get to the right help, first time, every time. The Gateway will include; face to face support in local job clubs, a telephone and e-mail service and a new website which will include a webchat facility. For those participants that face many barriers to work, mentors will provide in-depth one-to-one assistance, to make them more job-ready and find suitable, sustainable employment. An employer engagement officer will work alongside the Economic Development team to source new job opportunities and a dedicated self-employment advisor will be on hand to support those looking to work for themselves.

Powerhouse Hub

The Powerhouse in Llanedeyrn has undergone a major extension and refurbishment to bring together a wide range of community services under one roof. The new Hub hosts housing, benefit and advice services, libraries, Into Work advice and training, community learning, youth provision, community events and a community café. South Wales Police also have self-contained offices on the first floor.

I was very pleased to officially open the Hub on 6 November 2017 alongside Alun Michael, the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales. The opening event enabled residents, community organisations and partner agencies to see at first hand the range of services available in the city's newest community hub. The free event also featured live music, community stalls, performances by local schools St Teilo's High School, St Philip Evans and St Bernadette's Primary Schools, face painting, storytime, an animal corner, Science Made Simple Bubble Show, food stalls and a Christmas workshop.

The Powerhouse Hub forms part of the wider redevelopment of the Maelfa Centre in Llanedeyrn, which will also deliver a new shopping parade with 9 new retail units and a mix of social rented and private housing.

The Hub programme rollout continued with the opening of Llanishen Hub on Monday 27 November followed by the formal launch on Wednesday 29 November.

Repairs Contract

Following feedback from our residents, the contract for repairs to council homes has recently been recommissioned, to ensure the best possible service for our tenants. The recommissioning process focused on:

- Improving customer care, particularly in relation to elderly and vulnerable customers
- Increasing capacity and ensuring continuity of supply
- Improving performance management arrangements

The transition to the new arrangements has commenced and the new contracts will be in place by 1 January 2018. It is possible that there may be some disruption to services over the transition period; however, as most responsive repairs are now carried out in-house, inconvenience to tenants should be kept to a minimum.

Tenants Conference

On 13 November 2017, we held our third annual Tenants Conference. During the day, over 100 Council tenants visited City Hall for the Tenant Participation's annual conference with the theme of 'Tenants Together' for a day of interaction with different Council departments and workshops. In the workshops, we were shown gardening tips on how to preserve home harvest as well as having taster sessions on first aid, volunteering, budgeting and so much more. Tenants were also given opportunities in afternoon sessions to have a talk with waste

management as well as learn about the benefits of volunteering in their local Hubs.

During the day, the guests attended presentations from waste management on the benefits of recycling and were briefed by independent living services on how elderly tenants could feel more secure using council services digitally or in their own home. Council tenant Janice Carter also gave her own presentation on the benefits of being a mystery shopper and was able to tell delegates how she was able to directly test Hub staff's customer service skills and knowledge of council services to hopefully highlight potential improvements for the future. The day was finished by the presentation of awards for Cardiff Council's annual *Blooming Marvellous* competition. The winning gardens were submitted by groups of all age ranges and it was great to see their hard work rewarded for being such a credit to their communities.

Rent Smart Wales

Almost a year since the introduction of the enforcement provisions for Rent Smart Wales (RSW), it is encouraging to note that over 173,636 properties have registered, with 16,700 landlords and 2,640 agents now licensed. Although the majority of landlords and agents in Wales are now compliant with legislation, there are some who continue to operate illegally. RSW and its partners across the 22 Welsh Local Authorities are now taking action to make sure that those who need to comply do so, with fixed penalty notices of up to £250 being issued and prosecutions taken forward. To date we have had 8 successful prosecutions for RSW offences, and have issued 159 Fixed Penalty Notices.

Telecare Services Association Audit

This is an annual Telecare Services Association audit where the Telecare service is reviewed for performance in the installation of devices, monitoring of systems and alarms and response to call outs. The team carried out a lot of preparation and during the day, the auditor ran through the annual key performance indicators, reviewed the processes, went out to see an installation take place and listened to calls with an operator. I am pleased to say that the team successfully passed the audit and that the auditor had some brilliant comments that I would like to share:

- We have a dynamic operation in place with a warm atmosphere in the office
- We have good direction and strong management / leadership
- We are a listening and learning team and are keen to learn from others and improve
- Quality is embedded
- There is a strong sense of teamwork within the service

The auditor provided a quote and saying that 'Perfection doesn't always mean excellence.' She said that the team know their imperfections and you don't have to be perfect to be excellent. Thank you for your continued hard work!

Councillor Lynda Thorne
Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities
29 November 2017

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NOTICE OF MOTION

MOTION 1

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR JENNIFER BURKE-DAVIES

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR ASHLEY LISTER

AMENDMENT TO MOTION 1

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR JOEL WILLIAMS

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CYNGOR CAERDYDD CARDIFF COUNCIL



COUNCIL

30 NOVEMBER 2017

NOTICE OF MOTION

MOTION 1

Proposed by: Councillor Jennifer Burke-Davies

Seconded by: Councillor Ashley Lister

This Council notes that Universal Credit, the single monthly payment which replaces the six current working age benefits, is to be rolled out in Cardiff from the end of February 2018.

Despite the outstanding work being undertaken in Cardiff to support, advise and assist those impacted by welfare reform, it is inevitable that Universal Credit will impact negatively on the lives of the most vulnerable people in our city through the operation of a process that seems designed to push people into poverty and debt. This council also notes that, within our area, the number of people who will be affected by these changes is likely to be in the tens of thousands.

Cardiff Council notes with concern that the move to a Full Service Universal Credit in other parts of the country has caused considerable financial hardship for many of those people moving onto this new system of benefit payments. Before a full roll out of Universal credit the following problems need to be addressed:

- **The six week wait for claimants to receive their benefits.** The idea that all workers are in jobs where they are paid a month in arrears ignores the reality for the 1.5m workers who struggle on zero hours, insecure jobs or forced self-employment. Claimants need to be paid from day one.
- **Payments going to one named member of a household.** Many claimants struggle to budget and payments should be paid to the separate claimants within a household and on a fortnightly rather than monthly basis. With the present policy there is a real danger that if the whole benefit goes to one named individual there is no guarantee that the money will be distributed fairly within the household
- **Claimants need to have their rent paid directly to landlords** to avoid the unacceptably high levels of arrears and homelessness that have occurred in the areas where UC already exists. Pushing claimants into debt adds to the stress and insecurity for claimants.
- **An end to benefit sanctions** as there is no evidence that sanctioning helps people into work. In fact taking away claimant's ability to feed themselves and their families prevents them from focusing on finding employment as they are too busy trying to survive. The evidence of the harm that sanctions cause is growing – they are an unnecessary cruelty in our benefits system.

- **Allow all new claimants to apply for Universal credit in jobs centres or alternative funding should be provided for the Council to take on this role.** Forcing new claimant to apply on-line causes real problems for many people who don't have either access or the IT skills to cope with the complex online application. The use of a paid helpline also needs to be abandoned as claimants cannot afford the expensive rates charged. The planned job centre closures also needs to be reversed as claimants need face to face support to help them back into work and to deal with the complexity of Universal Credit.
- **Abandon the in-work conditionality for part-time or low paid workers** – the idea that there are extra hours or higher paid work for the large numbers of these affected workers is simply not the case. This clause of UC places the emphasis on individuals who often want greater number of hours of work – and not on the employers who benefit from short hours and insecurity.
- **The overall level that UC is funded needs to be urgently increased.** The rate at which some claimants will lose benefit is set at 63p in the pound which when compared with the top rate of income tax of 45% on incomes over £150,000 a year, demonstrates just how unfair UC is for the lowest income households.

This Council notes with concern, therefore, that the implementation of a Full Service Universal Credit in the city is likely to prove seriously detrimental to the health and wellbeing of thousands of its local residents.

Cardiff Council therefore resolves to:

Request all its political group leaders to jointly write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions asking that the system of Universal Credit is redesigned in such a way that it removes the inherent risks that this council has expressed its concerns over.

**CYNGOR CAERDYDD
CARDIFF COUNCIL**



COUNCIL

30 NOVEMBER 2017

NOTICE OF MOTION

AMENDMENT MOTION 1

Proposed by: Councillor Dianne Rees

Seconded by: Councillor Joel Williams

Second paragraph starting "*Despite.....* delete all

Third paragraph delete all after "*Cardiff Council notes....* and insert

“that the Government has recognised the need to simplify the system of benefit payments and that there have been elements of the rollout which need to be refined. We note:”

Bullet Point 1. Delete all after "*The Six week*" and replace with

“1. The Government has listened to concerns raised and have reduced the wait for claimants to receive benefits from 6 weeks to 5 weeks. It is hoped that the wait can be further reduced where possible”.

Delete all remaining bullet points and replace with

2. That Universal Credit is designed to be graduated so that as income increases, some benefits are still received. The idea is to avoid the poverty trap – where there is a disincentive to work longer hours because the person loses all benefits, pays higher taxes and ends up without any increase in discretionary income.

3. Previous benefits like income support had a 100% withdrawal rate. However with Universal Credit, financial support will be reduced at a steady rate offering a transition period where benefits are still paid in a new job.

4. Universal Credit presents opportunities to those in receipt of benefits by asking claimants to accept a ‘claimant commitment’. This includes a willingness to take a job offered, a willingness to provide a CV and attend any relevant training or job interviews. It is important that the job offered is relevant to the skill set and abilities of the claimant.

5. It is important to encourage and empower independence therefore support for housing costs goes direct into the monthly universal credit payment. This system encourages financial management and we accept a few may need education and help in managing budgets.

6. There will be a benefit cap. This aim to prevent people receiving more benefits than the average weekly wage after tax and National Insurance. For couples and single parent households the cap will be £500 a week. For single adults the cap will be £350 a week. This ensures that those in work are not worse off than those in receipt of benefits.

7. It is acknowledged that there may be difficulty in applying solely online for Universal Credit. The Government acted when it was made known that a charge was levied for claimants applying by phone and acted to remove the charge. We also support the outstanding work being undertaken in Cardiff to support, advise and assist those who are and will be claiming Universal Credit.

8. Universal Credit will not replace the following benefits:

- **Carer's allowance**
- **Child benefit**
- **Council tax relief**
- **Personal Independence Payments**
- **Maternity allowance**
- **Parts of the social fund**
- **Contributory employment and support allowance**
- **Contributory jobseeker's allowance**
- **Industrial injuries disablement benefit**
- **Pension credit**
- **Statutory maternity pay**
- **Statutory sick pay**
- **War pensions**

9. Under Universal Credit, there are loans available to those who require assistance. The loan is called a 'budgeting advance' – and is paid back by getting lower Universal Credit payments until it's paid off. Claimants will be told how much payments will be reduced by whilst the loan is being repaid.

Under the Resolution:

First line of the resolution removed the word "jointly".

Second line of the resolution delete all after asking... and replace with **"him to continue to recognise and act where legitimate concerns are raised in the rollout process."**

Add an additional paragraph to read

"In conclusion, it is welcomed that in his most recent budget, The Chancellor, Philip Hammond announced a £1.5 billion overhaul that would reduce the time it took for families to receive money. This Government is listening to the legitimate observations regarding Universal Credit and acting promptly".

The amended motion would then read:

This Council notes that Universal Credit, the single monthly payment which replaces the six current working age benefits, is to be rolled out in Cardiff from the end of February 2018.

Cardiff Council notes that the Government has recognised the need to simplify the system of benefit payments and that there have been elements of the rollout which need to be refined. We note:

1. The Government has listened to concerns raised and have reduced the wait for claimants to receive benefits from 6 weeks to 5 weeks. It is hoped that the wait can be further reduced where possible.
2. That Universal Credit is designed to be graduated so that as income increases, some benefits are still received. The idea is to avoid the poverty trap – where there is a disincentive to work longer hours because the person loses all benefits, pays higher taxes and ends up without any increase in discretionary income.
3. Previous benefits like income support had a 100% withdrawal rate. However with Universal Credit, financial support will be reduced at a steady rate offering a transition period where benefits are still paid in a new job.
4. Universal Credit presents opportunities to those in receipt of benefits by asking claimants to accept a 'claimant commitment'. This includes a willingness to take a job offered, a willingness to provide a CV and attend any relevant training or job interviews. It is important that the job offered is relevant to the skill set and abilities of the claimant.
5. It is important to encourage and empower independence therefore support for housing costs goes direct into the monthly universal credit payment. This system encourages financial management and we accept a few may need education and help in managing budgets.
6. There will be a benefit cap. This aim to prevent people receiving more benefits than the average weekly wage after tax and National Insurance. For couples and single parent households the cap will be £500 a week. For single adults the cap will be £350 a week. This ensures that those in work are not worse off than those in receipt of benefits.
7. It is acknowledged that there may be difficulty in applying solely online for Universal Credit. The Government acted when it was made known that a charge was levied for claimants applying by phone and acted to remove the charge. We also support the outstanding work being undertaken in Cardiff to support, advise and assist those who are and will be claiming Universal Credit.
8. Universal Credit will not replace the following benefits:
 - Carer's allowance

- Child benefit
- Council tax relief
- Personal Independence Payments
- Maternity allowance
- Parts of the social fund
- Contributory employment and support allowance
- Contributory jobseeker's allowance
- Industrial injuries disablement benefit
- Pension credit
- Statutory maternity pay
- Statutory sick pay
- War pensions

9. Under Universal Credit, there are loans available to those who require assistance. The loan is called a 'budgeting advance' – and is paid back by getting lower Universal Credit payments until it's paid off. Claimants will be told how much payments will be reduced by whilst the loan is being repaid.

Cardiff Council therefore resolves to:

1. Request all its political group leaders to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions asking him to continue to recognise and act where legitimate concerns are raised in the rollout process.

In conclusion, it is welcomed that in his most recent budget, The Chancellor, Philip Hammond announced a £1.5billion overhaul that would reduce the time it took for families to receive money. This Government is listening to the legitimate observations regarding Universal Credit and acting promptly.

NOTICE OF MOTION

MOTION 2

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR DAN DE'ATH

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR SUSAN GOODARAD

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**CYNGOR CAERDYDD
CARDIFF COUNCIL**



COUNCIL

30 NOVEMBER 2017

MOTION 2

Proposed – Councillor Dan De’Ath

Seconded – Councillor Susan Goddard

This Council notes that:

1. 130 young people (aged 16 or over) left the care of City of Cardiff Council and began the difficult transition out of care and into adulthood during the 16/17 financial year.
2. A 2016 report by The Children’s Society found that when care leavers move into independent accommodation they begin to manage their own budget fully for the first time. The report showed that care leavers can find this extremely challenging and with no family to support them and insufficient financial education, are falling into debt and financial difficulty.
3. Research from The Centre for Social Justice found that over half (57%) of young people leaving care have difficulty managing their money and avoiding debt when leaving care.
4. The local authority has statutory corporate parenting responsibilities towards young people who have left care up until the age of 25.

This Council believes that:

1. To ensure that the transition from care to adult life is as smooth as possible, and to mitigate the chances of care leavers falling into debt as they begin to manage their own finances, they should be exempt from paying council tax.
2. Care leavers are a particularly vulnerable group for council tax debt.

This Council, therefore, resolves:

To take a report to the next Cabinet meeting exploring measures to use the City Council’s convening powers and expertise in corporate parenting to work with all council tax collecting authorities to exempt all care leavers in the county from council tax, sharing any arising costs proportionately.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

MOTION 3

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR SEAN DRISCOLL

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR PHILIPPA HILL-JOHN

AMENDMENT 1 TO MOTION 3

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR EMMA SANDREY

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR NIGEL HOWELS

AMENDMENT 2 TO MOTION 3

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR CARO WILD

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MICHAEL

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**CYNGOR CAERDYDD
CARDIFF COUNCIL****COUNCIL****30 NOVEMBER 2017****MOTION 3**

Proposed by Councillor Sean Driscoll

Seconded by Councillor Philippa Hill-John

This Council notes that:

1. Cardiff's population is projected to grow by 26%, which is the highest projected growth and expansion of any UK city during the period of our Local Development Plan. This expansion will increase traffic pollution throughout the city.
2. That poor air quality damages people's health and damages buildings – especially in our conservation areas.
3. That traffic congestion outside schools will increase levels of pollution during the school run.
4. That at present Cardiff constantly fails to meet air quality standards with regard to NO₂ levels in areas of the city, and that present levels of particulates have a negative impact on health.

This Council calls on the Cabinet:

1. To instigate the live monitoring of Cardiff's Air quality with monitoring stations at different locations across the city.
2. To undertake a comprehensive feasibility study of overhauling Cardiff Council's vehicle fleet in order to bring those vehicles in line with the very latest environmental friendly technology, and to consider the possibility of grants for green technology on the bus fleets operating in Cardiff.
3. To ensure that Cardiff Council works in close partnership with key stakeholders including neighbouring local authorities and business, to ensure that best practice in delivering clean air strategies can be learnt from and implemented in Cardiff.
4. To assess Cardiff's current level of readiness to take advantage of electric vehicle technology, including charging points and ensure that Cardiff works towards becoming an electric vehicle friendly city.
5. To further develop the walk to school scheme and workplace travel plans for Cardiff businesses.

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CARDIFF COUNCIL**



COUNCIL

30 NOVEMBER 2017

AMENDMENT 1 TO MOTION 3

Proposed by Councillor Emma Sandrey

Seconded by Councillor Nigel Howells

Insert in resolution 1, after city, '***particularly outside schools, and commit to investment in public health alerts.***'

Insert in resolution 4, after city, '***Whilst recognising this strategy must run alongside efforts to help residents switch to using more sustainable modes of transport (including public transport, cycling and walking) it should also include investigating the feasibility of installing electric vehicle charging points within existing street lights, particularly in those areas of the city where there is a lack of off-street parking.***'

Insert a new resolution 6, after number 5, '***To urge the Welsh Government to bring forward guidance on Clean Air Zones in major Welsh cities, and to provide the accompanying funds for implementation, where appropriate.***'

The motion, as amended will read:

This Council notes that:

1. Cardiff's population is projected to grow by 26%, which is the highest projected growth and expansion of any UK city during the period of our Local Development Plan. This expansion will increase traffic pollution throughout the city.
2. That poor air quality damages people's health and damages buildings – especially in our conservation areas.
3. That traffic congestion outside schools will increase levels of pollution during the school run.
4. That at present Cardiff constantly fails to meet air quality standards with regard to NO2 levels in areas of the city, and that present levels of particulates have a negative impact on health.

This Council calls on the Cabinet:

1. To enhance the live monitoring of Cardiff's air quality with monitoring stations at different locations across the city, particularly outside schools, and commit to investment in public health alerts.

2. To undertake a comprehensive feasibility study of overhauling Cardiff Council's vehicle fleet in order to bring those vehicles in line with the very latest environmental friendly technology, and to consider the possibility of grants for green technology on the bus fleets operating in Cardiff.
3. To ensure that Cardiff Council works in close partnership with key stakeholders including neighbouring local authorities and business, to ensure that best practice in delivering clean air strategies can be learnt from and implemented in Cardiff.
4. To assess Cardiff's current level of readiness to take advantage of electric vehicle technology, including charging points and ensure that Cardiff works towards becoming an electric vehicle friendly city. Whilst recognising this strategy must run alongside efforts to help residents switch to using more sustainable modes of transport (including public transport, cycling and walking) it should also include investigating the feasibility of installing electric vehicle charging points within existing street lights, particularly in those areas of the city where there is a lack of off-street parking.
5. To further develop the walk to school scheme and workplace travel plans for Cardiff businesses.
6. To urge the Welsh Government to bring forward guidance on Clean Air Zones in major Welsh cities, and to provide the accompanying funds for implementation, where appropriate.

**CYNGOR CAERDYDD
CARDIFF COUNCIL**



COUNCIL

30 NOVEMBER 2017

AMENDMENT 2 TO MOTION 3

Proposed by Councillor Caro Wild

Seconded by Councillor Michael Michael

Point 2 delete all after *2people's health*" and insert "**as outlined in the recent report of the Director of Public Health for Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.**"

Point 4 first line delete "*constantly fails to meet*" and insert "**Council has concerns about**"

Point 4 second line after "*standards*" insert "**in certain areas of the city**" and delete after "*NO2 levels*", "**in areas of the city**" and that present levels of particulates have a negative impact on health.

The Resolution after This Council delete the words "*calls on the Cabinet*" and replace with "**endorses:**"

Point 1 delete "*To instigate the*" and replace with "**The ongoing**"

Pont 2 delete "*To undertake a comprehensive feasibility study of overhauling*" and replace with "**The work currently underway on improving**"

Point 2 delete all after "*technology*".

Point 3 delete "*To ensure that Cardiff Council works*" and replace with "**The commitment given, in Capital Ambition and elsewhere, to work**"

Point 3 Line 3 after the word "*business*" add the following "**as well as partner Core Cities,**".

Add a new point 4 to read "**The work of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee which is in the process of a rigorous task and finish exercise looking on 'Improving Cardiff's Air Quality'.**"

Addition of another resolution

This Council further welcomes the commitment given by the Cabinet to bring forward a Green Paper on Transport and Air Quality which will include (but not be limited to)

Old Point 4 delete "*To Assess*" and replace with "**An assessment of**"

Old Point 4, line 3 delete "*and*" and replace with "**to**"

Old Point 5 delete *“To further develop the”* and replace with ***“Further development of”***

Old Point, first line after “school” add ***“schemes, new cycling programmes”***

The motion, as amended will read:

This Council notes that:

1. Cardiff’s population is projected to grow by 26%, which is the highest projected growth and expansion of any UK city during the period of our Local Development Plan. This expansion will increase traffic pollution throughout the city.
2. That poor air quality damages people’s health, as outlined in the recent report of the Director of Public Health for Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.
3. That traffic congestion outside schools will increase levels of pollution during the school run.
4. That at present Cardiff Council has concerns about air quality standards in certain areas of the city with regard to NO2 levels, and that present levels of particulates have a negative impact on health.

This Council endorses:

1. The ongoing live monitoring of Cardiff’s Air quality with monitoring stations at different locations across the city.
2. The work currently underway on improving Cardiff Council’s vehicle fleet in order to bring those vehicles in line with the very latest environmental friendly technology.
3. The commitment given, in Capital Ambition and elsewhere, to work in close partnership with key stakeholders including neighbouring local authorities and business, as well as partner Core Cities, to ensure that best practice in delivering clean air strategies can be learnt from and implemented in Cardiff.
4. The work of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee which is in the process of a rigorous task and finish exercise looking on ‘Improving Cardiff’s Air Quality’.

This Council further welcomes the commitment given by the Cabinet to bring forward a Green Paper on Transport and Air Quality which will include (but not be limited to)

5. An assessment of Cardiff’s current level of readiness to take advantage of electric vehicle technology, including charging points, to ensure that Cardiff works towards becoming an electric vehicle friendly city.
6. Further development of walk to school schemes, new cycling programmes, and workplace travel plans for Cardiff businesses.

1	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KELLOWAY</u></p> <p>I have been approached by a number of residents in Cyncoed who are strongly of the opinion that there exist addresses of convenience within the catchments of the popular schools in the area, and that these 'revolving door' addresses are rented on a short term basis to meet the criteria for admission. Whilst technically these families are residents in the area at the appropriate time, many bona fide residents consider this to be an abuse of the spirit of the admissions policy. Do you recognise that such practices cause children whose families do live in the area to miss out on school places that would be more appropriate for them, given their location?</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>What extra winter homelessness support will the council and voluntary sector partners be funding this year?</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI</u></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the importance of political education in schools?</p>
4	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS</u></p> <p>Last week we learned that some of Cardiff's primary schools were over subscribed by over 50% for 2017-2018. How is the Council addressing the issue of ensuring that sufficient local places are available in future?</p>

5	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON</u></p> <p>With so many hundreds of families being hit by additional charges from Better following the replace the All Active Junior Card, what is the cabinet member doing to hold the company to account and make sure our leisure centres actually get better?</p>
6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER (FINANCE, MODERNISATION & PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI</u></p> <p>It's not acceptable that so many people are missing from the electoral register at the moment due to the complexity of having to register whenever you move, even if it's within the same area. Will you make a statement; citizens of Cardiff, Wales want to see an automatic registration system that enfranchises everyone who's entitled to vote, and make sure that everyone can have their say?</p>
7	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>On the 29th June, in response to a question from Councillor Philippa Hill-John, you said "The future of the Wedal Road facility is being considered and a position will be announced in the near future". More than 5 months has passed and we haven't heard any announcement. Do you have a preferred site and what is the timescale?</p>
8	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS</u></p> <p>How often is a review undertaken of the supply of cycle stands within the city centre to ensure that it meets demand?</p>

9	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON</u></p> <p>Up to now citizens of Cardiff have only seen computerised images of the proposed bus station in Central Square. Are there any maps showing the road plans with space for vehicular, taxi, bus, tram, bike and pedestrian flows?</p>
10	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GAVIN HILL-JOHN</u></p> <p>Following questions from residents across the City, what consultation was carried out with residents living close to the flood alleviation scheme currently underway in Cardiff Central and are there any plans to replant trees which are being removed?</p>
11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>Following the publication of Professor Chris Taylor's report as part of the process of consulting on school admissions arrangements, Rhieni dros Addysg Gymraeg have expressed concerns about the options presented and the English-medium focus of the report. Will you make a statement responding to those concerns in full?</p>
12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HENSHAW</u></p> <p>Could the Cabinet member update us on the number of allotments available to rent across the city as well as the number of vacant plots and the numbers on the waiting list?</p>

13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>Has the bubble burst for new student accommodation in Cardiff?</p>
14	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CONGREVE</u></p> <p>The recent stormy weather has highlighted the vulnerability of trees across the city, as a few have fallen causing serious damage to property and disrupting transport. What inspection process has been conducted to ensure the future safety of trees, especially in heavily wooded areas such as Roath Park as well as street trees?</p> <p>Is there a routine inspection process to ensure their viability, including the pruning of precarious branches?</p>
15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McGARRY</u></p> <p>In the light of recent speed surveys undertaken in the city which indicated excessive speeds, what strategy does the council have to reduce the speed?</p>
16	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR REES</u></p> <p>Will you outline what has been done in the last two months to address the problem of traffic congestion in the City?</p>

QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD
(STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

Earlier this year The Guardian launched an investigation into pseudo-public spaces (also known as privately owned public spaces or “pops”) which are squares, parks, thoroughfares etc. that have the look and feel of public land but are actually owned and controlled by the private sector. Such areas are not subject to ordinary bylaws but rather governed by restrictions drawn up by the landowner and usually enforced by private security companies.

Under existing laws, public access to pseudo-public spaces remains at the discretion of landowners who are allowed to draw up their own rules for “acceptable behavior” (which can prohibit taking photos, holding a political protest, rough sleeping and so forth) on their sites and alter them at will. They are not obliged to make these rules public. Several cities maintain publicly accessible maps to help citizens identify pseudo-public spaces and the boundaries that divide them from genuinely public land. Would it be possible for Cardiff Council to produce and publish similar maps?

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