

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 25 June 2015 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated 19 June 2015.

Present: County Councillor Walker (Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Aubrey, Bale, Bowden, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridges, Burfoot, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Ralph Cook, Richard Cook, Cowan, Kirsty Davies-Warner, Chris Davis, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Evans, Ford, Goddard, Goodway, Gordon, Graham, Groves, Hinchey, Holden, Howells, Hudson, Hunt, Hyde, Javed, Keith Jones, Joyce, Kelloway, Knight, Lloyd, Lomax, Marshall, McEvoy, McGarry, McKerlich, Merry, Michael, Mitchell, Morgan, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, David Rees, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sanders, Stubbs, Thomas, Ben Thomas, Graham Thomas, Lynda Thorne, Walsh, Weaver and Woodman

20 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Govier, Margaret Jones, Lent, Love, Magill, and Simmons

21 : RECORDING OF MEETING

Members were reminded of a decision of the Constitution Committee on 10 July, 2008 to webcast the Council meeting. Members were also reminded that the Constitution Committee had previously agreed that Council proceedings be recorded for administrative purposes.

Formal approval to record the proceedings was granted.

22 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Lord Mayor reminded Members of their responsibility under Article 10 of the Members' Code of Conduct to declare any interest, and to complete Personal Interest forms, at the commencement of the item of business.

The following declarations were made:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Councillor Woodman	Item 21	Personal Interest in National Adoption Service as Family member is a Manager in the Service
Councillor Woodman	Item 8	Personal Interest as Honorary President of Diverse Cymru who

		administer Direct Payments
Councillor Groves	Item 8	Personal Interest as Councillor Groves and his wife are Direct Payment recipients.

23 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of the Extraordinary meeting and Annual meeting of Council held on 21 May 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

24 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were submitted:

- (a) Councillor Hunt – 51 signatories calling on the Council to introduce traffic calming measures in Newborough Avenue and Blue House Road.
- (b) Councillor McEvoy – 130 signatories calling on the Council to take action to resolve dangerous road conditions on Beechley Avenue close to 3 Primary school before a serious accident occurs.
- (c) Councillor Clark – 75 signatories against the size of wheelie bins for households of 5 and below should not be restricted from 240 litres to 40 litres and the number of black bags for households of 5 and below to only 65 per year in Cathays – equivalent of 3 bags a fortnight. The petitioners believe that this proposal would worsen the mess in the streets and frontages. And that there should be improved education and enforcement to improve recycling rates.
- (d) Councillor Howells - 147 signatories calling on the Council to respect the decision it made in February 2015 and carry out the necessary repairs to ensure that Roath Library reopens as soon as possible.
- (e) Councillor Hinchey - 487 signatories opposing the proposed demolition of detached house and provision of 14 Flats at 149 Heathwood Road, Heath.

25 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Public Question: *from Mr Gavin Hill-John*

What is the timescale for resurfacing works on Heol Goch, in Gwaelod y Garth?

Reply: *from County Councillor Patel*

This topic relates to a Ward which is subject to a By-election next Tuesday, 30th June and, therefore, it would be inappropriate for me to make any announcements relating to the ward at this time.

I'm happy to provide you with the relevant information in writing or, indeed, to meet with you post-election.

Supplementary Question: *from Mr Gavin Hill-John*

As a resident of Pentyrch, I fail to see why the question is inappropriate. I'm only asking about the resurfacing schedule for the city – it is not a difficult question and has no relevance to the election. Do you agree?

Reply: *from County Councillor Patel*

I do not agree.

I wish to make clear that 4591m² of carriageway surface preventative treatment was completed on Heol Goch during the financial year 2013/14. Also I actually did a site visit only yesterday and I actually did an inspection for the road with our Highways Officers.

As I said if you wish, you can contact me after the By-election, I am more than happy to go through that with you.

26 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor was delighted to report on the following:

Royal Visit 11 June 2015

Thousands of people turned out to watch Her Majesty the Queen present The Royal Welsh regiment with new colours on 11 June, and the Lord Mayor was honoured to welcome Her Majesty to the City and take part in such a special ceremony in his first month in office.

It was a fantastic day for the Regiment who marched from Cardiff Castle to the Millennium Stadium for the ceremony which was enjoyed by the Queen and Members of Council and over 10,000 spectators.

The Lord Mayor was delighted to also on behalf of the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff bestow the Freedom of the City to the Royal Welsh.

Queen's Birthday Honours List

The Lord Mayor congratulate citizens of Cardiff who had been honoured in the Queen's birthday honours list, Council was particularly proud of Hazel Davies, a Council employee who was honoured with the Medal of the Order of the British Empire for her dedicate services to Road Safety and Children.

Lord Mayor's Charity

The Lord Mayor was very much looking forward to working Velindre Cancer Care over the next 12 months, as every pound raise will help to ensure the best possible

support is offered to every patient, their families and carers in dealing with cancer. Fundraising efforts will contribute to Velindre's ground-breaking research and the acquisition of cutting edge technology ensuring that staff have access to the most up to date treatments available.

The Lord Mayor expressed the wish to involve Members; employees, citizens of Cardiff and their communities in fundraising for this extremely worthwhile cause.

The Lord Mayor advised that Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Dilwar Ali was undertaking a fasting fundraising challenge and Members were invited to sponsor him

Councillor Richard Cook

The Lord Mayor on behalf of all Members congratulated Councillor Richard Cook on completing the recent Velathon in the spectacular time of just over five and a half hours

Directors

The Lord Mayor and all Members wished the four Directors that were leaving the Council over the next couple of months all the very best for the future.

27 : SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS 2014-15

The Council received the five Scrutiny Committee Annual Reports for the Municipal Year 2014/15 as required under Article 6.3d of the Council's Constitution

It was noted that the five scrutiny committees had developed a varied programme of scrutiny in its deliver of the "four cornerstones of public scrutiny, namely:

- Delivered by 'independent-minded governors' who own the scrutiny role;
- Providing a "critical friend" challenge to the Executive;
- Representing the views and concerns of the citizen;
- Leading to the improvement of public services.

The work of the overview and scrutiny in 2014/15 delivered 58 Committee meetings, generated 147 letters to the Cabinet and Senior Management Team containing recommendations, observations and suggestions; 13 Task & Finish inquiries, three of them undertaken jointly by two committees, on arrange of topics; and 2 call-ins.

The Lord Mayor invited each of the Chairs to introduce their Annual Reports for 2014/15.

(a) Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Richard Cook presented the Annual Report and thanked the Members of the Committee, especially the Co-opted Members, for their hard work and valued knowledge of the issues. The Chair also thanked the Scrutiny officers for their

support and all witnesses who had attended to the Committee, especially those who have given up their free time to share their expertise in Task and Finish inquiries.

During the year the Committee had worked with the Council officers and officers from the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service (CSC) seeking to address concerns raised by Estyn in their monitoring visit in February 2014.

In addition to the monthly meetings the Committee carried out Task and Finish inquiries into referrals in Children's Services, looked at best practice in recruitment and support for school governors and have just completed an inquiry into the reasons that some Cardiff schools are not performing as well as they could do. The school governor inquiry resulted in the establishment of a formal Council committee, the 'Local Authority Governor Panel'. The terms of reference of which are to ensure that school governors have been appropriately vetted, to address skills gaps in governing bodies and to improve governor recruitment and training.

The work of this Committee continues to demonstrate that scrutiny in Cardiff continues to be relevant and contributes to the improvement of Council services.

(b) Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Groves, Chairperson of the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee presented the Committee's Annual Report, and thanked all of the Councillors for their diligent during the municipal year 2014/ 15.

The Committee had an extremely busy year; meeting 14 times as a committee; written 28 letters to Cabinet members, officers and external partners, sharing its comments, recommendations and concerns. In the last year, the Committee invited contributions to its work from carers, advocates, service users, citizens, partners and the third sector, as well as hearing from Cabinet Members, officers and statutory organisations. The Committee also received 4 updates to previous inquiries; undertook 11 items of policy development / policy review work; 11 items of pre-decision scrutiny; examined 3 monitoring items relating to the Council's implementation of previously agreed actions and 9 items relating to the monitoring of the Council's performance; and considered 4 briefing papers.

The Committee also met jointly with Environmental Scrutiny to carry out pre-decision scrutiny of the Regional Regulatory Services collaboration proposals; and jointly met twice with Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to consider the Director of Social Services annual report for 2013 / 2014 and the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales annual report on the effectiveness of social care services for 2013 / 2014.

The annual report provides significant focus on the range of work undertaken, and their impacts including the Cabinet accepting Committee's recommendation to record the reasons why carers decline an offer of a Carer's Assessment, so that means can be developed to address this issues; and the Cabinet accepting the recommendation to amend the Community Safety performance report to include commentary to explain the impact of partnership activity on trends and a summary of the key issues facing Cardiff.

Councillor Groves responded to a number of questions relating to performance improvements; evaluation and implementation; human trafficking and budget overspend in social care and demand pressures. All items which will be monitored and addressed as part of the Committee Work plan for 2015/16.

In closing the Chair expressly thanked Angela Holt, Community and Adult Services Principal Scrutiny Officer, for all of her outstanding work and much-valued support, and wished Councillor Mary McGarry the best as the new Chair of the Committee.

(c) Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee

Councillor McKerlich as incoming Chair of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee presented the Committee's Annual Report for 2014/5 on behalf of the previous Chair, Councillor Craig Williams, and indicated that Councillor Weaver as a Member of the Committee would on some of the important work undertaken by the Committee as part of its work programme.

Councillor McKerlich drew Members attention to the forthcoming work plan items on Page 29 of the report and looked forward to reporting on the scrutiny outcomes next year.

Councillor Weaver on behalf of the Committee thanked Councillor Williams for his diligence and fairness in chairing this Committee which had worked across political boundaries to consider a variety of important issues, and Councillor Bradbury echoed these thanks.

Councillor weaver drew Council's attention in particular to the scrutiny of the Cardiff and Vale ACL Partnership a matter raised in the Estyn February 2014 Monitoring Report and the outcomes and changes that had been made to the service providing a stronger based for adult learning in Cardiff.

(d) Environmental Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Mitchell, the Chairperson of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee introduced the report and highlight the work of the Committee over the last 12 months. The ongoing financial pressures are pushing relentless change through the organisation and the Committee is playing an important part in helping to address problems faced by Council services.

During the year the committee had looked at a wide range of issues, for example, Alternative Delivery Models; Quarterly Monitoring of Directorate Performance; Cardiff's Integrated Transport Hub; Waste Management Strategy and Collection Changes; Regional Regulatory Services Collaboration; Cardiff Local Transport Plan 2015-2020; Highways and Related Asset Investment Strategy and the Planning Service Redesign. These examples are important services which have a significant impact on all the residents of our city.

The Chair highlight the wide range of work undertaken on the Infrastructure Business Model & Alternative Delivery Options by the Joint Environment and Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committees Task and Finish group which as part of a 7 month

scrutiny looked at number of front line services and how they could be delivered using a number of service delivery options.

The Committee focus will remain on important areas including the implementation of new alternative delivery models; the delivery of the LDP; changes to the waste collection system; looking at what can be done to adequately maintain our highway assets; the work of the new Regulatory Services Collaboration and most importantly, doing what it can to ensure that the Council is able to continue delivering a full range of environmental services in financially difficult times.

The Chair thanked the Committee Members for their support and contributions, and all those witnesses for attending and giving up their time to give evidence, and finally the officers - in particular the Principal Scrutiny Officer, Richard Bowen.

Councillor Ralph Cook as the Chair of the Committee for 2015/16 expressed his views on the findings of the report on 'The Future of Horse Management in Cardiff' which he had disagreed with. In addition he expressed concern about the lack of scrutiny of the Local Transport Plan and the consultation process. For similar matters coming forward he would be keen to ensure full scrutiny involvement

The Chair responded to questions on the report and comments made in relation to topics considered by the Committee.

(e) Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Howells presented the Annual Report of the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee 2014/15. The Chair highlighted that there are many political and non-political voices that recognise the value of effective local scrutiny by democratically Elected Members; voices captured and reflected in the Welsh Government (WG) White Paper, *Reforming Local Government, Power to Local People*, published in February 2015. He was indicated that thanks to a strong culture of scrutiny in Cardiff, developed over many years and changing administrations, this Committee was able to add the voice of non-executive members in helping shape the Council's response to the consultation; just one example of the value of scrutiny. The Chair advised that there were many other examples captured in this Annual Report.

The committee had decided that the work programme for the year would focus on strategic change and improvement. The Wales Audit Office (WAO), in line with WG, had made it clear that they consider Scrutiny has a key role in promoting improvement, efficiencies, and collaboration across public services; and in May 2014 published the results of an all Wales study to provide a baseline for councils to assess and demonstrate their scrutiny improvement journey over the next five years. The Committee therefore considered the Improving Scrutiny Project, a project within the Council's three year Organisational Development Programme (ODP), and will continue to monitor progress.

The Committee's focus on the ODP is clear evidence of the Council's determination to address recommendations made in the WAO Corporate Assessment, published in September 2014, on the Council's governance and corporate performance

arrangements. WAO has signalled their intention to re-inspect the Council in the summer of 2015, to test if the organisation has succeeded in delivering the organisational change signalled by the May 2014 Cabinet report.

The Annual Report details the extensive scrutiny undertaken of the Council's change agenda, plus its performance and budget management work, and also its support of a significant joint task and finish inquiry to develop proposals for alternative delivery models for a range of outdoor services.

The Chair thanked the Members of the Committee, and also to the many witnesses, who have enabled good scrutiny this year. At a time when governments at all levels are aiming for greater transparency, inclusive and accountable scrutiny committees are important and effective at helping councils to deliver the services which local people need.

The Chair responded to a number of comments and observations made in relation to the Annual Report; and topics considered by the Committee during the year.

The Lord Mayor thanked all the Chairs of Scrutiny for their contributions and detailed reports.

RESOLVED – That the work of the Scrutiny Committees during 2014/15 as set out in their Annual Reports 2014/15 be commended and noted.

28 : WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT TO THE
WELSH LANGUAGE COMMISSIONER 2014-2015

The Council received the 2014-15 Welsh Language Scheme Annual Monitoring Report for consideration and approval prior to presentation to the Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner in accordance with The Welsh Language Act 1993 and Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.

The report was proposed by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Bale and seconded by Councillor Huw Thomas. In commending the report and the progress being made the Leader highlighted the Council's commitment and significant progress as outcomes from the February 2014 Conference in ensuring equality between the Welsh and English languages by actively promoting and supporting the Welsh language and increasing its capacity to deliver bilingual services; the development of the Welsh Language Cultural centre; the Welsh Language Standards the need to demonstrate compliance; the support being given to ensure bilingualism in the workplace and for service users.

RESOLVED – That the Welsh Language Monitoring Report be approved for submission to the Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner in accordance with the Welsh Language Act 1993 and Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.

29 : RESIDENTIAL EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE (SPG)

Council was requested to consider and approve the Residential Extensions and Alterations Supplementary Planning Guidance.

Welsh Government guidance encourages local planning authorities to prepare SPG to provide advice on how development plan policies will be implemented. Such guidance should help those involved in the development and planning process understand the purpose and objectives of policies and assist the submission of permissible planning applications.

The design guidance for Residential Extensions and Alterations will update and replace the Householder Design Guide SPG (Approved March 2007) which formed one of a series of design guidance documents prepared by the Authority to guide the design quality of development in Cardiff.

Councillor Patel proposed the report and Councillor Michael seconded it. In presented the report the Chair of Planning welcomed the development of this guide which supported the planning process. The SPG was welcomed as an effective tool. Some concerns were raised about retrospective planning applications and impact of developments to the street scene.

RESOLVED – That the Residential Extensions and Alterations Supplementary Planning Guidance be approved.

30 : LLANDAFF COMMUNITY POLL

The Council received the result of the Llandaff Community Poll. The Cabinet Member for Skills, Safety, Engagement & Democracy, Councillor De’Ath moved the report which was seconded by Councillor Hunt. The Cabinet Member reported that at a Llandaff Community Meeting held on 16th March 2015, electors called for a Community Poll to be held on the following two questions:

Question 1: - “Should Cardiff Council re-open the Waungron Recycling Centre?”

and

Question 2: - “Should Cardiff Council reconsider the proposed housing developments in North West Cardiff in light of their potential impact on traffic volume, community facilities and the environment in Llandaff?”

In accordance with its legal obligations, the Council held the Llandaff Community Poll on 9th April 2015. The result of the Community Poll in response to both questions a was a majority vote was ‘Yes’, and accordingly the Monitoring Officer served notice on the Cabinet who considered the matter at its meeting 28 May 2015 within the context of the 2014/15 agreed budget and the Council’s Local Development and agreed to take no further action in respect of either of the questions.

The Lord Mayor invited the Local Members to speak in which they expressed ongoing concerns that the voice of the community was not being heard; issues

around recycling; fly-tipping increase in housing and the need for a local provision not one half way across the city. The Cabinet Member Environment Councillor Derbyshire re-affirmed the Cabinet decision; the administration's vision for recycling and how the Council aims to meet its targets. Some fears were raised about the future of the Wedal Road site as the only provision in the north of Cardiff.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the result of the two questions put as part of the Llandaff Community Poll held on 9th April 2015 be noted;
- (2) note that the Cabinet have agreed no further action should be taken in this matter.

31 : PROPOSED MERGER OF CORONER AREAS

The Council received the Rhondda Cynon Taf Council proposal to merge the existing Cardiff and Vale Coroner Area with the Powys, Bridgend and Glamorgan Valleys Coroner Area.

The Cabinet Member Corporate Services and Performance, Councillor Hinchey proposed the report which was seconded by Councillor Hunt. Councillor Hinchey advised that Local Authorities have a statutory requirement appoint a Coroner and reimburse the cost of providing the Coroner Service under the provisions of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009.

The current position is that of a shared Coroners service between Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan who act as the host Authority at present. Cardiff's only role is that of an annual financial contribution based on population census figures (2001), currently this cost is £555,250 but due to the population increase recorded in the 2011 census is set to rise to around £565,000.

Councillor Hinchey advised that RCT proposal sought to provide an improved service at a slightly reduced cost and would involve a merge with Powys Bridgend and the Glamorgan Valleys; with RCT becoming the 'Relevant Authority' for both areas.

The Lord Mayor invited discussion and comments and a number of matters were highlighted including the need for assurances that community and specific religious needs are considered as part of the service level agreements; and ensure good communication with all health partners within the wider geographical area.

RESOLVED – That:

- (1) delegate authority be granted to the Director with responsibility for this matter in consultation with the Portfolio Cabinet Member, the County Solicitor and the Section 151 Officer, to deal with all matters required in order to facilitate the proposed merger of the Coroner's areas referred to in the body of the report including:
 - (i) finalisation of the proposals to ensure they are appropriate and represent value for money; provide clarity on roles and responsibilities and facilitate

appropriate controls/oversight concerning the continued improvement of the services and delivery of future financial savings;

- (ii) entry into a service level/funding/collaboration agreement with all of the partner Authorities to reflect the finalised proposals including setting out controls for management and governance of the new arrangements subject to a provision that the agreement (and the roles and responsibilities of each of the Authorities) will be reviewed every 3 years (to include a review of the basis of apportionment of the costs to ensure that the arrangements are equally advantageous to each of the Authorities and equitable);
- (2) subject to finalisation of the details of the business case to be submitted in support of the application to reflect the finalisation of the proposals referred to in the above recommendation, consent be granted to an application being submitted by Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to the Lord Chancellor in respect of the proposed merger of the Coroners areas referred to in the body of the report.

32 : CHIEF OFFICER SEVERANCE PACKAGES

The Council was required under its statutory obligations and Pay Policy 2015/16 to agree Senior Managers Severance Packages.

The Cabinet Member, Corporate Services and Performance proposed the report which was seconded by Councillor Hunt. Councillor Hinchey advised that as part of the Senior Management strategic efficiency of Tier 1 and to reflect on senior teams in other core cities, four of the current directors will be leaving the Council in the next few months. He thanked these officers for their sterling work and contributions over the last two years and wished them the very best for the future.

The Lord Mayor invited debate. Members who had opposed the revised structure in 2012 had concerns about the cost to the Council the propose of recruiting and dismissing Senior Managers and stressed the importance of lessons to be learnt, as this report in such austere times was difficult pill to swallow. It was recognised that the Council had to meet its statutory obligations. The Cabinet Member advised that further consideration of the pension process and severance scheme would be undertake.

The recommendation was put to the vote and the vote was as follows

For (36)

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Bale, Bradbury, Ralph Cook, Richard Cook, Davis, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Evans, Goddard, Gordon, Groves, Hinchey, Hunt, Javed, Keith Jones, Joyce, Knight, Lomax, Marshall, McGarry, Michael, Mitchell, Morgan, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, Stubbs, Benjamin Thomas, Thorne, Walsh and White.

Against (0)

Abstain (23)

County Councillors Aubrey, Bowden, Bridges, Burfoot, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Cowan, Kirsty Davies –Warner; Graham, Holden, Howells, Hudson, Hyde, Kelloway, Lloyd, McKerlich, Dianne Rees, David Rees, Robson, Sanders, Graham Thomas, Walker and Woodman.

The recommendation was agreed.

RESOLVED – That the severance packages as detailed in Appendix 1 were approved.

33 : NOTICE OF MOTION

The Lord Mayor advised that one notice of motion had been submitted and was included on the Summons for the meeting. Two amendments had been received to Motion 1.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Lloyd as follows:

Motion

This Council notes that:

- The Tourist Information Centre in the Old Library, The Hayes closed on 1 March 2015.
- The main remaining tourist information centre in Cardiff is at the Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay which is about 30 minutes' walk from the heart of the city and a considerable distance from the Central Railway and Bus Stations.
- Visitors to our capital city have huge potential to bring income and wealth here and having no easily accessible central tourist information centre risks damaging our tourist industry.
- Other major UK cities like Edinburgh, Belfast and Swansea have tourist information centres in the heart of their cities.
- There are at least 4 council run venues, in addition to the Old Library, where a tourist information centre service could be provided. This includes Cardiff Castle, City Hall, St David's Hall and Central Library.
- The traditional Cardiff tourism season has already started

This Council calls for a face to face tourist information centre to be provided in the heart of Cardiff with immediate effect.

Amendment 1

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Dianne Rees and seconded by Councillor Cowan.

In the final paragraph/ proposition deletion of all words after heart of Cardiff by.....

Insert the following

'closing the Cardiff Bay Centre and re-opening a visitor centre in one of the Council run venues in the City Centre, on a cost neutral basis and protecting existing staff.'

The Motion would read:

This Council notes that:

- The Tourist Information Centre in the Old Library, The Hayes closed on 31 March 2015.
- The main remaining tourist information centre in Cardiff is at the Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay which is about 30 minutes' walk from the heart of the city and a considerable distance from the Central Railway and Bus Stations.
- Visitors to our capital city have huge potential to bring income and wealth here and having no easily accessible central tourist information centre risks damaging our tourist industry.
- Other major UK cities like Edinburgh, Belfast and Swansea have tourist information centres in the heart of their cities.
- There are at least 4 council run venues, in addition to the Old Library, where a tourist information centre service could be provided. This includes Cardiff Castle, City Hall, St David's Hall and Central Library.
- The traditional Cardiff tourism season has already started.

This Council calls for a face to face tourist information centre to be provided in the heart of Cardiff by closing the Cardiff Bay Centre and re-opening a visitor centre in one of the Council run venues in the City Centre, on a cost neutral basis and protecting existing staff.

Amendment 2

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Bale and seconded by Councillor Ralph Cook

The deletion of the words 'notes that' after This Council and insert the word 'recognises':

Inclusion of a first bullet point

- The great importance of tourism to our city's economy and future growth.

Inclusion of a new third bullet point:

- In March of this year, however, the Labour Administration launched an ambitious 5 year “Cardiff Tourism Action Plan” to build on existing work in enhancing the appeal and experience of the city for all our national and international visitors.

Rewording of original second bullet point as fourth bullet point, to read

- The Tourist Information Centre in the Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay remains operational and is just a short walk from the heart of the city and there are a number of Council-run venues in the city centre where staff already provide help and advice to visitors to the city.

Deletion of the rest of the motion from the original third bullet point and insert

This Council therefore welcomes and supports:

- (1) The plan in the medium term of providing tourist information points in existing council-run buildings and attractions, including Cardiff Castle, the Central library, the Cardiff Story Museum and at the new Welsh Language Culture Centre, both of which reside in the Old Library and a 7 day-a-week Tourism Information Centre in the iconic Wales Millennium Centre which attracts over one million visitors per year.
- (2) The long term ambition to open a new co-located tourism information facility in the City centre as part of our ambitious redevelopment plans for Central Square.

The Motion would read:

This Council recognises:

- The great importance of tourism to our city’s economy and future success.
- The Tourist Information Centre in the Old Library, The Hayes closed on 31st March 2015 as part of the 15/16 budget proposals.
- In March of this year, however, the Labour Administration launched an ambitious 5 year “Cardiff Tourism Action Plan” to build on existing work in enhancing the appeal and experience of the city for all our national and international visitors.
- The Tourist Information Centre in the Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay remains operational and is just a short walk from the heart of the city and there are a number of Council-run venues in the city centre where staff already provide help and advice to visitors to the city.

This Council therefore welcomes and supports:

- (3) The plan in the medium term of providing tourist information points in existing council-run buildings and attractions, including Cardiff Castle, the Central

library, the Cardiff Story Museum and at the new Welsh Language Culture Centre, both of which reside in the Old Library and a 7 day-a-week Tourism Information Centre in the iconic Wales Millennium Centre which attracts over one million visitors per year.

- (4) The long term ambition to open a new co-located tourism information facility in the City centre as part of our ambitious redevelopment plans for Central Square.

The Lord Mayor invited debate.

Following the debate a vote was taken on the amendment 1 as proposed by Councillor Dianne Rees.

Amendment was LOST

A vote was taken on Amendment 2 as proposed by Councillor Bale.

The vote was CARRIED

Councillor Bale was provided the right of reply and then a vote was taken on the Substantive Motion

The vote was CARRIED

34 : LEADER & CABINET STATEMENTS

The following statements were received: -

- (a) Leader's Statement

UN Public Service Day

The United Nations has designated 23rd June as Public Service Day to celebrate the value of public service to the community and recognise the work of public servants. This week, the City of Cardiff Council promoted UN Public Service Day with a social media campaign that saw staff tweet photographs and publish stories on Facebook about the work the Council does in the community. Cabinet Members, Councillors and the workforce also took part tweeting selfies and stories using #publicserviceday from their place of work or when out and about meeting members of the public. The Council also used its Facebook and Twitter accounts to publish stories celebrating some of the work carried out by individuals.

Cardiff's campaign was co-ordinated with partner organisations – including the Police, Fire Service and Health Board. It was encouraging to see so many people participate on the day and for the Council's contribution to be recognised in a message from UN General Secretary, Ban Ki-moon. With respect to raising the profile of Cardiff and our public servants, the day was a success with our number of followers on Twitter increasing, more people accessing our Facebook page, and a

tweet from the Council's account retweeted to over 4 million people across the world by the UN twitter account.

UN Public Service Day was an opportunity to make people aware of the contribution public service makes across Cardiff and to showcase and celebrate our staff – our most important asset.

The Future of Local Government in Wales

The Welsh Government has announced its proposed map for local government re-organisation and is proposing a smaller number of larger councils. Under the proposals, the City of Cardiff Council would merge with Vale of Glamorgan Council. The Welsh Government will consult on these proposals and a draft 'Reform and Mergers' Bill in the autumn.

The Minister for Public Services, Leighton Andrews AM, provided further clarity on the benefits of re-organisation during his speech at the Welsh Local Government Association's annual conference. While we in Cardiff are open to change, and recognise that the current way of working is unsustainable, the business case for funding the cost of re-organisation, making savings and delivering better public services has to stack up.

We also have to bear in mind that the financial challenges that Councils like Cardiff face are immediate and our public services will be placed under huge pressure over the next few years. The forthcoming Chancellor's Budget is also likely to have significant and immediate consequences for councils across Britain. Local government re-organisation is not going to happen overnight, and neither will it be a quick fix for the big challenges facing local public services right now.

That aside, we are committed to progressing the opportunities afforded by re-organisation in partnership with the Welsh Government and other local authorities.

City Deal Update

Council Leaders and other stakeholders across the Cardiff Capital Region are working together, and with the Welsh Government and private sector, to develop a business case to take to Central Government by the end of the year.

Local Authorities in the Cardiff Capital Region are taking reports to their respective Cabinets requesting that a contribution is made on a pro-rata (per population) basis to a £500,000 fund. This fund is required to undertake the preparatory work necessary to develop a City Deal proposal on behalf of the region.

In addition, a number of Local Authority Leaders also met with the Secretary of State for Wales earlier this month to update on local progress for the development of a City Deal. We have also agreed with the Minister for Finance that a Welsh Government representative would attend future meetings.

60th Anniversary of Cardiff Stuttgart Twinning

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the twinning of the cities of Cardiff and Stuttgart. Stuttgart is Cardiff's oldest and closest sister city and the links between our cities are deep rooted.

These links go beyond the ceremonial and have helped to enrich the lives of people in Cardiff and Stuttgart. Our universities, schools and institutes of learning have a track record of successful collaboration. The Cardiff-Stuttgart Association, for example, has been promoting the use language in Cardiff. This includes running competitions with Cardiff schools to encourage uptake of German language lessons.

More recently our business start-up communities have been working with each other to explore new business opportunities—through the development of apps and virtual hack events. Stuttgart is also recognised by many commentators as a leading example of a functioning city-region, and has much to contribute to the development of the Cardiff Capital City Region.

A delegation from Cardiff will therefore be visiting Stuttgart to participate in a series of commemorative events that should lead to further successful collaborative opportunities between our cities.

A number of questions were raised in relation to Local Government re-organisation and the role of the Leader and the need for a full debate at Council; the City Deal; and the notification to Council of business to be considered at next Cabinet meeting. The Leader undertook to keep Members briefed on the City Deal and progress.

(b) Corporate Services and Performance

Wales Audit Office

The Wales Audit Office (WAO) had issued a Certificate of Compliance from the Auditor General for Wales to provide assurance that we have discharged our obligations to plan the future priorities of the Council under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

Performance Management

As part of the development of the performance management arrangements in the Council, and specifically in relation to improving the internal challenge regarding performance of services the quarterly 'Star Chamber' is now active, where the Chief Executive, Directors and Cabinet Members have an open and candid debate regarding performance levels, and challenges facing service delivery arising from the constructive challenge discussions, there will be key actions that the Director must take forward to mitigate the negative impact of underperformance issues and key risks. Updates on actions will feature in quarterly reports from Quarter 1 onward.

The Council's Benchmarking Strategy has been updated and approved by SMT 19th May. Delivery Plans for each directorate have been completed and considered by the relevant scrutiny committees.

Records Centre

As a result of developing 'leaner' ways of working and aiming to digitise records, the Improvement & Information Team has invested in a technological solution to digitalise records held in the Records Centre, and as an initial pilot are working towards digitalising all of the Council's Personnel files.

Employee Matters

Partnership for Change meetings are taking place on a fortnightly basis and good progress is being made. A Cabinet report will be coming forward in July.

Following widespread consultation with stakeholders, including Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee, the review of the Attendance & Wellbeing Policy was concluded and subsequently agreed by Cabinet on 11 June 2015. The new arrangements will be commended to Schools and will apply from 1 July 2015.

Based on an independent review, major consultation exercise has commenced regarding proposed changes to the Discipline Policy - to be considered by Cabinet in the Autumn

Payroll Rationalisation from 3 payrolls to 2 was achieved from 1 June 2015.

A growing number of employees from across the Council have taken the opportunity to purchase additional annual leave under the new policy in place from 1 April 2015.

Appointments to Tier 1 of Senior Management Review have been concluded.

C2C

50,718 calls and 6249 emails & web-chats were handled by the service centre in May.

C2C successfully went live SharePoint on June 15th – the first service area within the council to do so.

The C2C expansion project will be completed by August 1st and result in an additional 31 seats being created within the centre. As a result, the team handling initial enquiries as part of the Rent Smart initiative will be based within C2C with a start date target of October 1st currently proposed.

The centre will once again be the telephone point of contact for the next wave of Individual Electoral Registration programme which will see £150k letters being delivered to Cardiff residents in early July

C2C currently average an 88% First Point of Contact resolve rate for customers calling with benefit queries and we will be working closely with our partners to maintain this post the launch of Universal Credits in November

8 additional customer service reps (temporary) have been recruited and trained to C2C to handle expected increased contact regarding the waste restrictions

programme. C2C continue to work closely with the waste team to provide assistance and advice to customers to ensure delivery of his project is as seamless as possible for the residents of Cardiff.

Website

The Cardiff.gov.uk site continues to progress with 1.3 million visitors in the 12 months since launch, trends show that mobile use increased again (now at 45%) and the team are working on refining the home page based on customer feedback. The focus of the content at the moment is to ensure that the waste restriction changes are clearly communicated to residents. April showed a big step for our customers choosing to set up a direct debit for their new council tax bill online

Statement of Accounts

The draft Statement of Accounts for 2014/15 was presented to Audit Committee on the 22nd June in advance of being signed by the Section 151 Officer. The accounts will now be audited by the Welsh Audit Office over the summer. The audited accounts will be presented to Audit Committee and then Council in September.

The Statement of Accounts show that the Council's final position in relation to 2014/15 was an under-spend of £1.741m. This increases the General Fund Reserve from £11.413m to £13.154m, of which £595,000 was already identified as required when the 2015/16 Budget was agreed in February.

The final revenue position of a surplus of £1.741 million after contributions to and from reserves as compared to the balanced position reported at month nine. The change includes a significant improvement to the directorate positions with over-spends against these budgets reducing by £1.147 million compared to previous projections. This reflects a number of factors including the impact of the measures implemented by the Chief Executive as set out in the Month 9 monitoring report. Further savings were also identified as a result of a higher surplus on Council Tax and an increase in non-domestic rate (NDR) refunds on Council properties.

During the year the Council's monitoring process identified financial pressures in a number of Directorates, notably Health & Social Care, Children's Services, Education & Lifelong Learning and Sport, Leisure & Culture. This reflected a range of factors including increased demographic pressures, shortfalls in income and the failure to fully achieve the savings targets set as part of the 2014/15 budget. This is reflected in the Outturn position forming part of an overall overspend of £7.650 million on directorate budgets. Apart from Children's Services all these areas reported a reduced over-spend compared to the projections at Month 9. Additional pressures were identified in Children's Services during the final quarter including additional placements and costs for looked after children, which resulted in a significant increase in over-spend in this area. The overspend on directorate budgets was offset by the £4 million contingency sum, together with savings in other areas including Council Tax collection, NDR refunds on Council properties, capital financing and additional income arising from successful performance against the 2013/14 Outcome Agreement Grant.

Work has already started on the 2016-17 budget preparation and the Budget Strategy Report will follow in July.

Members whilst welcoming that the end of year accounts had an underspend, raised concerns about use of reserves and increasing budgetary pressures on Adult Social Care and Children's Services.

(c) Environment Statement

Apprenticeships

Earlier in the year the creation of a new Apprenticeship Scheme within Cardiff Harbour Authority and for Mechanical Engineering was announced. The Cabinet Member was pleased to advise of the establishment of a further scheme also within the Harbour Authority that has been established and for Marine Engineering. This new scheme which will be based on a four year term and linked to a recognised qualification will provide a sound foundation in general engineering with specialisation in marine operations ensuring that skills are transferred enabling the Harbour Authority to maintain the marine environment and flotilla to a high standard. The establishment of this scheme demonstrates the Council's commitment to Apprenticeships.

Bute Park

An event was held on 23 June to celebrate the successful completion of the Bute Park Restoration Project. The event reinforced what can be achieved in being ambitious and through working with others and both of these factors have been central to the success of the project. The project is the largest public parks project ever in Wales with total investment in excess of 5 million pounds and in addition to the individual restoration schemes there are developments and improvements which include the establishment of a constituted friends group and their active involvement in the management and maintenance of the Park, the increase in the number of visitors to the Park which is now in excess of 2 million per year and the levels of customer satisfaction. Visits to Bute Park are now ranked second out of 184 of the Top Things to Do when in Cardiff, according to Trip Advisor. The transformation in and beauty of the Park is quite remarkable and if you haven't visited it recently it is strongly recommended.

Bereavement Services

During June, Bereavement Services facilitated 2 dramatised heritage trails around Cathays Cemetery. Bereavement Services have led heritage trails in Cathays for many years, but the addition of performances researched and scripted by drama students from the University of South Wales, offering eye witness accounts and first person perspectives, truly brought the past to life in this historic cemetery.

Bereavement Services have carried out wildflower planting in Thornhill, Cathays and Western cemeteries as part of a wider Project to encourage bees to be more active in our open spaces.

Local School Children have planted Poppy's in Cathays Cemetery next to the Commonwealth War Grave section as part of our ongoing WWI commemoration. In November a special Memorial Stone will be laid on the section to recognise Frederick Barter who was awarded the Victoria Cross in 1915.

Thornhill Crematorium will host a Memorial Service for baby's and infants in partnership with the local Stillborn And Neo Death Society (SANDS) group on Sunday 28 June at 11:30 AM.

Recycling and Waste Strategy

The Cabinet Member was pleased to be able to confirm that because of the strong recycling and waste strategy; engagement with the minister on the Council's commitments to drive forwards recycling and also that fact the we exceeded the statutory recycling targets for 14/15 the fines threatened for 13/14 have been waived. These show the importance of not standing still and the need to constantly strive for more recycling.

Viridor Energy Recovery Facility

A number of Councillors including the Leader attended the opening of the Viridor energy recovery facility earlier in the week. The opening of this facility by the First Minister reflects the important asset that Project Gwrydd team have delivered for not only the City but the region in securing our treatment requirements for the future. In addition, this facility is providing sustainable energy to potential 50,000 homes.

Neighbourhood Services Pilot

We are also seeing excellent results from the new way of working in the neighbourhood services pilot. The teams are cross working to deliver real savings; improve response times and these results are being to show in improved street cleansing survey results.

Since January the cleanliness index for the pilot area has gone from 58% to 69% and the high or acceptable cleanliness index has gone from 68% to 85% in five months.

The expansion of the scheme is full steam ahead for next month and proves working without silos can reduce costs and increase our performance.

As part of the questions from Members the work of the Bereavement Service was commended by Members as being innovative in generating income and providing an all-round service. There were concerns raise about monitoring of the traffic flowing in and out of the Viridor sire.

Members were pleased to note the extension of the Apprentice Scheme. Members commented on the Biodiversity policy of the Council and concerns that some areas used for play where not being cut reducing opportunities for young people to enjoy the outdoors during holiday periods. There a number of concerns raised about the Waste strategy and roll out of smaller heeled bins; possible effect on fly-tipping and recycling. The Cabinet Member responded to the questions. and supportive of t
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35 : ORAL QUESTIONS

Question from County Councillor Howells

What consultation is undertaken with ward Councillors regarding how S106 money from developments in their wards is allocated and spent?

Reply from County Councillor Patel

Whilst consultation with ward Councillors is not a statutory planning requirement, Officers consult members regularly on planning applications within their wards. Members also have the right to speak at Planning Committee on any planning application being considered within their ward.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Howells

In my ward, we have had three significant developments in recent years, generating a total of £243,000 Section 106 money. In respect of two of these – that's the Adams Street and Windsor Road – the agreement actually stated that the money should be spent in the vicinity or the locality of the sites. I've since learned that this money has been allocated to the Community Hub in Tremorfa.

In respect of the third development – that's the UWIC site at Howard Gardens – the planning report actually recommended the Section 106 money go towards improvement of existing community facilities in the locality. However, the actual signed 106 agreement, which I found this week, has been changed and, somehow, it now says the money should go to the improvement of the Star Community Hub or other existing facilities in the Splott or Adamsdown area.

Can I ask who made these decisions and why, as a Local Member, I wasn't consulted, as it's my view that all of this money should go to repairing and reopening Roath Library?

Reply from County Councillor Patel

I think it would be inappropriate for me to obviously comment on individual schemes but, with regard to Section 106 obligations, there are legally binding tests that must be met, which have been strengthened through the introduction of the Sill regulations.

Where Section 106 obligations are sought for off-site works, it is the responsibility of the relevant directorate to define those works, which often include direct engagement with Ward Councillors. As part of the negotiations on major obligations, we are improving our approach to ensure that we engage fully with ward Councillors regarding the opportunity to use Section 106 contributions from major schemes to support their local aspirations.

From my experience, certainly, whenever there's Section 106 money that goes into a particular ward, the Ward Members have always been consulted. I'm not saying- I

don't know, obviously, about the individual case but from my personal experience, certainly, that is what we've always found. We've always found that we've been asked- very recently, we've been asked whether we wanted a certain scheme put in or not with Section 106, but I think if it's anything to do with open space, or transport, or anything, parks, obviously you need to speak to, maybe, the Officers and the Cabinet Member to find out those individual cases, and if it is within my area, I'd be more than happy to look into it if they have not consulted with Local Members.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Robson

First of all, Councillor Howells, I'm very concerned by what I've heard from your question but, Councillor Patel, this is an issue that's been going on for quite a few years. You've suggested that within your ward you've been consulted.

Well, certainly, there's not much Section 106 in our ward, which is good because there's not much development that's unwanted but, when it has happened, we have not been consulted on Section 106 applications – other Councillors have given instances where that's the case.

I think we need to review this and review at what stage the Councillor is involved because, often, it's the case of when it gets to the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee will make whatever decision they make – and they make the right decision because they are the Planning Committee, I am sure the Chair appreciates that – but nevertheless, Local Members who appear before us don't want to be in the position of having to argue Section 106 points at that late stage. There has to be a proper process whereby they are engaged before it gets to Planning Committee or delegated decision making.

Reply from County Councillor Patel

I certainly understand the concerns you've expressed and that is certainly something which I know myself and Councillor Michael will, as the Chair, we are driving forward on – basically, letting the Ward Members know in advance wherever possible. For example there is one which has recently come in – we actually had the Ward Members in already in that particular development. So, certainly that is the direction we are going in. But, also, like I said to Councillor Howells, if there are any concerns within my area, let me know – obviously, if it's in any other area, let those Cabinet Members or the Officers know your concerns.

Question from County Councillor Graham Thomas

Given that Creigiau Quarry is likely to re-open in the future, what plans can the council make to improve access routes for lorries in order to avoid making congestion a major issue for residents and lorry drivers alike? These routes, especially Heol Pant y Gored, are currently far too long and narrow to enable passing.

Reply from County Councillor Michael

Creigiau Quarry was mothballed back in 2002 and currently benefits from existing planning permissions dating back to 1948, which permit access to the quarry by

lorries. This access is governed by a condition which only permits lorry movements between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday, and 7am to 1pm on Saturdays. I'm advised the quarry operators, LaFarge Tarmac, are due to submit a planning application shortly to consolidate the existing permissions for the quarry. This will provide the Council with an opportunity to carefully consider the related transport decisions when determining this application. However, in doing so, it will also be necessary to take into account the present situation regarding the current planning status of the quarry.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Graham Thomas

Thank you I appreciate that is the way to approach any planning application – it's the sensible way. However, my question wasn't really a planning question because, as you've already said, Creigau Quarry has existing rights to quarry tomorrow morning if they so wish.

So, my question really was to Councillor Patel - we should be looking at a proactive approach to the quarry up in Creigau because, since it was last closed, the roads are much narrower because they've redone the pavements and if it was to reopen, it would be intolerable congestion for cars and for the quarry traffic alike.

So, I'm urging you to take a proactive approach and to meet with the quarry and see what can be done ahead of any potential reopening of the quarry.

Reply from County Councillor Michael

What we will do is exactly what planning does – we will judge this on planning law and planning guidance when it comes through, and we will have a look at the transport situation and take advice from Councillor Patel's area.

If you want to address those parts that are not planning, as you wish, I would suggest that you meet Councillor Patel and discuss with him.

Question from County Councillor Weaver

How many fixed-penalty notices relating to waste have been issued in the streets covered by the Section 46 notice in Cathays since the notice was issued?

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

I can confirm that the Council Waste Enforcement team has issued 108 fixed-penalty notices across the ten streets in Cathays that have received intensive 46 action since February this year – an action, of course, you local Councillors asked for.

The £100 fines were issued after people failed to put out their waste correctly or remove their bins from the public highway.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Weaver

Of course, fines are a last resort and education must be tried first, but there are in our ward a persistent minority of households that persistently put out waste incorrectly and these fines are one very important tool in tackling it, so I welcome the answer.

I'd just like to ask: will you consider rolling this out to other areas of the ward where, as you know, we are reporting high volumes of the same problem?

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

As you know, the new waste strategy will be starting this summer and, as part of that work, what we're looking at is problem areas such as you've outlined and that will be linked in with the support required to implement the wheelie bin expansion and restriction programme in July and, obviously, education will be a strong part of that but, obviously we've got to back it up – it's the carrot and stick approach, so we will be looking very carefully and, obviously, linking with local Councillors to see the areas that you feel are problematic and we can pick up on those.

Question from County Councillor Bridges

I have recently reviewed the "Changes to Recycling and Waste: Summer 2015" document published by Cardiff Council, and I note that the guidelines state residents will be required to pay for the replacement of lost, stolen or damaged wheelie bins. It is not the fault of residents if their bins are stolen, so why does this administration feel it necessary to punish victims of crime?

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

I do think that we need to put this issue into perspective: very few bins are lost or stolen across the city, actually. The majority of instances are damaged bins and they are replaced free of charge by the Council.

Charging for lost or stolen or damaged bins is commonplace across the UK, so we're quite a bit different from that, and it reflects of supplying and delivering the bins – the Council can no longer afford to do this free of charge as they might have been able to do some years ago.

Residents have a duty of care – that's why they have their own bin – to look after their bin and it should also encourage them to return their bins after the usual collection time and not leave them out for days on end.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Bridges

I can't quite believe what I'm hearing here. I don't care what other Councils do – we're in charge of Cardiff, you're in charge of our Waste Management, and seemingly you think that if someone has their wheelie bin stolen, it is their responsibility to pay for a replacement. Why are you punishing victims of crime?

I don't disagree with the notion that, if people leave their bins out for days on end then they need tackling, but that wasn't what I was asking about. My question is: if someone has their wheelie bin stolen, how can it be fair, how can it be just, how can it be right to expect them to pay for it when they are a victim of crime?

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

The fairness issue is a very moot point, isn't it? If you have your bicycle stolen from outside your house, I don't think you'd expect the Council to replace that. The bin is given to the household free of charge and they are expected to look after it just like they're expected to look after any other part of their property.

As I said, if you go to any other place – and you can say it's different – it isn't different – we are facing the same financial challenges. If we start to give out free bins to everybody who wants one, then I've got to find the savings somewhere else, and I don't think you'd like those savings.

Question from County Councillor Cowan

Will the Leader make a statement on the discussions he is having with neighbouring authorities regarding the City Deal, making reference to the financial commitments to date and any pitfalls he is facing?

Reply from County Councillor Bale

I refer you to my statement earlier, which covered the issue of the City Deal.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Cowan

Why you are carrying out a review of the very successful Business Council and what are the cost implications?

Reply from County Councillor Bale

You may recall the Cabinet paper we brought forward on the City Deal, which included the reasons that we gave at that time for the review of the Business Council, and that was because we wanted the business community to be engaged in that City Deal process and we felt that it was a timely opportunity for us to review the success or otherwise of the Business Council and that's exactly what we're doing now. So we expect to have the review conducted and completed by the end of this month and I'll make sure that you and other Members are aware of the outcome of that review when it's ready.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Carter

In light of the possible forced merger of Councils by the Welsh Government, do you have any concerns that the City Deal scheme may no longer be valid on that footprint? Clearly, the discussion you've had is based on the current local government footprint, so do you have any anxieties at all about the prospect that a different model of government might hinder the deal?

Reply from County Councillor Bale

That's a good question, and I think what you'll see here is that the timescales are very different. In essence, we have to – we set a target, in fact, to reach an agreement with the City Deal with the neighbouring authorities by the end of this year, and that's certainly the message we've been getting from both Welsh

Government and UK Government is that we need to move reasonably quickly in terms of coming to an agreed business case that we can submit to them for consideration.

We all know that the timescale for reorganisation is potentially much longer. So whatever the outcome of those City Deal negotiations, we have to ensure reorganisation is taken into account as a factor in the future.

Question from County Councillor Lomax

When local communities put on events around the city, why are they charged by the Council even though they are in public places, especially as the Council use them to contact the public and inform them of changes in their area?

Reply from County Councillor Bradbury

The Council actively supports event organisers to ensure the public are not put at risk and that events move smoothly. Hundreds of community events are held across the city, which places demand on the Council's resources and, to facilitate these demands, we do need to cover some of the cost of the management – and I say *some of the cost* – management, administration, advice, and support. In addition, I am advised that there are often grounds maintenance requirements for certain events – I am advised by Parks on this – which the Council provides, and we do need to secure a bond in which, in the event of any damage to park land that any reinstatement works that may be required are funded by that bond. But this isn't until after the event, when it's applicable.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Lomax

What I want to know is: why do people who try to organise voluntary events in the city have to pay – apart from the bond to make sure the property is looked after – but why the fact that you have a bandstand in the park and you haven't got a band to put on it? If a voluntary service puts a band on there and people come down to the park and sit down and listen to the music, why can't we have it free?

Reply from County Councillor Bradbury

Well, there are challenges in the Parks Department. However, I'm willing to look at the specific issues in Grangetown that you refer to. And I see my role to try and drive down costs, not to drive them up – it's important that community groups, and I've had complaints not just from yourself but from right across wards about community festivals and the demands that are put on community festivals – I'm happy to look at each issue on a case-by-case basis and see what we can do to bring some common sense in this area whilst making sure that the Council hasn't got a massive liability.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Boyle

Can I just put in a word for 'Made In Roath', which is an annual art festival that self-generated within Penylan and Roath, which is growing an enormous reputation and they have found it quite difficult in the past to get access and use of the parks,

despite the fact that they don't actually need them to be opened at any particular time or they don't require any staffing but find themselves having to pay a sort of surcharge that they find, as it's all voluntary led, is unfair. So, perhaps when they come next to running their programme of events, they can approach you and you may look favourably on their petitions?

Reply from County Councillor Bradbury

I can see a full diary coming up of community festivals.

I've been on a community festival organisation committee so I totally understand the concerns that your residents are bringing to you and the people who organise the event you're talking about. It wouldn't just be me – you'd have to meet my colleague Councillor Derbyshire and he's heard all the complaints here. I'm very much of the view that, as I've stated before, that we must try and make sure that these events are affordable for the people that are running them, whilst understanding Parks' position at the same time. My job is to drive costs down rather than drive costs up, and I'm sure my Cabinet colleague - looks at Councillor Derbyshire agrees – despite the increasingly difficult income targets that we have to face in the Parks Department.

Question from County Councillor Woodman

What is the Cabinet Member doing to deter/prevent fly tipping around the Mansion House? Over many weeks, large items have been dumped (e.g. settee, bed, sideboard, and a microwave this week).

Also, why is such a prestigious Council venue, which the Council is trying to market for weddings, conferences, etc. not having its surroundings regularly cleansed? Mansion House staff have to go out onto the pavement and/or road and regularly pick up litter strewn about to try and prevent dignitaries and visitors from having to see such an eyesore.

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

I'm surprised that you haven't come to me with this issue directly before. If the fly-tipping incidents had been reported to Waste Management then the items would have been removed and investigated by Officers. Unfortunately, they were not reported either by the public or by staff based at the Mansion House.

Where there are particular problems of fly tipping, Officers can engage with local residents to encourage reporting and evidence gathering. We also increase patrols and take enforcement action whenever possible. Waste Management Officers will speak to staff at the Mansion House to understand more about the issues that have gone unreported so that appropriate action can be taken against fly tipping and littering in their location.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Woodman

I haven't taken it up with you directly before because I've only just become aware of it in the last week and a half having driven past Mansion House several times early

morning to see staff out there with a sweeping brush and a black bag picking it up and stopping and asking "What are you doing? There's health and safety issues and union issues and I am informed that staff have reported certainly these big fly-tipped items and been very disillusioned by the response that they've had.

So, given that it is such a prestigious building that we're trying to market to bring income into this city, I think that maybe the cleansing team should visit there very early in the morning before they open.

Question from County Councillor Graham Thomas

Off-road motorcycle nuisance in some areas of Cardiff continues to blight residents' lives. The Council is working with the police and landowners on this difficult issue but so far I only get more complaints every week from increasingly frustrated local people.

Can the Cabinet Member urgently address this issue to avoid residents taking action of their own because no one else is helping?

Reply from County Councillor De'Ath

I am aware of the type of antisocial behaviour you refer to and I have every sympathy with the residents of our city that it impacts upon. As you acknowledge, the Council is already working with the Police and landowners to clamp down on this difficult issue, and there is regular dialogue and sharing of intelligence between all partners. You may also be aware that joint off-road motorcycle operations are being conducted in partnership with South Wales Police and Rhonda Cynon Taff Council, targeting hotspot areas across the city. The Council continues to work with others to eradicate this kind of antisocial behaviour.

I would strongly urge local communities not take matters into their own hands but to report incidents to enable agencies to build up a picture of activity on which enforcement activities can be targeted.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Graham Thomas

This is a serious issue. I'm sure many of the members of this chamber of the more rural areas in particular will appreciate how serious it is.

In my ward in particular, I have heard of incidents of residents taking vigilante action against the bikers and risking their own safety in the process. And this is only an example of how exasperated people are with this constant strain on their lives and indicates a major problem. It is appreciated it's not easy to resolve – we must give more resources to this before something serious happens.

Would you commit to coming out and meeting with some of the St Fagans Community Council at a date convenient to you – although they are meeting on the sixth of July – to discuss this, as it is one area where it is reaching extreme proportions?

Reply from County Councillor De'Ath

I would be more than happy to come out and meet with the Community Council – I know you've done some great work with them on this issue. I'm able to say that there's a meeting arranged for next month between the Community Council, South Wales Police, and local landowners in your ward and surrounding areas to discuss this very issue, discuss the legalities and how to take things forward, and after that there will be a full briefing for the Community Council and local Members.

Yes, I'll certainly come out and meet with you about this.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Woodman

I have great sympathy with Councillor Thomas on this, as a ward that has constantly had this problem, but we have had enormous success. And would Councillor De'Ath agree to attend a local Pact meeting to explain the process to residents as to how the Council's off-road team work with the Police off-road team to deal with this issue, but more importantly to encourage local intelligence?

In my ward, residents have come forward anonymously and said where these vehicles are garaged and the rest is up to the Police and I can tell you it has a wonderful impact and nowhere in your answer did you mention that – I'm not criticising – what I'm saying is: will you be prepared to go out and promote this across the city?

Reply from County Councillor De'Ath

You're absolutely right – I would certainly encourage residents to report any information they have on this or any other antisocial type or environmental crime related issue. I'm happy to discuss how we can raise this issue in your ward with your residents.

Question from County Councillor Dilwar Ali

Following the recent Velothon event, are there any further major national or international sporting events envisaged in Cardiff?

Reply from County Councillor Bale

There are a number of major international sporting events to take place in Cardiff over the next year or so, including the British Grand Prix round of the 2015 Speedway World Championships in July; we've got the first Ashes test match in July, as I'm sure many members are well aware; two Welsh rugby international matches in August and September ahead of the 2015 Rugby World Cup; there are also the delights of the World Half-Marathon Championships next year, of course; and, if you're interested in a triathlon, Cardiff's first triathlon is this weekend.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Dilwar Ali

Is Cardiff going to bid for the Commonwealth Games in 2026?

Reply from County Councillor Bale

I think it's important to emphasise that any bid for the Commonwealth Games would be a Welsh Government led decision. I understand that they're still awaiting the outcome of the evaluation of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and when they've got that information, they're likely to make a further decision based on that, but certainly it's not something that the Council is driving forward at the moment – we're very much waiting to see back from the Welsh Government on their evaluation of that report.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Hudson

I just wondered if there's any way that the routes through Cardiff could be varied to allow the business and residents to not continually suffer the same road closures. And will there be a tourist information centre open for the big events?

Reply from County Councillor Bale

I'm acutely aware that we are an events capital – we have a huge number of sporting and cultural occasions taking place here and that's something we should celebrate and be rightly proud of because that attracts a huge amount of publicity for our city not just nationally but internationally as well. But we have to be mindful, obviously, of the disruption that is caused to residents and businesses and I think that's something that is regularly reviewed and taken into account not just by Council officials but also by event organisers for these different events but it's a point very well made.

In terms of your comment around a tourist information centre, I think I'd refer back to the motion when we talked about the need for all of us to be ambassadors for our city when we've got those big sporting events – I think that's something that we need to build on, particularly with the Rugby World Cup coming up because I think it's really important that all of us get behind welcoming these teams when they come to Cardiff for this fantastic occasion.

Question from County Councillor Howells

What consultation was undertaken with local residents about how the proposed changes to the waste collection service will affect them personally?

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

Did we speak to every household? No, that was not a practical solution.

Did we promote the consultation exercise widely in order to capture people's options? Yes, we certainly did.

The fundamental aspects of the current changes were included in the previous waste consultation exercises undertaken in 2013 and in 2014.

The consultation responses showed a strong preference for the provision of smaller wheel bins over the three-weekly and four-weekly waste collections, and these helped shape the current service changes.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Howells

Letters, as you said, to residents across the city will be hitting doormats any day now, telling them how their individual waste collection arrangements will be changing. But that's not consultation, in my book – that's just telling them what will happen. And they won't have had any chance to feed back their concerns or observations as to how these new arrangements might affect their individual circumstances.

I've already highlighted a string of observations in my ward, which I've passed on to officers – and they have answered them – but I suspect that's just the tip of the iceberg in regards to the rest of the city.

Can I ask you that, if there is sufficient demand from a particular area or street not to proceed with the new arrangements, will you listen to them and amend your proposals accordingly?

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

I'll just read out something for you in terms of you said about not consulting: we had a link to the wider public budget-consultation process, we did the Ask Cardiff online forum, promotion online and in hard copy, 3000 random postal surveys, details are sent to the Ask Cardiff survey group, emails were sent to all Members, links to the consultation were provided through the press releases, Capital Times covered it, details were sent to neighbourhood partnerships... So I think we did a pretty decent job of consultation.

We're not just talking about letters telling them what happened – these were consultations that took place in 2013 and 2014.

When it comes to your comment that "would we be prepared to change things?" I would listen to anybody that's got concerns but what I have to say is, very clearly and I won't make any bones about it: I will take a lot of convincing to change what I'm doing because what I'm doing is absolutely crucial. The reason we didn't get fined by Welsh Government this year was because we had a strong case by saying what we were going to do in a waste strategy, which included the smaller wheel bins, and as a result of that they support as fully and they're giving us lots of support. If I turn around and started wheeling back on that now then I assure not only would we not hit our recycling targets this year, but we would start to get fined as well.

Question from County Councillor Robson

Wheelie Bins are to be rolled out in the Rhiwbina Garden Village Conservation Area without any consultation being carried out with either local residents or Councillors. Are there any other parts of the city which have had such changes without local Member or local resident consultation?

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

The short answer is yes, but I'll expand on that answer.

Rhiwbina has not been treated any differently to any other part of the city. Extensive city-wide consultation rather than ward-specific consultation was undertaken, as I've just pointed out to Nigel, in 2013 and 2014 and I've outlined what that was. As a local Councillor you have been made aware of this consultation, so I would hope that all Members would encourage residents to engage in any consultation. The pending changes were influenced by the feedback from the previous consultation.

As I've said, the Council can no longer afford a piecemeal approach to waste services. We must deliver a cost-efficient service delivery – something that you yourself have told us before – we've got to have a properly cost-efficient, effective service – this is what we're trying to get to. And across the city we've seen areas not previously in favour of wheel bins change their minds and now request them. Therefore, we have to make cost-effective operational decisions and these areas will be receiving wheel bins.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Robson

I listened to your list of consultations that you've carried out in response to Councillor Howells' question and I bet if you knocked any of my residents' doors, they probably would never have heard of any of them.

In relation to your answer, I think that one shame here is that there wasn't a consultation carried out with Garden Village residents. I accept there are mixed views in the Garden Village about whether to have wheelie bins or whether not and some want them, some don't. But, where there are problems, these could have been ironed out. So where there are extra factors – people perhaps not appreciating some of the difficulties that wheelie bins are going to present to them – they could have been ironed out in a consultation. Whatever the Council decides those nuances which are so important to making people's lives that little bit easier could have been picked up. As it is, we're now having to sort of firefight to do it the backwards way. The wheelie bins are going in in a couple of months – the Officers won't tell us when, by the way – they're not that daft – but they're going to go in soon and we're having to deal with the queries, the complaints and having to feed them through to Officers. A lot of that time could have been saved had there been a proper consultation and the Council had made up its mind at that stage.

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

I can assure you that we are geared up as the previous administration were to expecting a lot of queries and comments about the introduction of a new regime as that's what you would expect to happen. So all I'm saying to you is happily direct them in our direction because that's what Officers are there for to answer those questions. But I think that you do have to be careful in terms of what yourself and Nigel have been saying here – when you look at the issue with bins, you can't expect the Council to be able to offer one service to one person and the next-door neighbour

to get something different – it's just not feasible. And it's the same with streets – you can't offer something in one street and something different in another street because the vehicles themselves have to be geared up to one particular type of thing, whether it be a bag or a bin.

So, you know, I looked very carefully at the issues; I had long discussions with the officers; I also spoke to the Conservation Officer and actually reigned back on some of the bin introductions in those areas where he said he didn't think it was appropriate. So we have listened to people, we have listened to the Conservation Officer, and that's we we've come up with the decision that we have.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Boyle

Actually, you can deliver one service to one part of the street and another service to another part of the street because that's precisely what you're going to be doing in the Roath Mill Gardens conservation area, where one stretch of Westfield Road – about 300 yards – is going to have the red striped bags; and the next section is going to have the bins; and then immediately opposite the park on Sandringham Road – a stone's throw away from Westfield – having the bins as well. And there is complete confusion within the conservation area of Roath Mill Gardens as to what is happening. Are bins being imposed or not? Because some people are having the bins and some people are not.

So, clearly, whatever consultation has happened hasn't been effective because we are now butting up against problems that really should have been resolved. So, perhaps, would you agree to look again at the Roath Mill conservation area section to ensure that we don't have these mixed messages and mixed methods of collection?

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

I did look at the Roath Mill area and, originally, I wanted it all to have bins. It was the fact that we had that discussion with the Conservation Officer, who persuaded us in a limited area not to put the bins in because he didn't think that it was appropriate. And that's why I pulled back.

If you want me to go back and have the bins for all of it.

Question from County Councillor Mitchell

What was the capital under-spend, if any, in the last financial year?

Reply from County Councillor Hinchey

The 2014/15 out turn position in respect of revenue and capital is due to be reported to Cabinet on the second of July – just next week. Any variance on capital would either be due to underspend or overspend or slippage on capital schemes. It should be noted that any underspends relate to externally granted funding schemes cannot be used for alternative purposes.

Question from County Councillor Woodman

Many wards, especially Pentwyn, have swathes of uncut grass on public open space due to the pollinator project. Why are there no pollinator project areas located around main council buildings such as County Hall or City Hall lawn?

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

You'll be aware earlier in the year I wrote to Members in the wards affected by the pollinator project where the new management regime was being implemented. In writing, I emphasised that the sites for inclusion had been selected having taken into consideration the use and purpose of the particular green space. Careful and thought through site selection is crucial to the project.

Given the purpose and use of City Hall lawns for events and general recreation, I would suggest that this is an area of civic green space that is inappropriate for a one-cut-per-year regime.

With regard to County Hall, there are limitations because a relatively large area of space is required to make impact. Notwithstanding this, you may be aware that the raised flower bed in the forecourt of the main entrance was sown with a wildflower mix last year, and this has been repeated again this year.

I'll just add – which isn't in the thing – I am keen to actually roll this programme out even further next year, but I want to see how things go this year and it may well be that County Hall comes into the equation next year

Supplementary question from County Councillor Woodman

As someone who's in support of the pollinator project, I wish you well with that and I hope you can.

In Llanedeyrn, Coed-y-Gors, which is one of the largest estates in my ward – over 500 properties – the pollinator project is causing problems. And I've had emails from young mums and grandmothers. The areas that have been pollinated towards the back of the leisure centre are on fairly flatish areas, not just banks, and now there is nowhere within that ward except way over the other side – ridiculously so – by Ael-y-Bryn that under fives and five year olds can't play safely. One particular area by Coed-y-Gores, which has been pollinated as you say, was fenced off and local community children played there quite regularly. Now they can't and I'm getting emails about this.

Can I give you the full details and will you please look at this again because it seems a bit ridiculous that a whole part of Llanedeyrn ward doesn't have a decent play area that's flatish and safe with a barrier between them and the road? The one at Ael-y-Bryn doesn't have a barrier.

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

As I pointed out initially, what we're doing is that we're doing it this year and we're looking out again before we roll it out again next year.

If you've got a particular concern about a particular area that you think is inappropriate, I'm more than happy to look at that if you contact me.

Question from County Councillor McKerlich

The Council responses to the many points raised by the LDP Inspectorate are lengthy and impenetrable. Why are you not arranging briefing meetings for Councillors so that we can be advised by officers of the main points of substance in these responses?

Reply from County Councillor Patel

It's important to note that, unlike the previous consultation stages where the Council were carrying out consultations and reporting Cabinet and Council, the current consultation is being facilitated by the Council under the direction of the LDP inspectors, who will consider the responses, not the Council.

Supplementary question from County Councillor McKerlich

The hearings with the inspector were lengthy and the north-west Cardiff group attended all of them. We made a lot of points which were encapsulated in action points, and these articulate the concerns of our residents. The Council response comes to something like 250 pages and it's jumbled all over the place and the jargon is almost impenetrable.

It would help the residents if the Officers who prepared these responses could tell us the ways in which they have addressed the concerns of our residents, articulated by the north-west Cardiff group. This would actually help and it would be the democratic thing to do. The information is available to them; they produced the responses; they can tell us how to sell them to our residents.

Reply from County Councillor Patel

As usual, as with all Elected Members, I'm more than happy to have a meeting with any of you if you wish to meet with any of the Officers to talk about any of those issues or to bring up any of the concerns you've got – absolutely fine with me and I'm happy to facilitate that if required. That is an open-door policy as far as I'm concerned. But I'm not willing to do a presentation because this week alone, like I've said, I've held three presentations for three groups and none of them have turned up. And I am absolutely fine for any Member – tomorrow is an all-Member presentation – but I have held three presentations this week for the individual groups and I have not had a single Member. That's a lot of Officer time sitting there waiting for someone to come. So, therefore, on this basis what I am willing to do is, basically, if any Member wishes to discuss any of the points which is in the LDP, I am more than happy to facilitate that.

Question from County Councillor McGarry

Is the Council able to fine people who put food into black bags or bins?

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

Yes, Council can use Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to issue fixed-penalty notices to those households that can be identified as not having recycled their food waste correctly.

Our priority to date has been to tackle those households where waste has been presented on the wrong day and at the wrong locations.

If people do not recycle sufficiently or contribute to waste and littering problems within the community by presenting their waste incorrectly, then we will issue them with a formal notice.

We do encourage people to take full advantage of the weekly food and recycling service that is available to every household in Cardiff and there's no excuse not to recycle.

Supplementary question from County Councillor McGarry

I'm pleased to hear that. I'm just a little worried about the education – the leaflets that go round, they do show that you put your food in the brown bins, but we have a huge problem in our area with food being in the black bins and so the seagulls come and tear them apart and then rubbish gets strewn across all the streets and it is a big problem.

I think, maybe, on the internet – if you look on the internet – it should be made much clearer that there are financial penalties if you don't put the food in the brown bins and you put them in the wrong bin because it's not clear at the moment. It's also not clear at the moment that you should wash out your tins before you put them in the green bin so perhaps you'd look more at what the website says as far as education goes.

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

Yes, we certainly will look at that but just to add that, obviously, with the new strategy coming through in the summer there will be a huge education process going through during that and we'll be taking all sorts of different ways of getting in touch with people and I hope that – like when the previous bin regime came in, it increased recycling just by the fact that people became aware of it much more – I'm hoping that this new campaign will raise awareness sufficiently and people will realise what they're supposed to do with their food waste.

Supplementary question from County Councillor Dianne Rees

What is the recycling rate in Councillor McGarry's ward? She's been very honest and said that people in her ward have a huge problem in putting food into the black bins.

So what is the recycling rate in Councillor McGarry's ward compared to other parts of the city which do not meet the recommended levels of recycling?

Reply from County Councillor Derbyshire

You'll be surprised to learn, Councillor Rees, that I don't have all those sorts of information at my fingertips but what I will say is that every ward can do better because even where in the, shall we say, the leafy suburbs in the north of Cardiff people think that their recycling is good, there is still an awful lot of waste that goes on because one of the things you find with the more affluent areas is that they may produce more recycling but they also produce more waste because they can afford to.

I think that everybody needs to up their game. There's very few of us that recycle every single thing that we can. So, I think that lesson needs to be put across the city, which is the reason that the waste strategy is a city-wide one.

36 : URGENT BUSINESS

The Lord Mayor advised that he had not been advised or any Urgent Business in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules.

37 : APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Council was recommended to approve the appointment of Local Authority School Governors as listed in the Appendix to the report, and as shown on the Amendment Sheet.

RESOLVED - That the following appointments of School Governors be approved: -

<u>School</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Start of Vacancy</u>	<u>Applications received</u>
Cardiff High School	Cyncoed	16/04/2015	Dr Jill Davies
Bryn Deri Primary School	Radyr & Morganstown	15/06/2015	Community Councillor Julia Hallinan
Hawthorn Primary School	Llandaff North	18/10/2013	Mr David Granville
Hywel Dda Primary School	Ely	06/12/2013	Mr Peter Kerswell
Llandaff City C/W Primary School	Llandaff	16/05/2015	Mr David Oliver
Oakfield Primary School	Trowbridge	01/09/2013	Mrs Joanne Gordon-Smith
Thornhill Primary School	Llanishen	22/10/2014	Mrs Bethan Jones
Trelai Primary School	Caerau	11/05/2012	Mrs Claire Moggridge
Trowbridge Primary School	Trowbridge	19/06/2014	Mr Sam Houldsworth
Ysgol Glan Ceubal	Llandaff	21/02/2015	Mr David Saunders

<u>School</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Start of Vacancy</u>	<u>Applications received</u>
	North	17/03/2015	Mrs Nicola Stephens
Ty Gwyn Special School	Caerau	02/01/2015	Miss Linda Davies

38 : MEMBERS' SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION 2015-2016

The Council was requested to approve the Members' Schedule of Remuneration 2015-16 in accordance with the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) Regulations.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the payment of an additional Senior Salary (Band 5) in 2015/16 for the Leader of the Conservative Group on a pro rata basis with effect from 26 June 2015 was approved;
- (2) the Members' Schedule of Remuneration 2015-16 based on the proforma schedule provided by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, as set out in Appendix A to this report was approved; and
- (3) delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to update the Members' Schedule of Remuneration and to make any necessary amendments to the 2015-16 Schedule from time to time during the municipal year in order to reflect any changes in membership of the Council, Cabinet or Committees or as a result of any Supplementary Reports issued by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

39 : APPOINTMENTS TO VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES AND MEMBER CHAMPIONS

The Council in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as amended in 1991 was informed of a change in the political balance following changes in the Conservative and Independent groups on the Council notified to the Proper Officer on 8 June 2015.

In addition, the Council was provided with an update following the Annual Council on appointments to Committees by party groups to meet the change in composition and fill outstanding vacancies, and the nomination received to the vacancy for the Council's Member Champion for Diversity and Equalities.

Further changes to the political balance following the Pentyrch By-Election and any other changes will be reported to Council in July.

RESOLVED – That

- 1) the details of the political balance of the Council as set out in Table 1 of the report be noted;

- 2) the alternative arrangements' for the allocation of seats on each Committee as set out in Appendix A and agreed by Party Group Whips on 11 May and 17 June 2015 be approved;
- 3) the update to the Committee Membership be noted and approved;
- 4) the appointment of Councillor Ali Ahmed as Member Champion for Diversity and Equalities be approved.

40 : APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council was recommended to approve nominations to those outside bodies as listed in Appendix A in the report. No further nominations have been received.

RESOLVED – That the following nominations be approved:-

<u>NAME OF ORGANISATION</u>	<u>COUNCIL REPRESENTATION</u>	<u>NOMINATIONS RECEIVED</u>
Artes Mundi	1 – Member (Relevant Cabinet Member)	Councillor Bradbury (Cabinet Member)
Cardiff & Vale College Corporation	1 – Member (Relevant Cabinet Member)	Councillor Merry (Cabinet Member)
Cardiff University Court	3 – Members (including Chair of Council)	Councillor Walker (Chair of Council) <i>Councillor De'Ath</i> <i>Councillor Bridges</i>
National Adoption Service Governance Board	1 Member (relevant Cabinet Member)	Councillor Lent
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)	8 – Members (relevant Cabinet Member)	Councillor Merry (Cabinet Member) <i>** Other Members previously appointed</i> <i>** Councillor Ali Ahmed</i> <i>** Councillor McGarry</i> <i>** Councillor Parry</i> <i>** Councillor Elsmore</i> <i>** Councillor Javed</i> <i>** Councillor Gordon</i> (1vacancy)

41 : PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2015/16

The Council was requested to agree the programme of Council and Committees for June 2015 to August 2016 subject to the amendments that appear on the amendment sheet, and to delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to make further amendments in consultation with Chairs of Committee if required

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the programme of all Council and Committees for June 2015 to August 2016 be approved;
- (2) delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer to make further amendments in consultation with Chairs of Committee if required.

42 : URGENT DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN
RELATION TO THE MICHAELSTON / GLYN DERW FEDERATION

This report is for information under Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13 (a) of the Cardiff Constitution.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

(The meeting formally closed at 21.05pm)

43 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rules Written Questions received for consideration and response are included as a record in the minutes of this meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE
(COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

Given that Neighbourhood Partnership meetings are not well-attended by Members, and many of us also do not accept the legitimacy of so-called 'Lead Members', what plans do you have to review these arrangements?

Reply

The new Neighbourhood Partnership arrangements have now been in place for over 12 months and it is timely that the current approach is reviewed.

I agree that attendance at meetings by elected members does vary across the city and this is something which can be improved. I also know that Neighbourhood Partnership Teams have worked in all six areas to ask for views from all Members regarding how and when the meetings take place, and what they would like to discuss.

Ultimately, these meetings are there for us to discuss issues with partner organisations and to help influence service delivery going forward. I think this is a huge opportunity for all elected members to help tackle issues in our communities and both I and the Lead Members would certainly welcome input from all Members as to what level of engagement they would like with partners involved in the Neighbourhood Partnerships.

As part of the review, I will be happy to facilitate that conversation and issue a short feedback survey to get your comments.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN

How many times in the last 12 months have football teams, other than Pentwyn Dynamos, used the fenced off pitch alongside Pentwyn leisure centre?

Although this pitch has its condition maintained for the football league, it is available to all within the community of Pentwyn as the original lease document shows, but they are finding it impossible to book it through the leisure centre and I am advised it is being offered only to Pentwyn Dynamos to use.

Reply

Teams, other than Pentwyn Dynamos, have used the pitch on three occasions over the past 12 months. As indicated in your question, the pitch is available to other teams within the community.

In terms of bookings for league fixtures, the playing venues for clubs are allocated through the local football leagues and not by the Council; however, I can advise that bookings for casual use of the pitch can be made by contacting the Council's Parks Service (Tel: 029 2233 0275), rather than through Pentwyn Leisure Centre.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE (COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

How many council staff at Corporate Director level or above live within the city and county of Cardiff? How many do not?

How many live in Wales? How many do not?

Reply

Of the two council staff at Corporate Director level and above, one lives within the City and County of Cardiff and one lives in the Vale of Glamorgan, well within easy daily driving distance.

Please note that there is no requirement for any council employee to live within the city's administrative boundaries.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER

Could you tell me how many staff have left the council in 2014/15 broken down by directorate?

Could these figures indicator whether staff have left due to voluntary severance, resignation or retirement?

Reply

Please see following information for 2014/15:

<u>Directorate</u>	<u>Redundancy (Compulsory*)</u>	<u>Redundancy (Voluntary)</u>	<u>Resignation</u>	<u>Retirement</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cabinet Office	0	2	0	0	2
Children Services	2	14	43	7	66
Communities Housing & Customer Services	29	39	70	12	150
Economic Development	0	15	9	0	24
Education & Lifelong Learning (Schools)	31	128	657	76	892
Education & Lifelong Learning	3	134	185	22	344
Environment	1	50	20	4	75
Health & Social Care	6	57	20	8	91
Resources	6	52	65	6	129
Sport, Leisure & Culture	1	61	59	9	130
Strategic Planning, Highways & Traffic & Transportation	0	57	20	4	81
Total	79	609	1148	148	1984

*This category would include, for example, employees who leave the Council after 12 weeks on the redeployment register. It also relates to some school redundancies due to school closures.

EDUCATION (COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

How many schools in Cardiff are used as polling stations?

Given the number of school days lost as a result of elections, will the council consider stopping using schools as polling stations?

Reply

In the UK Parliamentary Election that was held on 7 May 2015, the Council used 31 schools/colleges in Cardiff. Two of these schools had portacabins located outside of their premises.

All schools are given 11 months notice that the Electoral Services team will require use of their premise as a polling station. A number of schools do remain open during polling day and others will use an INSET day so no children are on-site on polling day.

The Electoral Services team tries to avoid using schools as much as possible and seeks to use alternative venues, but on many occasions there is no other suitable venue within the polling district. For example, more recently, the closure of community buildings such as Splott Pool has necessitated a return to using school premises in some polling districts.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

Do you find it alarming that only 8.8% of applicants for Welsh-language nursery provision starting in April 2015 were successful in securing a place at their first-choice nursery?

What steps will you take to improve the situation in April 2016?

Reply

Children in Cardiff are entitled to a part-time nursery place from the start of the term following their third birthday and must attend for a minimum of five half days. Nursery places are not allocated on a catchment area basis.

Wherever possible, places are offered in a local community nursery school or nursery class within two miles of a child's place of residence. If places are unavailable in local community nursery schools or nursery classes, parents may apply for nursery education place funding for places in approved non-maintained settings including private day care and cylch methrin.

We are committed to ensuring the availability of quality early years provision in Cardiff and consultation on proposals related to additional nursery and primary places in the Butetown, Canton, Grangetown and Riverside areas and the Adamsdown and Splott wards will be undertaken in the Autumn term.

ENVIRONMENT (COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN

Some time ago, Cllr Derbyshire advised council he would ensure the Cardiff Dogs Home was actively promoted to try and find the dogs new homes, and agreed when it

was suggested, some with their pictures should be put into local press and Capital Times. Could Cllr Derbyshire advise how many times this has actually been done?

Reply

Following discussion with officers, it was agreed that Capital Times would not be the most appropriate channel for advertising those dogs seeking new homes due to the lead time to publication and the potential for some to have already been re-homed by the time Capital Times was distributed across the city.

We are utilising a number of other channels to promote the Dogs Home and those dogs seeking a new home, including the Friends of the Dogs Wales, which has a Facebook page and online forum. Representatives visit the Dogs Home at least twice a week to take photographs and write up details of all of the dogs that are seeking new homes for posting on Facebook and the online forum. The Facebook page has over 14,000 followers, which means that details of the dogs can be seen by a large number of people nationally and not just in Cardiff. Many enquiries and visits to the Dogs Home are made on the back of these posts.

The Council's Communications team also tweets frequently about the dogs that are seeking new homes and includes regular updates on the Intranet. In addition, interesting articles that are published in the local press about dogs which have been successfully rehomed or about a particular dog seeking a new home also provide an opportunity to further promote the work and profile of the Dogs Home. This work will continue.

HEALTH, HOUSING AND WELLBEING (COUNCILLOR SUSAN ELSMORE)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN

How many requests for housing repairs (all) have not been completed upon the first visit of a contractor for the past 12 months for Pentwyn ward?

Reply

During the past 12 months, Ian Williams have completed 1803 jobs in the Pentwyn ward. On average, each repair requires two visits as more than one trade is usually required to complete the job or a foreman needs to visit and assess fully the requirements of the job before it can be issued to tradespeople.

The Council is now undertaking more responsive repairs through the in-house workforce and the first fix rate for these operatives is approximately 70%. However, it should be noted that while less work is being issued to contractors, the work that is issued does tend to involve the more complex multi-trade jobs, which are more likely to require multiple visits.

LEADER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS (COUNCILLOR PHIL BALE)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOODMAN

At the end of the Media Brief (for councillors) of council press releases, it states that they are for internal use only and cannot be distributed outside the City of Cardiff Council. Could the Leader please clarify are they just for internal use only and cannot be sent to anyone outside of Cardiff Council, or are they for internal use and can be sent to anyone within the boundary of our city only?

Reply

I can confirm that the media briefing is intended only for internal use within the Council.

TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY (COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

Will the ongoing repairs to (and closure of) Windsor Bridge affect the World Half Marathon next year?

Reply

Discussions are ongoing between the Council and Network Rail with regard to the programme of delivery for Windsor Road Bridge and contingencies will be developed to support the World Half Marathon, which is due to be held on 26 March 2016. I understand that the Chief Executive and the Director of Network Rail are also due to meet to specifically discuss the position relating to these works.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER

Could you list which roads, streets and estates are programmed to be resurfaced in 2015/16 per ward?

Could you list the roads, streets and estates resurfaced in 2014/15 and 2013/14?

Reply

The Asset Management & Assessment Team is currently undertaking the final site assessments which will determine the 2015/16 scheme lists for carriageway and footway reconstruction, resurfacing and preventative treatments.

The schemes will be split into various contracts due to the different treatment types; therefore, the lists will be presented to Members as soon as assessments have been completed and approval achieved.

Please see below lists of carriageways and footways that were resurfaced or received preventative treatments during 2013/14 and 2014/15:

<u>2013/14</u>			
	<u>Carriageway</u>	<u>Carriageway</u>	<u>Footway Resurfacing/</u>

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Resurfacing</u> <u>Street Name</u>	<u>Preventative Works</u> <u>Street Name</u>	<u>Preventative Works</u> <u>Street Name</u>
Adamsdown		Longcross Street Moira Place Pearl Street Tin Street	Beresford Road
Butetown	Penarth Road Loudoun Square James Street		
Caerau	A4232 (Multiple Sections x6)		
Canton		Greenwich Road Forrest Road Daisy Street	
Cathays	North Edward Street	May Street Alexander Street Minnie Street	Monthermer Road Park Place Senghennydd Road
Creigiau & St. Fagans	St Brides Road	Cardiff Road Llantrisant Road St Brides Road Pentrebane Road Heol Creigiau	
Cyncoed	Rhyd Y Penau Road Nant-Fawr Close		Black Oak Road Celyn Avenue Westminster Crescent
Ely	Grand Avenue		
Fairwater		Waterhall Lane Glan Ely Close (Multiple Sections x3) Fairwood Road	
Gabalfa		New Zealand Road (Multiple Sections x2)	
Grangetown			Sevenoaks Street
Heath	Eastern Avenue (A48)		
Lisvane	Graig Road		
Llandaff	Llantrisant Road	Radyr Court Close	
Llandaff North		Watson Road	
Llanishen	Kimberley Terrace Ty Glas Road Roundabout Heol Hir		Ty Glas Road
Llanrumney			Ball Road

Pentwyn	Pant Glas (Multiple Sections x2) Coed-Y-Gores Eastern Avenue (A48) Pentwyn Road	Waun Fach (Multiple Sections x2) Bryn-Y-Nant (Multiple Sections x2) Wern Goch East	
Pentyrch	Heol Isaf Roundabout	Heol-Y-Pentre Heol Goch Main Road (Multiple Sections x4)	
Penylan	East Moors Viaduct (Multiple Sections x3) Eastern Avenue (A48) (Multiple Sections x2)	Newminster Road Egremont Road Wasdale Close Grisedale Close Ennerdale Close Patterdale Close Arnside Road Borrowdale Close Deepdale Close Dovedale Close Mitredeale Close	Carisbrooke Way
Plasnewydd	Clive Place Mackintosh Place		Clive Place
Pontprennau & Old St. Mellons	Eastern Avenue (A48)	Tyr Winch Road	
Radyr & Morganstown	Llantrisant Road (Multiple Sections x2)	Windsor Crescent Coed-Y-Llyn Graig Hir	Heol Isaf
Rhiwbina	Heol Derlwyn Caerphilly Road	Cwm Nofydd Clos Ton Mawr Bryntirion Mur Gwyn Rhos Llan Llwyn Rhosyn Heol-Y-Felin	
Riverside	William Street	Conway Road Llanfair Road Beacon Street	William Street
Rumney	Cae Glas Road (Multiple Sections x3) Newport Road		Greenway Road Ty-Mawr Avenue
Splott	Rover Way (Multiple Sections x6)		
Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	Caegwyn Road (major settlement) Forest Farm Road Old Church Road Ynys Bridge Roundabout	College Road Heol Gwrgan Heol Pant-Y-Rhyn The Parade Forest Farm Road (Part)	Greenmeadow Drive Heol Penlan Lon-Y-Celyn Old Church Road

2014/15			
	Carriageway Resurfacing	Carriageway Preventative Works	Footway Resurfacing/ Preventative Works
Ward	Street Name	Street Name	Street Name
Adamsdown		Galston Street Prince Leopold Street Clyde Street Howard Terrace	<u>Preventative:</u> Clifton Street Constellation Street Diamond Street Pearl Place Pearl Street Tin Street
Butetown	Penarth Road	Hamadryad Road	<u>Preventative:</u> James Street
Caerau	Heol Poyston (Multiple Sections x2)	Heol Pant Y Deri Heol-Y-Castell	
Canton	West Orchard Crescent Lansdowne Road Windway Road	Halsbury Road Kingsland Road	<u>Preventative:</u> Beda Road Northumberland Street York Street
Cathays	Duke Street North Road Whitchurch Road Park Lane David Street		<u>Resurfacing:</u> St Andrews Place <u>Preventative:</u> Bruce Street Clun Terrace Dogfield Street Hazeldene Avenue Malefant Street Robert Street Tewkesbury Place Tewkesbury Street
Creigiau & St. Fagans	Michaelston Road	Crofft-Y-Genau Road Llantrisant Road	
Cyncoed	Llandennis Avenue Cyncoed Road	Llyswen Road Woodvale Avenue Henllys Road The Fairway	
Ely	Grand Avenue Cowbridge Road West		
Fairwater	Llantrisant Road	Llanbedr Road Pwllmelin Road	<u>Resurfacing:</u> Ashcroft Crescent Firs Avenue
Gabalfa	Allensbank Road	Heathfield Road Heathfield Place	
Grangetown	Clare Road		

	Compton Street Hereford Street Jubilee Street Hadfield Road		
Heath	Allensbank Road Caerphilly Road Maes-Y-Coed Road Rhydheilig Avenue	St Edwen Gardens Keynsham Road St Tanwg Road Grove Place	<u>Resurfacing:</u> Crystal Avenue
Lisvane		Old Mill Road	<u>Resurfacing:</u> Llwyn-y-Pia Road
Llandaff	Cardiff Road Ely Road	Howells Crescent	
Llandaff North	Andrews Road	College Road Gabalfa Avenue Evansfield Road	<u>Resurfacing:</u> River View <u>Preventative:</u> Andrew's Road
Llanishen	Ty Glas Avenue (Multiple Sections x2)	Trenchard Drive Gibson Close	<u>Resurfacing:</u> Mayflower Avenue
Llanrumney	Ball Road Durleigh Close		<u>Resurfacing:</u> Cheddar Crescent
Pentwyn	Circle Way East Glyn Coed Road Pentwyn Road (Multiple Sections x2)	Pennsylvania Bryn Celyn Brynheulog Glenwood	
Pentyrch	Ty-Nant Road	Cefn Bychan Heol Pant-Y-Gored Main Road	
Penylan	Ty-Gwyn Road (Multiple Sections x2) Newport Road	Carisbrooke Way Queensberry Road Linden Avenue	<u>Resurfacing:</u> Egremont Road
Plasnewydd	The Parade West Grove Wordsworth Avenue	Cyfarthfa Street Pen-Y-Wain Road Hendy Street	<u>Resurfacing:</u> Bedford Street <u>Preventative:</u> Inverness Place Mackintosh Place Pen-y-Wain Road
Pontprennau & Old St. Mellons	Maes-Y-Bryn Road		
Radyr & Morganstown	Drysgol Road Llantrisant Road		<u>Preventative:</u> Drysgol Road Heol Isaf Windsor Road
Rhiwbina	Heol Derlwyn Wenallt Road	Heol Hendre	<u>Resurfacing:</u> Lon-y-Dail
Riverside	Cathedral Road Sophia Walk	Severn Grove	

Rumney	Letterston Road Mardy Road (Multiple Sections x2) New Road Ty-Mawr Avenue Cae Glas Road		
Splott	Rover Way	Courtenay Road	
Trowbridge	Vaendre Close	Aberdaron Road Morfa Crescent Hendre Road	<u>Resurfacing:</u> Menai Way
Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	Northern Avenue Caegwyn Road Ynys Bridge RBT	Cradoc Road Violet Place	
Various (Principal Routes)	A4232 Southern Way A48		

Chair: _____

Date: _____