

## THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 29 September 2016 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 23 September 2016.

Present: County Councillor Walsh (Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Bale, Bowden, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridges, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Ralph Cook, Richard Cook, Cowan, Kirsty Davies-Warner, Chris Davis, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Ford, Goddard, Gordon, Govier, Graham, Groves, Hill-John, Hinchey, Holden, Howells, Hudson, Hunt, Hyde, Keith Jones, Margaret Jones, Joyce, Kelloway, Knight, Lent, Lloyd, Magill, Marshall, McEvoy, McGarry, McKerlich, Merry, Michael, Mitchell, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, David Rees, Dianne Rees, Rea, Robson, Simmons, Stubbs, Ben Thomas, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Lynda Thorne, Walker, Weaver, White, Wild, Darren Williams and Woodman

### 61 : TRIBUTES IN MEMORY OF COUNCILLOR CHRIS LOMAX

The Lord Mayor called for a minute silence in memory of Councillor Chris Lomax who sadly passed away suddenly in the early hours of 15 September 2016.

Councillor Lynda Thorne as Ward colleague led the tributes to Councillor Lomax who had been so proud to be elected to serve the community of Grangetown in 2012. Councillor Lomax was dedicated to the community of Grangetown; his family and extended family; and his death would leave a big hole in the community for which he served.

The Leader and leaders of the opposition Group fellow ward Councillor Govier; Cabinet Members and the wider membership spoke of Councillor Lomax's commitment; cross party respect and friendliness; his role as Deputy Chair of Planning and on Scrutiny Committees; Democratic Services Committee and at Council.

The Lord Mayor advised that she had written on behalf of all Members to his children and family expressing great sadness for their loss. The Lord Mayor was pleased to see representatives of the family in the gallery to hear the warm tributes paid to their father and grandfather.

### 62 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Manzoor Ahmed; Aubrey; Burfoot; Evans; Goodway; Derrick Morgan; Sanders and Derrick Morgan.

The Lord Mayor wished Councillor Burfoot best wishes from all Members of the Council.

63 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were declared: -

<b><u>Councillor</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b>
Councillor Bradbury	Item 18: Appointment of Local Authority School Governors – Personal interest request for re-appointment.
Councillor Clark	Item 18: Appointment of Local Authority School Governors – Personal interest request for re-appointment.
Councillor Groves	Item 12: Director of Social Services Annual Report – Personal interest in receipt of homecare services direct payment, and spouse receives homecare services from the Council.  Item 18: Appointment of Local Authority School Governors – Personal interest request for re-appointment.
Councillor Hudson	Item 12: Director of Social Services Annual Report - Personal interest as family member in receipt of Disabled Facilities.  Item 18: Appointment of Local Authority School Governors – Personal interest request for re-appointment.
Councillor Hunt	Item 18: Appointment of Local Authority School Governors – Personal interest request for re-appointment.
Councillor Margaret Jones	Item 18: Appointment of Local Authority School Governors – Personal interest request for re-appointment.
Councillor Woodman	Item 12: Director of Social Services Annual Report – Personal interest as Honorary President of Diverse Cymru who deliver direct payments for Cardiff Council

64 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Council on 28 July 2016 were approved as a correct record subject to corrections to the attendance and apologies as set out on the amendment sheet.

*At this point in the proceedings the Lord Mayor exceeded to the request from Councillor McEvoy, the Plaid Cymru Group Leader who wished to make a statement of personal explanation in relation to matters arising at the Council Meeting on 28 July 2016.*

Councillor McEvoy indicated that whilst at the last meeting the Group Party Whip had with the best of intentions made an individual contribution, he wasn't speaking on behalf of the Plaid Group and Councillor McEvoy request that this personal explanation be recorded in the minutes.

*The Lord Mayor indicated that this would be recorded in the minutes for the meeting.*

#### 65 : PLASNEWYDD BY-ELECTION

The Lord Mayor welcomed Councillor Robin Rea to his first Council meeting following his election to the vacancy in the Electoral Division of Plasnewydd on 20 September 2016.

Councillor Rea expressed thanks to fellow Councillors and officers for their kind welcome and assistance since his election.

Councillor Rea paid tribute to Councillor Javed who had served the people of Plasnewydd so well over the last 4 years and he would be sorely missed. Councillor Rea hoped that he could approach his new role with the same kindness and humility that Councillor Javed when he served the residents of Plasnewydd.

Councillor Rea looked forward to working with the community on issues and matters of concern and improvement; and was pleased to representing the constituents of Plasnewydd and undertaking his role as a County Councillor.

#### 66 : PETITIONS

1. Councillor Hudson & Bowden – 1804 signatures (1704 e. petition and 100 paper petition) to stop the closure of Wedal Road Household Waste Recycling Centre;
2. Councillor Rea – 418 signatures calling on the Council to clean up City Road; take action on the now derelict Gaiety building; and make the road safer for pedestrians and cyclists;
3. Councillor Dianne Rees – 202 residents of Ty Draw Road and Parents of children attending Corpus Christi High School calling for the resurfacing of Ty-Draw Road as a matter of urgency to protect cyclists and damage cars.

#### 67 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

##### Question 1

Public question: *Dr Ashley Wood*

Speeding cars have long been an issue for residents living on Llantarnam road and the adjacent Margam and Caerleon roads in Mynachdy. I understand the council has previously drawn up plans for road calming measures to address this issue.

Can you confirm that the council still intends to implement these plans, and if so, when these plans are expected to be taken forward?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

There are traffic calming schemes on our list for implementation within this area. These will be developed and implemented when the necessary funding becomes available. At this stage, we are unable to determine when the actual necessary funding will become available.

Supplementary question: *Dr Ashley Wood*

I appreciate any scheme will require funding but, while there is funding available, could the Cabinet Member advise what action residents in the local area could take to increase the priority of any such scheme before somebody is injured by a speeding car?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

As you can appreciate, throughout the city, we have a lot of priorities and these are governed by a points system. But one of the other forms of funding we try to get is through Section 106 agreements, which is the developer's contribution when a development in the locality starts to take place. So it could be anywhere in Cardiff, and some of the schemes are funded through that process.

But one of the schemes we are taking forward ourselves as a local authority is we are looking at expanding in future the 20mph hours scheme. And that obviously is a physical reduction of speeding through the non-arterial routes of Cardiff.

## Question 2

Public question: *John Robert Jones*

Pedestrians and children using the Taff Trail are put at hazard by cyclists moving at great speed, failing to slow when they approach and for the main part, neglecting to sound their bell. Often they come in a large group; it is most alarming when such a group arrives silently from behind; to make matters worse cyclists, in many cases, make it evident that they regard pedestrians as unwelcome interlopers on their racetrack.

What do you plan to do to fulfil your duty of care to pedestrians using the Taff Trail and to encourage cyclists to behave courteously and safely?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I can confirm that officers from City Operations have developed a Code of Conduct for all users of shared paths in the Council's Parks. This will apply to all park users, including people who walk, ride bicycles, and walk their dogs in parks within Cardiff.

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to encourage all park users to share paths responsibly and courteously.

Supplementary question: *John Robert Jones*

I've read your reply to my question, thank you. But everybody except cyclists abide by this code that you've read out. They are a law unto themselves. They ignore everybody. I myself and my wife had a very frightening experience two weeks ago.

What I want to know is - what are you going to do about them?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I think we have to be very clear here: it's not all cyclists that are irresponsible. It's like other drivers, anyone - there are a small element that causes the problems. And I think it's absolutely clear we have to try and deal with those issues, which are the small element that cause the problem.

Now what I can do is look at possibly putting some notices up along the Taff Trail, like the one I am holding. I don't know if you've got a copy of this but if you haven't, you're welcome to have one now. This is something that I will explore with officers to see if some notices can be put along the Taff Trail.

But obviously, we cannot physically stop everybody who is going to be maybe riding their bike in that manner. But we can try by put some notices, hopefully then they will adhere to those rules.

Same as with motorists on a highway – if you've got a car driver who wants to exceed the speed limit, if they get caught they are dealt with, if they don't get caught they can't be dealt with.

Question 3

Public question: *Emma Sandrey*

Weeds, the kind that overgrow between the cracks of pavements, have recently been a hazard for residents of Pentwyn and Llanedeyrn. My own grandmother very nearly had a nasty fall as a result of some in our local area. We've noticed that the weeds have since been sprayed with weed killer. Can the council shed light on the weed killing programme? I.e. when was it carried out, how much did it cost, and how many Council workers were involved?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

In respect of the weeds, the Council is utilising a specialist contractor nowadays to undertake two cycles of weed treatment per annum on residential streets and strategic routes throughout the city, with rear lanes receiving one treatment.

The first treatment for Pentwyn was completed in July 2016 and the second cycle will be carried out within the next two weeks, subject to allowable weather conditions. That means it needs to be a dry day to do it.

The cost for the treatment is approximately £35,000 per cycle.

Supplementary question: *Emma Sandrey*

Can I therefore request that, when the work is carried out in the next two weeks that the weeds are removed at the same time or shortly after being sprayed?

Previously, the weeds that have been sprayed have not been removed, meaning they are still a tripping hazard as well as an eyesore.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

It's easier said than done, in some instances, because, obviously, when the weeds are there in the cracks of the pavement, it's not always easy to get them out. What we are doing now in many of the areas is going round there to dig the weeds out of the cracks, but it's a very labour-intensive operation. If they're deep rooted – something a dandelion for instance – it takes a long time to get it out.

So I can't promise that we'll do that, but certainly the weeds that are easier to remove will be dealt with.

## 68 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Cardiff University Cardiff Half Marathon

We are pleased to welcome once again competitors and spectators from across the globe to the Cardiff Half Marathon which takes place on Sunday 2 October 2016. I am sure there are some among us today and Council staff that have been training hard and aim to raise lots of money for charity at this event.

Good luck to you all.

Congratulations to Councillor Darren Williams who got married on 23 September to Sophie we wish then both every happiness for the future.

### Recognition and Awards

The Lord Mayor was delighted to recognise the following events which have taken place since the last meeting.

#### Official Opening New Pontprennau Primary School

The Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr Georgina Phillips and Education Secretary Kirsty Williams, and the Local Ward Member, Councillor Dianne Rees joined staff, pupils and guests in celebration as they officially opened Pontprennau Primary School last Thursday.

Jointly funded by the Council and the Welsh Government through the 21st Century Schools Programme, the brand new £8m community-focused primary was completed earlier this year. The school will grow each year until September 2021, when it will cater for 420 pupils between the ages of four and 11. The nursery has 48 full-time equivalent places in either a morning or afternoon session.

Cardiff Dogs Home Gold Award in Stray Dogs Services by RSPCA Cymru

Congratulations to the team over in Cardiff Dogs Home for their fantastic success of being awarded 'gold' in the Stray Dog Services strand of RSPCA Cymru's Community Animal Welfare Footprints (CAWF) scheme for the third year running.

Shared Regulatory Services (a partnership between Cardiff, Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan Councils) were also successful, receiving a bronze footprint for Animal Establishment Licencing and a silver footprint for Stray Dog Services.

The Council's Emergency Management Unit was also successful, picking up a bronze award in the Contingency Planning footprint.

Maindy Centre's UK champion has his sights set on World title

A Senior Fitness Instructor at Maindy Leisure Centre has become a UK champion weightlifter. Phil Carleton became the UK's open powerlifting champion in the 90 kilos category in Coventry last month and he now has his sights set on the World Title in October. The UK champ will be competing against countries from all over the world under the banner *Active Cardiff*.

We Wish Phil all the best in The World Powerlifting Union's World Championship, which take place in Butts Arena in Coventry from October 10 to October 2016.

Splashpad Update

The Lord Mayor was delighted to visit the Victoria Park's Splaspad which has proved very popular in its first summer season. Figures show that that since the Splaspad opened in June it attracted an average of 5,950 visits each week compared with a weekly average of just over 470 children using the paddling pool it replaced.

The estimated total for the Splaspad's first season is 71,400 which compares with an average of 8,000 visitors each summer using the paddling pool.

Lord Mayor's Charity Update

Fundraising for the Lord Mayor's Charity, Cancer Research Wales is moving forward at a pace, and the Lord Mayor wished to thank Councillors who have been actively involved with fund raising and promoting Cancer Research Wales which celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

The Lord Mayor was pleased with the contributions received for the special clothes collection prior to Council today and thanked the volunteers from the Charity for facilitating this collection.

The Lord Mayor advised that she had over the last few weeks met with Community Leaders from many communities in Cardiff to ensure those links are continued and

nurtured, and Community Leaders are generously supporting the Lord Mayor's Charity again this year.

Cancer Research Wales is also pleased that Councillor Dilwar Ali and Mohammed Adul Salam have chosen to support the charity as part of the China Walk the Wall Challenge 13 – 21<sup>st</sup> May next year. Their fundraising just giving site is in place if members wish to make a donation.

## 69 : STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2015/16 AND ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORTS

The Cabinet Member, Corporate Services & Performance, Councillor Graham Hinchey proposed the report and this was seconded by Councillor Bale. The Council was recommended to approve the audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016; to note the reports of the Wales Audit Office on the Statement of Accounts of Cardiff Council, Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund and Cardiff Port Health Authority for the year ending 31 March 2016; to note the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2015/16; and to note that formal documents will be signed at the conclusion of the meeting prior to 30 September 2016.

The Cabinet Member advised that the accounts had been subject to thorough scrutiny process and there were no un-corrected items in the audited statement of accounts. The Wales Audit Office comments reported that there were no significant concerns about the qualitative aspects of the Council's accounting practices and financial reporting; there were no significant difficulties during the audit; no significant matters discussed and corresponded upon with management; no other matters significant to the oversight including the amendment which is reported today; or any material weaknesses in your internal controls

The Cabinet Member thanked the Director of Resources and Officers for the work required to produce and finalise the Statement of Accounts.

The Lord Mayor invited the Finance Spokespersons from each Group to speak prior to opening the item up for debate.

The following comments were raised during the debate in relation to:

- the Pension contribution rate correct rate was 22.9%;
- success of economic development in Cardiff which is reflected in the Business rates and Non-Domestic rates which increased from 2014/15 from £179m to £193m in 2015/16; and concerns around the distribution throughout Wales of non-domestic rates and loss to Cardiff of 47.6% of rates in 2015/16;
- levels of debt against expenditure and comparison with other Councils;
- concerns around detailed planned savings not met; use of reserves; and school budget.

The Cabinet Member responded and referred to positive comments from regulatory body reports; the recent National Strategic Indicators (NSI) and Public Accountability Measures (PAMs) which show Cardiff as the third most improved Council in Wales; and improved performance and pressure on balance but with increase in school balances of £2m.



In response to clarification on the amendment the Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer provided advice and guidance to the meeting and that it was a matter of timing and that the auditors had indicated that they '*were satisfied that these matters do not have a material effect on the financial statements*'.

Councillor Dianne Rees proposed that the decision be deferred to allow for the Wales the Auditor General to complete his consideration of the points raised and that despite the assurance the auditor had not concluded his consideration and was not able to sign off.

Clarification was sought on whether the Council could sign off the accounts before consideration, and it was confirmed that the statutory deadline for approving the accounts was 30 September.

The proposal by Councillor Dianne Rees was seconded by Councillor Robson.

A vote was taken and the proposal was LOST.

RESOLVED – That

1. the amendment including the advice from the Wales Audit Office and Corporate Director Resources and Section 151 Officer be noted;
2. the audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 (Appendix 1) duly certified and re-certified by the Section 151 Officer be noted;
3. the audited Statement of Accounts for the ended 31 March 2016 (Appendix 1), be approved and signed and dated by the Chair of Council on behalf of the Council;
4. the Section 151 Officer be instructed to arrange for publication of the Statement of Accounts and all associated requirements;
5. the reports of the Wales Audit Office on the Statement of Accounts of Cardiff Council, Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund, Cardiff Port Health Authority and Cardiff Harbour Authority for the year ending 31 March 2016 (Appendices 3, 5, 6 and 7) be noted;
6. the final Letter of Representation for Cardiff Council (Appendix 4) be noted;
7. the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2014/15 (Appendix 8) be noted;
8. the following documents are formally signed at the conclusion of the meeting:
  - Statement of Accounts for Cardiff Council including the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund – Lord Mayor and Corporate Director Resources;
  - Annual Governance Statement (within the accounts) – Leader of the Council and Chief Executive
  - Annual Return of Cardiff Port Health Authority – Corporate Director Resources

- Statement of Accounts for Cardiff Harbour Authority – Corporate Director Resources
- Letters of Representation for Cardiff Council, Cardiff Port Health Authority
- Leader of the Council and Corporate Director Resources
- Letter of Representation for Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund
- Leader of the Council and Corporate Director Resources
- Audit Certificate for Cardiff Council and Cardiff Port Health Authority
- Appointed Auditor.

## 70 : AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

The Chair of the Audit Committee, Mr Ian Arundale was invited to present the Committee's Annual Report to Council which provided Elected Members with an overview of the work of the Committee during the municipal year 2015/16.

The Chair advised that this was his first Annual Report as the Chair of the Committee following the departure of Sir Jon Shortridge in June 2015. In addition on behalf of the Committee the Chair wished to put on record thanks to the former Corporate Director Governance & Legal Services, Marie Rosenthal and Audit & Risk Manager, Derek King who had provided valuable supported the Audit Committee.

The Council was advised that the Committee continued with the support of Elected Members and Lay Members to robustly challenge the Council and were pleased to note the assurance received from the Wales Audit Office in their Corporate Assessment follow on report February 2016 and their conclusions that the Council had put in place better arrangements to support improvement and to address long-standing issues. The Committee however recognised that further work was required to embed; achieve and make a stepped change in delivering improved outcomes.

The Audit Committee would continue to challenge directorates particularly in the area of identification and achievement of savings and risks. Financial Resourcing had been added as a strategic risk to the Council's Risk Register; and the Section 151 Officer reports to each meeting on current position and budget strategy going forward.

The Committee had considered a range of issues during the year including the Organisational Development Programme; Education - School governance and compliance; contract and procurement matters - in particular around performance and matters arising from internal audit and member complaints around building maintenance.

In looking forward to 2016/17 and beyond the Committee would consider within the context of continued financial pressures facing the Council and a growing demand for public services, the reshaping of services and improved models of service delivery. In February 2016, Committee Members considered the Welsh Government's draft Local Government (Wales) Bill proposals, which will see the Audit Committee renamed as 'Corporate Governance and Audit Committee', this was seen as a positive proposal to increase the effectiveness of the Committee.

The Chair concluded that it was the Committees considered view that the Council had sound financial controls and governance arrangements and that strategic risk were captured and reviewed on a regular basis and that the Committee as part of its work programme would continue to identify areas requiring review.

The Chair thanked Chief Executive; Directors; Officer; Committee Members and the Lay Members for their positive and constructive contributions to the work of the Committee.

The Lord Mayor invited questions from Members and the following matters were raised:

- progress on School Governance and Compliance and limited assurance internal audit reports;
- Youth Service assets and inventories and a request for copy of the report.

The Chair confirmed that the Director of Education had attended Committee and process was in place to address these matters and the Committee was happy with assurances given.

RESOLVED – That the Chair and Committee be thanked for their diligence and work during the past year and the Annual Report be received and noted.

#### 71 : STANDARDS & ETHICS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

The Chair of the Standards and Ethics Committee, Mr Richard Tebboth was invited to present the Committee's twelfth Annual Report to Council which outlined the work undertaken by the Committee in 2015/16. The Chair was pleased to present the report on behalf of the Committee, some of whom including Independent Members and the Community Councillor representative were in the Chamber.

The role of the Committee continued to be to promote, monitor high standards of conduct; advise Council and Councillors on standards of Conduct and determine outcomes of complaints as well as setting guidance, policy and procedures and supporting Members and officers in their roles and responsibilities. There had been no complaints about corruption, undeclared conflicts of interest or misuse of office in the last municipal year of Council or Community Council Members.

Some concerns remain about the behaviour of Members towards each other and about conduct in meetings: the threshold for formal action about these has been raised by court decisions and a change in the Ombudsman's approach, so even more now depends on individual and collectively Councillors to set and maintain own standards and respect Cardiff Undertaking and to treat each other and the office of Councillor with respect.

It remains the Committee's firm view that the primary responsibility for setting and maintaining high standards of conduct rests with Members themselves, individually and collectively. To a very great extent, that responsibility is amply discharged:

The Committee will continue to give guidance on social media; Members involvement in Child and Adult protection matters; and Members protocol and will on occasions monitor and if necessary review and upgrade.

We Committee has taken on board comments of the Wales Audit Office in their Corporate Assessment Follow-on Report in particular making ourselves more visible and being proactive in familiarising ourselves with the work of Members. To this end, we have extended our programme of observing Council and Committee meetings and have issued our first in a series of briefings for Members

In closing the Chair wished to record their thanks to all we support the Committee, and in particular Marie Rosenthal, our former Monitoring Officer, and to David Marr for acting as Interim Monitoring Officer; and the Chair welcomed Davina Fiore the new Monitoring Officer to Cardiff and looked forward to working with her in the future.

The Lord Mayor invited questions from Members and the following matters were raised:

- Issues around behaviour in meetings and with officers;
- how Independent Members can feed in experiences and concerns with the Committee;
- nature of the complaints on Planning applications and consistency of approach;
- Code of Good Practice for Members and input from Planning Committee Members

The Chair confirmed that formal process is in place to deal with complaints when received. Most Member on Member complaints are dealt with through other means. The Ombudsman dealt with complaints from the public on Members and he gives his response.

The Committee always welcomes Members who wish to observe their meetings and it maybe that the Independent Members may wish to consider together how they would like to feed into the Committee in the future. The Chair undertook to discuss with officers. In addition the Chair undertook to Give a written response on the number and types of complaints received in relation to the planning process

RESOLVED – That the Chair and Committee be thanked for their work to support Members during the past year and the Annual report be received and noted.

## 72 : DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

The Cabinet Member, Health, Housing and Wellbeing was pleased to present the seventh Annual Report of the Director of Social Services 2015/16 in partnership with Deputy Leader and Cabinet colleague for Early Years, Children and Families, Councillor Lent. The Annual report had been scrutinised by the Joint Children and Young People and Community and Adults Scrutiny Committee on 12 July 2016 and Cabinet on 27 July 2016. As Cabinet Members responsible for Social Services the priority is those who need care and support and most vulnerable in the city, and this is reflected in the importance given to Social Services by the Cabinet and the Council as a whole.

This report reflects the growing coherence, strength and effectiveness of Social Services in Cardiff. Whilst the report particular focuses on the previous year, we know as a Council we are improving and in relation to Social Services we are the most improved Council across Wales for 2015-16. The Cabinet Member was concerned to address the matters around resources and the fact that the directorate were supporting more people than ever in Cardiff.

The Cabinet Member thanked Members across the chamber and Chairs and Members of Scrutiny for the provide rigour and support in improving and moving services forward.

The Lord Mayor invited questions from Members and the following matters were raised:

- resource planning to ensure sufficient finances are given to these demand led services to avoid overspends; and ensuring the most effective use of those resources;
- balancing of budgets in Social Services
- concerns around the reduction in percentage of attendance at school of Looked After Children,
- acknowledgement that children services are timely and effective in the support and assessment of vulnerable children and young people;
- welcomed the increase in awareness of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and provision of training;
- recognised the value of multi-agency support hub (MASH) approach for those individuals presenting or requiring support.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children Families responded to questions raised in relation to her portfolio area particularly in relation to the predictability, pressures and demands on services; increasing numbers of Looked After Children; provision of the Adolescence Resource Centre all of which have significant impact on the budget. The numbers attendance of looked after children at school had always been at a high level and the current percentage may have been affected by one or two individuals; maybe a child with special needs or a disability. The Cabinet Member was pleased with the roll out of CSE training with staff and initiatives with view cinema staff in the last year increase in awareness generally number of cases being dealt with the MASH has been a success working across the Council and with other agencies.

The Cabinet Member, Health, Housing and Wellbeing responded to the other questions raised in relation to previous administration Social Services budget position which it was noted was in deficit; clarified that the budget is and demand pressures and that monthly budget meetings are held to ensure savings are on track; improvements to service planning and budgetary management. She advised that evidence from the CSSIW and other regulators and reports were reporting Cardiff as the most improved authority in Social Services. A recently received Wales Audit Office report by Cardiff, Vale of Glamorgan and Health Authority approach to joint working on Delayed Transfer of Care has been commended. This report and progress since March 2016 was demonstrating a very much improving

picture and Cabinet Members, the Directors, Managers and staff should be commended for their work in what is a very difficult job.

RESOLVED – That Social Services Director Annual Report 2015/16 be received and noted.

### 73 : DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

The Chair of Democratic Services Committee in presenting the fourth Annual report of the Democratic Services Committee firstly acknowledged the valuable contribution that Councillor Chris Lomax gave to the committee and his good humour and wise counsel which would be sadly missed.

The Chair thanked Members, officers and the former Director, Governance and Legal Services for all their support to the Committee and services to Members and welcomed Davina Fiore the new Director Governance and Legal Services and Monitoring Officer.

Democratic Services Committee plays a key role in ensuring all Councillors have the information, resources and support in their role of Councillors. The Committee was pleased that the recommendation of the Committee that no reduction in services to Members be made to the Committee and Member Services budget was met. The Committee have requested that this position be maintained in future years.

The Committee has overseen many other achievements over the past year. This includes implementation of the Modern.gov computer information management system, the roll out of the upgraded computer tablets and a survey on support for Members.

A particularly valuable initiative was the introduction of the All Wales On-line Learning Academy which allows Members to learn new skills in the comfort of their own home at a time convenient to them. In addition an annual brochure of Member training opportunities has been produced and circulated to Members.

The Committee expressed strong reservations with much of the Welsh Government draft local government bill as they felt it made the operation of local government less democratic. For example, the proposals to make legal obligations on Councillors in certain areas risked them not being able to prioritise the needs of local residents. In addition, the Committee had feedback to Welsh Government that there should be improved liaison by the Welsh Government with Local Councillors in Wales. For example, better consultation on future legislation; new initiatives; briefings and updates.

As the champion of back-bench members a key future priority is for the Committee to ensure that Members receive the full information they need in an accessible, timely and comprehensive way to ensure they can perform their role.

The Lord Mayor invited questions from Members and the following comments were made:

- support to for the now embedded Member technology which has equipped Members and drive towards a paperless Council;
- whether savings have been achieved;
- work on communications with Members on IT matters;
- need for responses and timely updates for Members Enquiries by Cabinet Members and Officers.

The Chair welcomed feedback from Members. The Chair drew Members attention to details of the business case for the 'Invest to Save' Members IT project which were set out in the report.

The Chair advised that the Committee would take on board in their Work Programme matters in relation to the Member Enquiry System; response times and communication with Members.

RESOLVED – That the Chair and Committee be thanked for their work to support Members during the past year and the Annual report be received and noted.

#### 74 : STATEMENTS

##### Leader Statement and Economic Development & Partnerships

The Leader provided an update on the WLGA Delegation visit to Brussels; Official opening of the Tramshed; Launch of the Inclusive Growth Commission and Core Cities Cabinet Meeting; Welsh Government European advisory Group; Growth and Competiveness Commission and the Bilingual Cardiff 5 - Year Strategy consultation.

The Leader responded to a question on Brexit and the Welsh Government European Advisory Group in his role as WLGA representative and discussions on European Single Market; free movement workers; goods; capital and services and advised he would keep Members informed.

The Leader confirmed that the city was increasing its cultural diversity by opening a French language Centre in the City Centre with similar services to our own Bilingual Centre in the Old Library

##### Education Statement

The Cabinet Member statement included information on Schools Results; Junior Apprenticeships, School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP); Cardiff 2020; Education Development Board; New Head teachers from 1 September 2016; and School Organisation.

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to Head teachers; impact of unauthorised holidays and outcomes for learners; school results and recognition of special schools; school organisation and any fundamental changes to special schools; the success, importance and need for School Holiday Enrichment Programme; condition and fabric of school and the monitoring and procedure for reviewing building and maintenance programme and any delays.

### Transport, Planning and Sustainability Statement

The Cabinet Member statement was received on outcomes from the Cardiff Car Free Day and a Q&A. The Cabinet Member responded to issues raised on around consultation with Ward Members; the Car Free Day impact on bus users and commuter cyclist; the scale of the event; the long term impact of car free day; air quality; arrangements for exhibitors and food vendors; any the permanent pedestrianisation of Park Place; rationale around using Park Place and not another through road; feedback from the event; and ensuring that this is a permanent event.

### Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise Statement

The Cabinet Member provided a statement which included an update on the STAR Hub Opening; Roald Dahl event and the Summer Reading Challenge.

The Cabinet Member responded to a number of questions on the delivery of a really state of the art STAR Hub; widening across the city of time credits and the work with the Cabinet Member, Education to providing a sports hall provision at Willows High School and indoor football; Cardiff City Foundation and a 3G pitch somewhere in Splott.

A number of operational and logistic issues around the very successful Roald Dahl event which were challenging for parents and children; analysis and lessons learnt from crowd-control concerns raised to ensure enjoyment of all at future similar events.

### Skills, Safety and Engagement Statement

The Cabinet Member provided a statement which included an update Engaging Deaf People in Council Services; Black History Month; Glamorgan Archives and Ask Cardiff.

The Cabinet Member explained in response to a question initiatives that were being taken to increase participation in the Ask Cardiff Survey with hard to reach communities. Comparison with response rates with other core cities; and developing and making links in communities to up participation

Recognition of the prestigious prizes awarded to Glamorgan Archives which is a jewel in the crown of Cardiff.

### Environment Statement

The Cabinet Member provided a statement which included an update Waste Management; Bereavement Services; Thornhill Crematorium; Neighbourhood Services; Parks, Sport & Harbour Authority; Rent Smart Wales; and Welsh Government Warm Homes programme.

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Wedal Road; supporting recycling initiatives; availability of the new recycling and reuse centre; collection, list of items that can be collected; frequency and advertising of the Council's new free collection service was still being worked



through; the success of community litter picks. Members raised concern about accuracy of the provision of a recycling/ reuse centre

#### Health, Housing and Wellbeing Statement

The Cabinet Member provided a statement on the significant overall improvement in Performance in Social Services; the encouraging signs of a shift in balance of care for Older people; Collaborative partnerships; delivery of Dementia Friendly City awareness sessions; Housing Matters; Welfare Reform; and Member visits to the Smart House; Syrian refugees.

There were no questions on the statement.

#### Corporate Services and Performance Statement

The Cabinet Member provided a statement on operational property; ICT; Cardiff Manager Programme – Phase 2; C2C' Procurement team nominated for Award; Living Wage; Employee engagement and Treasury Management Strategy.

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the employee survey and engagement with school staff; response rates; Chief Executive roadshows; involvement of Members in 'Back to the Floor exercise'; progress on PPDR's Sickness absence reduction. The Cabinet Member undertook to investigate matters around data transfer from C2C to other council departments.

#### Deputy Leader and Early Years, Children & Families Statement

The Deputy Leader provided an update improvement in performance Increases in Looked After Children; collaborative partnerships and other developments in MASH; preventative strategies and Agile and Mobile Working.

The Cabinet Member responded to a question on increase in number of Looked after children who could be related to siblings; interventions and early help strategies.

#### 75 : NOTICE OF MOTION

The Lord Mayor advised that a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Carter and seconded by Councillor Clark had been submitted and was included on the Summons for the meeting.

The Notice of Motion was as follows:

This Council expresses deep concern about the appalling state of the surfaces of Cardiff's roads and pavements, and notes that these problems affect both urban and rural parts of the city.

This Council notes that the previous Liberal Democrat-led administration introduced a 3 year Highways Asset Management Plan worth £20 million in 2012, resurfacing roads and pavements across our city. In contrast the 2015/16 budget included approximately £8 million for highway improvements over the next 3 years, but cut

back street cleaning, weed removal and grass cutting, undermining the infrastructure of our city.

The Council notes the South Wales Echo article of 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 revealing the short list of roads to be repaired this year, 'prioritising the highways repairs and resurfacings on a needs basis.'

This Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet to look to bring forward a bold infrastructure plan in next year's budget to bring the city's roads up to the standard of a modern international city.

The Lord Mayor advised that one amendment to Motion 1 had been received proposed by Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Marshall.

The amendment was as follows:

Line 1 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph insert after Liberal Democrat " - *Plaid Cymru Coalition*" and delete the word "*Led*"

The Notice of Motion as Amended would read:

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The Council notes the South Wales Echo article of 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 revealing the short list of roads to be repaired this year, with some wards having no resurfacing work at all.

This Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet to look to bring forward a bold infrastructure plan in next year's budget to bring the city's roads up to the standard of a modern international city.

The Lord Mayor advised that second amendment to the Motion had been received proposed by Councillor Mitchell and seconded by Councillor Knight.

The amendment was as follows:

Delete para 1 and 2 and replace with:

*This Council notes that in 2012 a three year £20M HMAP was proposed which included £15M from the Labour-led Assembly as part of their LGBTI funding programme and it was this value that made up the majority of the available finance*

*for 2012 to 2015 whereby the Council had to maintain ongoing levels of investment over those years.*

Add in new paragraph 2

*This Council notes that 527 resurfacing programs were carried out during the current Labour administration compared to 215 during the previous Lib-Dem-Plaid administration.*

Amend paragraph 3 by deleting 'with some wards having no resurfacing work at all' and replace with '*prioritising the highways repairs and resurfacings on a needs basis.*'

Add in new paragraph 4:

*The Council notes the Neighbourhood Services approach developed by this administration and the additional funding invested in both the street cleansing, highway drainage and enforcement services such as:*

*£220k revenue for additional street cleansing teams for the inner city wards  
£75k revenue to provide an additional gully emptying gang;  
£65k capital for the procurement of a new street washing machine for the city centre;  
£100k to kick-start a new Enforcement Team.*

Amend original paragraph 4 to delete all after This Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet to ... and replace with '*continue to improve our highways despite the ongoing austerity cuts from the Conservative UK Government*'

The Notice of Motion as Amended would read:

This Council notes that in 2012 a three year £20M HMAP was proposed which included £15M from the Labour-led Assembly as part of their LGBTI funding programme and it was this value that made up the majority of the available finance for 2012 to 2015 whereby the Council had to maintain ongoing levels of investment over those years.

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£65k capital for the procurement of a new street washing machine for the city centre;  
£100k to kick-start a new Enforcement Team.

This Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet to continue to improve our highways despite the ongoing austerity cuts from the Conservative UK Government.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion. At the conclusion of the debate the Lord Mayor invited Councillor Carter to sum up. In summing up Councillor Carter advised that he accepted the Plaid Cymru amendment as proposed.

The Lord Mayor asked for the votes to be taken.

The vote was on Amendment 2 from Councillor Mitchell

The vote was CARRIED

Councillor Mitchell provided the right of reply before the vote was taken on the Substantive Motion.

The Motion was CARRIED as follows:

This Council notes that in 2012 a three year £20M HMAP was proposed which included £15M from the Labour-led Assembly as part of their LGFI funding programme and it was this value that made up the majority of the available finance for 2012 to 2015 whereby the Council had to maintain ongoing levels of investment over those years.

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76 : ORAL QUESTIONS

Question: County Councillor Rea

Please set out the details (location, facilities, etc.) of the promised new household waste recycling centre which will serve the north and centre of the city.

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

Thank you for your question, Councillor Rea. May I congratulate you on your election? And I hope you enjoy your seven months in post.

The Council is providing two recycling centres located at Bessemer Close and Lamby Way. These modern facilities will support the whole city.

The previous report to Cabinet in October 2015 also set out clearly our strategy and commitments to increasing the recycling and reuse of household items in Cardiff based on three key components:

- The provision of a free collection service for larger household items that are recyclable and reusable – and this will start in November;
- A reuse outlet where residents can take their reusable items or choose to buy reusable items. Work is ongoing to seek a strong reuse partner to secure the reuse facility. The location of this facility has yet to be determined; and
- The new Lamby Way. To ensure the Cabinet fully deliver all our commitments around reuse and HWRC facilities, the Wedal road site remains open until a suitable reuse facility is in place, as suitable alternative provision for residents is essential.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Rea

Could you clarify if the new centre will have all the facilities currently provided by Wedal Road and the additional reuse and recycle facilities, or will it be purely a reuse and recycle centre?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

Neither.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Cowan

You said you outlined your strategy in 2015 – and obviously it takes time to acquire a site, to take the surveys, and apply for planning permission – so how many sites have you visited and where are they?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

I haven't visited any sites. I think I need to be spending my time doing other things. Officers are there for me to do those sorts of things – that's what their job is. Once they come up with potential sites, at that stage I'll probably go and have a look at them.

Question: County Councillor Hudson

What strategy is in place before Wedal Road HWRC closes and how does a re-use/recycling centre fit into this?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

I would refer you to the answer provided to the previous question from Cllr Rea and my statement to Council.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Hudson

What criteria for the quality of goods will be used when they pick things up? What is nice in my mind might be unusable in someone else's mind. And also, why weren't Councillors consulted on this, please?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

The answer to the first question is - I have no idea. I didn't think you'd expect me to know about standards. I rely on other people to come up with the solution about what's reusable. We've got all these various groups – people like the Heart Foundation, people like that – they know what's suitable and what's not. That's not something that's my role.

In terms of why weren't they consulted: because it was a Cabinet decision and it went through the proper process and scrutinised.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Rea

I found your previous answer somewhat unenlightening. Therefore, could I ask you to detail exactly what services will be available at this new centre, which is being proposed for the north and centre of the city, and how they compare to the existing services at Wedal Road?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

I'm not sure you actually heard my answer the first time to your first question. It's going to be a reuse centre.

Question: County Councillor Gordon

Are the Civil Enforcement Officers working to a target number of parking fines to serve in a certain period?

Reply: County Councillor Patel

There are no specific targets set for the Civil Enforcement Officers.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Gordon

I just wonder what their outcome indicator is. What's the outcome indicator of the success of Civil Enforcement Officers?

Reply: County Councillor Patel

The job of the Civil Enforcement Officers is to patrol the streets, and if they find anything which is illegal, for example, they will then book the cars.

If I can give you an example, in April to July:

April: 5306

May: 5122

June: 4361

July: 5167

Supplementary question: County Councillor Bridges

I'm relieved that there is no target set on Civil Enforcement Agents. I think that's probably a bad way to go about keeping our streets safe and parking legal. I would, however, ask the Cabinet Member whether he would perhaps consider introducing a target that would ensure a better spread of Civil Enforcement Officers across the city so that they visit some of the wards, such as mine, which received very little enforcement? Rather than, as seems to be the case, spending a lot of time in the city centre, whilst the suburbs are left with poor levels of over-parking.

Reply: County Councillor Patel

We need to keep the city centre areas where the biggest congestion is, keep it free running. In wards like maybe yours, mine, and many other wards, it does come down to Members to report it. If you report it, the Civil Enforcement Officers will come out and get on with it. If you don't report it then, clearly, they may see the ward area as not a top priority.

As Elected Members, many of us will actually with no hesitation report it, and certainly have seen Civil Enforcement Officers going out there. But when you talk about equal, every ward – every single part of the city – is treated in the same way.

Question: County Councillor Rea

What recent discussions have been held involving the council about plans to bring the Gaiety Cinema on City Road back into use?

Reply: County Councillor Bale

This has been a longstanding issue which dates back to two previous Lib Dem administrations.

Labour Councillors for Plasnewydd have campaigned consistently on this issue over recent years, particularly in terms of the need to deal with the unkempt nature of the site, problems with refuse on the land, and ongoing problems with graffiti at this location.

The Chief Executive has written to the building's owner in the last few months – in the absence of any planning application for demolition – to request tidying up of the land, repainting of the building frontage, and securing of the site voluntarily. The site's representative advised the Council that it was his intention to address the issue, but nothing has come of this to date. As a result, a Section 215 Notice has therefore been issued to require the owner to undertake these improvement works. The owner has the right of appeal against this Notice to the Planning Inspectorate. If no appeal is made, the Notice will take effect on 11<sup>th</sup> November and the period for compliance will be one month from this date. If an appeal is lodged, then the matter will be held in abeyance until receipt of the Inspector's decision.

We will continue to work with Labour Councillors in the area, and indeed yourself, to make sure we address those issues.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Rea

Residents in Plasnewydd are more than fed up with the eyesore in our area – it brings our area down as a whole and prevents City Road living up to its potential. Will you give me assurances that the Council will continue to pursue this and do everything in its power to ensure the site is brought back into good use for the community?

Reply: County Councillor Bale

Well I hope from my previous answer that you will appreciate that we've already done a good deal of work with the existing Councillors and will continue to do so going forward.

Supplementary question: County Councillor McGarry

Will the Leader confirm that this building has been in a dreadful state for a long time, including the eight years the Liberal Democrats represented Plasnewydd, and that as soon as this administration took over in 2012, Local Labour Councillors have worked very hard, along with the Chief Executive and the planning department, to put pressure on the private owners to improve the site?

Reply: County Councillor Bale

I absolutely do agree with you on that, and I appreciate the work that Local Labour Councillors have been doing on this issue.

Question: County Councillor Hudson

What is the latest situation on Wedal Road?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

I would refer you to the answer provided in the question from Councillor Rea and my statement to Council.



Supplementary question: County Councillor Hudson

An alternative provision has been discussed for recycling. Can you expand on this, please? And will Councillors have input in any decisions?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

I thought I'd already said in my previous comments in my environment statement and in the answer to Councillor Rea's question earlier about what the recycling provision was going to be. We were looking to see about, from November time, collecting recyclable/reusable items directly from households in order to provide a service that they don't currently have free of charge. That's what we're trying to do.

We're also looking at the possibility of having somewhere to have a recycling centre somewhere in the city on top of that. But that's ongoing work.

I've already given all these answers. I'm not quite sure what I can add.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Boyle

I don't think you have given all the answers. In October, the Cabinet report that you referred to earlier on this evening referred to a reuse centre. The report that came to us – your environment statement three hours ago said a recycling/reuse facility in the city. Ten minutes ago, in response to Councillor Rea's question, it had reverted to a reuse only centre. What's it going to be in ten minute's time?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

In ten minute's time, I'd like to be going home.

Question: County Councillor McEvoy

Could the Cabinet Member give a breakdown of sporting facilities in Cardiff which the physically disabled can use?

Reply: County Councillor Bradbury

I'm genuinely pleased he's asked this question. It allows me the opportunity to talk about the InSport Bronze Award that I was presented by Disability Sport Wales earlier this month, which recognised the Council's role in increasing inclusive sport opportunities for disabled sport in the city – an event where 700 disabled athletes were taking part in in Cardiff Met University.

In total, we support over 50 disabled sporting activities and we are always looking at ways that we can raise the participation levels for disabled people in sports. All of the Council's Leisure Centres provide levels of inclusive access to varying degrees and I would draw the Member's attention to the new STAR Hub, which provides fully accessible changing facilities with hoist, as well as a pool pod allowing access to the pool.

Supplementary question: County Councillor McEvoy

It would be good if you could outline in writing what the 50 activities are and where they are. What I'm looking for really is an audit across the city. So if officers could action that, then I'd be really interested in seeing what we do in Cardiff, what happens in Rhondda Cynon Taf; what happens in the Vale; and what can be done to make things more accessible, really.

Reply: County Councillor Bradbury

Yeah, I can get you that information, Councillor. It's just if I'd read it out now, I'd go over the one-minute mark. So I'm happy to get you that information. No problem.

Question: County Councillor Gordon

How much has the Council received for this month-long event in Sophia Gardens?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

I am presuming the event you are referring to is the Street Food Circus. The fee received from the event organiser was £14,100 plus VAT.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Gordon

I cannot understand how a park can be allowed to be left in such a state. They've been there for six weeks and this is the Street Food Circus. There are still vehicles on the site, it's a complete mud bath, and I hope that they won't get their bond back. I just want to say that the 'Great Parties' or 'Best Parties Ever', paid £22,000 to Cardiff Council for the use of Sophia Gardens for those. So how is it that, for a longer period of time, Street Food Circus have only paid £14,000?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

What we have to bear in mind with all these sorts of events is that they do bring economic benefits to the city and also employment for people in the city who work for these companies. 40 different foods traders exhibited over a six-week period, supporting the independent food business scene. The event had a broad appeal for all ages and sections of the community. We've had message from the event organisers reported that 64,000 people attended the event over a six-week period, so it was a huge success.

In terms of the state and the quality of the grounds, well yes, it is a piece of ground which is now set aside for these sorts of things, and I understand from the Officer concerned who's got responsibility for this that actually repairs will start to take place. They'll obviously check it in terms of the bond and whether or not that will be withheld once they've made adjustment and necessary inspection of the site.

Question: County Councillor Rea

Is the Council satisfied that the choice of new partner for leisure provision will not lead to a loss or denigration of services to Cardiff citizens?

Reply: County Councillor Bradbury

Yes.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Rea

I'm glad that you're so confident.

Recently, Private Eye reported on Greenwich Leisure's record. This included keeping a swimming pool in Swindon open for three weeks after being warned of health issues that caused multiple cases of the crypto- bug; and eleven adults and four children in Buckinghamshire being hospitalised after being affected by the chemical content of water, which the company failed to test.

Do you still believe that Greenwich Leisure is a good choice to run our swimming pools?

Reply: County Councillor Bradbury

I have to laugh because the position of your party has changed since the 27 July because the Liberal Democrat leader on the 27 July –said I quote “my group are broadly in agreement with this proposal because the subsidy cannot be maintained.”

If it gives you any reassurance, though, we are not privatising our leisure centres in the way that you talk about. We are going into partnership; we have created a robust client function; we will have Council membership on the Project Liaison Board, which will decide programming; the staff are being transferred on the same terms and conditions that they have now; and no leisure centre will close unless this Council gives permission for those leisure centres to be closed, and under my tutelage we won't be giving permission for a leisure centre to close.

I find it really ironic from the party who cut so much money from our budget that you're complaining about us protecting public services.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Graham Thomas

With leisure centres being so important for health and wellbeing of residents, obviously, I just want to understand that this change won't see a drop in participation rates and, indeed, are they targeted to see them improve?

Reply: County Councillor Bradbury

Let me just state again that, if it weren't for the financial position where we are, this wouldn't be something we would be looking at. And I've always stated that. But the facts are we are in the position we are, and this is aimed not just at keeping leisure centres open but to try and make those centres thrive and get more and more people through the door.

I'm not going to stay here and say to you "yes, we're going to increase participation numbers" but that is the plan, hope we do it.

Question: County Councillor Hudson

Can you outline the projected expenditure for the whole Caerphilly Road regeneration project?

Reply: County Councillor Patel

The expenditure for the Birchgrove Shopping Centre regeneration scheme is around £206,000 which is funded as part of the Council's Neighbourhood Renewal Scheme programme. This scheme is being delivered on time and within budget and is due to be completed on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Hudson

I did think it was part-funded by the Welsh Government. If you could outline whether it is or not, please, and what their input is.

But I need to know whether there are any penalties for any overrun on the project, please.

Reply: County Councillor Patel

The question you've asked is on Caerphilly Road regeneration project. You didn't ask the question on the transport improvement scheme, which is what is happening on Heathwood Road to Maes y Coed Road, and that money is funded from Welsh Government transport plan. So maybe next time you need to ask the right question.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Bowden

I had understood from recent emails when I was looking back at the expenditure on all the schemes that have been going on in and around Heath. I had understood that the budget had been cut back to £150,000 that we've got from Welsh Government, because we couldn't do the whole scheme under Neighbourhood Renewal and that part of it had to come out of the Caerphilly Road works. Could you just clarify that point to me or perhaps write to me and give me an update on it?

Reply: County Councillor Patel

Certainly, I'd be happy to put it in writing to you.

Question: County Councillor McEvoy

Would the Cabinet Member give an update on what has been done over the last 12 months to create safer ways to school?

Reply: County Councillor Patel

Clearly, the safety of children is of paramount importance and this is reflected in the prioritisation of the projects we have delivered.

In 2015/16 we committed to deliver Safe Routes in the Community projects valued at £334,000.

Due to a better than expected settlement from the Labour Welsh Government in 2016/17 we anticipate spending £837,000 on improving pedestrian access to schools.

In 2016/17 a separate £50k project on improving “School Keep Clear” markings outside Schools is also being funded by monies received through Civil Enforcement.

Supplementary question: County Councillor McEvoy

I was quite surprised the other week to be outside Fitzalan and to be told by parents that you weren't available to meet them as their Ward Councillor. That surprised me.

I think what is needed here is holistic approach, and I just wondered do you realise that children go to school in this city, where there are accidents waiting to happen, and some accidents have happened?

There was a crossing out of action for two weeks on Cowbridge Road West – I went there myself and witnessed children running across the road. There are schools that need crossing people.

Reply: County Councillor Patel

I think the problem is, Councillor McEvoy, you don't always listen to the answers. We made it very, very clear to you – or I certainly made it very clear – of the expenditure that we are spending on to make these areas safer. No different to what most other authorities do. We are doing as many roads as we can to make it safer; we are looking at 20mph zones, limits as well.

Question: County Councillor Mitchell

Given the recent electrical problems in A block at Cantonian that necessitated the closure of the block, can the Cabinet Member update me as to the measures taken thus far and what proposals are in place to minimise any further disruption to Cantonian pupils and their parents?

Reply: County Councillor Merry

Firstly, I would like to say how much I regret any inconvenience to parents and pupils. However, the safety of pupils and staff at the school has to be of paramount importance.

Following the detection of mains electrical problem on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, Block A of the school was closed. The next day, a whole-school closure was

instigated to allow comprehensive electrical testing to be undertaken throughout the school.

The school was partially reopened to years 10, 11, and post-16 from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, utilising Block B.

Council Officers and school staff have worked hard to ensure that the rest of the year groups will be back in school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October by utilising 12 units of classroom accommodation, which are currently being installed.

I would like to thank staff at the school for their hard work, but also Officers. If any of you have had to get a demountable in your own school before, you will know what an effort it is to get 12 at once.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Mitchell

Congratulations should be made to the new Head teacher of Cantonian, as she handled this situation extremely well.

Would you not agree with me that special thanks should also go to the staff, who stayed on for extra hours, went above and beyond? They were carrying the books from block A to alternative accommodation.

I have to echo you're thanks to the members of staff who have arranged these demountable classrooms to come in. They will actually provide better facilities for the pupils there, and I look forward to the new build, I think this is essential to that site.

So not only have she handled the crisis, would you not agree that this can be made to work to the school's advantage?

Essentially, a silver lining to this transient cloud.

Reply: County Councillor Merry

I'd just like to say I've heard nothing but praise from officers for the hard work of teachers and staff at the school, and particularly the Head teacher.

Obviously, the Member would not expect me to comment on band B 21<sup>st</sup> century schools funding, but clearly the condition of the school will be major consideration.

Supplementary question: County Councillor McEvoy

I'd like to thank the staff for their hard work as well but the fact remains that this Council has failed to provide an education over a significant period of time for children in my ward.

What capital expenditure and what timetable is in place to be spent on Cantonian?

Reply: County Councillor Merry

Well, I would share your concern about the condition of Cantonian, as I've made clear in this chamber that I think the condition of some of our schools is not acceptable. But that is down to a failure to invest in our school buildings over a considerable length of time.

This administration has spent more, has the biggest school-building programme in Wales, which should be made clear at this point. I can't, at this point, say what will happen under band B funding, but clearly the condition of the school will be a major consideration. And also what the intermediate plans are for the school.

Question: County Councillor Bowden

With increased pressure for places in Cardiff's schools, and more children arriving in Cardiff who need to be educated, can you tell me what additional measures have been put in place within the Council's Admissions Team to enable both parents and schools to access vacancies and place children quickly?

Reply: County Councillor Merry

I am pleased to report that in-year allocations are up to date, with the Admissions team meeting the 15-school-day target as set by the Welsh Government. This has been achieved through revised working practices within the team and the reorganisation of the school appeal function. This has enabled Admissions staff to focus on allocations rather than appeals.

The website and "Information to Parents" booklet has been revised and updated to make information clearer and more accessible to parents.

Going forward, a consultation regarding a coordinated admission arrangement is planned which, if implemented, would support the streamlined allocation of school places in future.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Bowden

I am conscious that, when we move into the new round of places for 2017/18, there's a great deal of pressure on Admissions. And I did talk to you last year and suggest that perhaps there could be a dedicated phone line for schools trying to reach admissions that is separate to that of parents, or even some kind of email inbox to ensure that schools can get through efficiently while you're dealing with parents as well.

Reply: County Councillor Merry

I'm going to be what I hope is disarmingly honest: I believe that when the answer was cut down to actually get it through it in a minute, a reference to the hotline was removed and that it's due to be in the autumn, but I'll double check that for you.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Howells

In relation to the children arriving in Cardiff, have you had any further thought on how we address the education needs of those children that do arrive in Cardiff with no or little English?

At a previous meeting I've suggested that perhaps we create an immersion unit or units, and I was wondering whether you've had an opportunity to consider this?

Reply: County Councillor Merry

There is actually a report being drawn up on this and when it's available, I will inform you.

Question: County Councillor Bridges

Do street cleansing teams have routine access to keys for gated lanes when they are out on their normal rounds?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

The frontline cleaning officers do not have routine access to keys for access to the lanes.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Bridges

I find that absolutely astonishing, Councillor Derbyshire, that the team responsible for keeping our streets clean don't have access to the keys that will allow them to do their job.

So I wonder what you will agree to take forward tonight in order that they can be given the proper tools so that they can do their job properly and fulfil the Council's obligation to keep those back lanes clean.

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

It's interesting that you've asked this question now when your party was in power for eight years and the situation wasn't any different then.

The answer is that these are gated communities, which the community themselves want to do. In many cases they are responsible themselves for self-cleaning. The operatives are required to clean the lane, they will contact the supervisor and it can be arranged for the gates to be unlocked. So it's not that they can't do it, it's just that on a normal process they don't.

Supplementary question: County Councillor McEvoy

I'm just wondering whether the Councillor is aware of the cuts in servicing of cleansing crews in Queen Street, and whether he can outline to the Council exactly what those cuts have been in the last four years.

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire



Obviously I can't give you a direct answer now but I'll find out for you and let you know.

Question: County Councillor Graham Thomas

What tonnage of collected recyclable waste was rejected in 2015?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

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Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

In 2015/16, 5688 tonnes of collected material were sent to disposal treatment, rather than being sent on for recycling. So they were sent out of the recycled stuff. There is always an element of unwanted material from any kerbside recycling scheme. In Cardiff, we encourage residents if in doubt to place an item of packaging in their green bags as we have the technology to sort it out.

The only item that we don't want them to put in their green bags at all is any food waste and items like nappies. But even with diligent waste collection crews, these items still come through the system occasionally.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Graham Thomas

Just to clarify, the 5688 tonnes was the overall total? So what's the rejected tonnage, therefore?

And my supplementary was going to be - does this count towards our targets for overall collections?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

The tonnage I quoted to you was the amount of rejected material and that doesn't count towards any recycling.

Question: County Councillor Knight

What is the current waste strategy for events days in the city centre?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

Cleansing teams work hard to cleanse the city centre before and during and after high-profile events. We also have rapid response teams based in the city centre that are able to respond to any waste issue, provided that it is safe to do so. When there

are large crowds, it's obviously quite difficult. This ensures that the city centre is returned to its normal high standard of cleanliness as soon as practically possible.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Knight

As we talked before, the team's doing an amazing job in the city centre and also the Roald Dahl event last week was a tremendous success.

One thing I was disheartened to see, however, was people having to put piles of rubbish next to overflowing bins on the day. So, for event days, is there scope to look at larger bins to be able to hold all the waste that is generated on those days?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

I agree. This is an ongoing problem and obviously when there are very large crowds, the bins do get full. What I would urge people to do is to take their rubbish home with them or try to find a receptacle that can take it.

However, you're quite right about the larger bins. We are looking at that as a possibility. However, when we previously looked at this, in discussions with the Police, the Police themselves for obvious reasons are not very keen on us putting in those temporary bins. So there is a problem there about safety as against cleanliness.

Question: County Councillor Lloyd

Could the Cabinet Member please advise what is happening in relation to the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme within our schools and youth centres in north Cardiff?

Reply: County Councillor Merry

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Office has recently made a policy decision access to the award can be increased by supporting individual schools to become licensed to deliver the award. This is an approach that the Award Office has initiated in all local authorities across Wales.

This has meant that the Duke of Edinburgh provision in Cardiff is being reorganised with a new focus on delivering the programme through schools.

The majority of Cardiff's secondary schools are working this term with the Award Office to deliver the award programme and we are confident that that a comprehensive Duke of Edinburgh's Award offer will be available to young people in the north of the city.

Currently, ten of the Cardiff schools are fully licensed, another four are awaiting paperwork to be signed (so there's clearly paperwork involved), and a further three schools will be supported through the youth service.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Lloyd

I'm told that Cardiff High School and Howardian are definitely not doing the Duke of Edinburgh. Have either of those schools been offered support to carry on the scheme?

I know that there are Duke of Edinburgh Award people in our area and they actually help with the Friends of Nant Fawr which adds to their social skills and potential CV activities. So it is really very important for the progression of our young people in our communities that they do want to take this work.

So what are we doing to enable our educational establishments to carry on with this?

Reply: County Councillor Merry

Well, I'd actually like to stress how much I agree with you about the importance of the scheme.

I'd like to give you some reassurance because I believe that Cardiff High School is on the way to acquiring a licence. And, according to the update that I have here, they are awaiting signed paperwork. So, it's clearly in the line.

Obviously, this isn't a decision of the Council – it's a decision of the Awards Office. But what we are doing is we accept that some schools for whom the award is new may only feel able to offer the bronze award. So what we are doing is providing provision for silver and gold awards to be delivered centrally, where schools do not feel able to offer it.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Cowan

Why haven't we been told as Councillors?

We've had calls and emails from constituents who are concerned about the prospect of their children, and pupils themselves, that it will still be delivered and supported throughout Cardiff. So the lack of dialogue and respect for us again is apparent here.

So can you just confirm on record that, if youth centres want to keep delivering the award, will be supported by the Cardiff Council, and can you issue a statement to parents to advise them?

Reply: County Councillor Merry

Obviously, I wasn't clear: this is not a decision by Cardiff Council. We administer the scheme, via license, from the Duke of Edinburgh Award Office. They wish to move to delivering the scheme directly through schools. It is not a decision of Cardiff Council.

If the Member has an issue with it, I would suggest that she takes it up with the Award Office. They believe that it will widen access to the scheme. It is their decision, not ours. They issued us with the licence and have the right to withhold the licence.

Question: County Councillor Thorne

Could the Cabinet Member update us on the future of Grangetown Play Centre?

Reply: County Councillor Bradbury

I am pleased to confirm that the transfer of the Grangetown Play Centre to Grangetown Nursery School is progressing well.

There is currently a tender process in progress for work to improve the maintenance of the building. It is estimated that it will cost around £60-70k dependent on the tender process, which we are putting in as capital.

As part of the transfer to the nursery school, the centre will be offering a range of community activities including some play provision and I can confirm that plans are being put in place to ensure that play provision continues across Grangetown.

Until such time as the centre is transferred, there will be no changes to the current play arrangements as I have confirmed on numerous occasions.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Thorne

Can I just ask you to confirm that, once the building is transferred, that play will continue to be funded until the nursery is actually set up and running?

Reply: County Councillor Bradbury

As I've confirmed on numerous occasions, yes, that is the case.

Supplementary question: County Councillor McEvoy

Would you join me in congratulating the parents and campaigners in Grangetown, and especially children, who have fought and fought and fought since 2013, when this administration said that there was no money for the play centre and it could not be saved? They've kept on and ran a hell of a campaign.

Will you congratulate them?

Reply: County Councillor Bradbury

I'll congratulate any campaign for any public service but I'll certainly congratulate the two Labour Councillors who have fought and fought and fought to save the play provision.

I knew you would be angry about Grangetown Nursery taking over Grangetown Play Centre. And maybe those campaigners would be interested to know that you were part of an administration, as Deputy Leader, that wanted to close Grangetown Nursery School.

Question: County Councillor Boyle

What progress has been made on redrawing high school catchment areas in the east of the city since undertakings were given to Council in March?

Reply: County Councillor Merry

The amended motion passed in March calls on Cabinet to address issues of school places by expanding existing schools, building new schools, and redrawing of catchment areas.

Each time, I have to be honest with you; I'm surprised that you focus on catchment areas rather than expansion of schools. When I spoke to a large number of Marlborough parents at a meeting in the summer they were clear they supported the option of looking at the feasibility of expanding Cardiff High.

The Council will need to consider its schools programme prior to submitting a plan under Band B of the Welsh Government School building programme. It would seem short sighted to change catchment areas until all options have been explored, particularly as there is not a shortage of secondary school places within the area. Therefore, there will be no changes to the high school catchments during this academic year.

Consultation on coordinated admissions will be concluded by March 2017.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Boyle

I don't think we expected catchment areas to be changed by 2017, but people want to see some progress. And the answer, I think, doesn't give them the sense that there has been any progress.

We've got in 2012, 2013, and 2014 three schools inside the Cardiff High catchment area – two in Cyncoed and one in Penylan – took on an extra form of entry in each of those primary schools. There is a bubble in three primary schools in three consecutive years that is rapidly heading towards entry into Cardiff High in three consecutive years.

And so people cannot afford to hang on and want some sense that progress is being made on an issue that is becoming increasingly grave. And I just wonder whether you can perhaps give them some reassurance about when they might start to get some definitive answers, whether it's expansion or catchment area, whatever. At the moment about when your plans may come before them.

Reply: County Councillor Merry

I actually have a great deal of sympathy with parents who have uncertainty about what secondary school their children may attend. Unfortunately, though, if we were to deal with this quickly by amending the catchment area, it still wouldn't come in until September 2018.

And the logical consequence would be to move those parents into a catchment area for a secondary school that already has vacant places. So they can still put that school down on their list of preferences currently.

Now, from all the conversations that I've actually had with the Marlborough parents, they have preferred the option of looking at the expansion of Cardiff High, rather than taking them out of the catchment area. If you have information to the contrary, then I would be very happy to talk separately to you about that. But we have to explore the feasibility of expanding Cardiff High and the numbers involved. And we also have to look at it more holistically. We also have to look at the funding available through Band B and other priorities. So I wish I could give a more definitive answer, Joe, at this present moment. But if you are telling me that your parents would like you to push for them to be moved into the Cathays catchment area then we'll have a conversation outside.

Question: County Councillor Thorne

Is the Cabinet Member aware of the recent unexplained claim by Plaid Cymru that Channel View Leisure Centre is under threat of closure and will he confirm the current and future status of this important local facility and will he outline the Council's future plans for the centre?

Reply: County Councillor Bradbury

I am delighted that the Member for Grangetown has brought to my attention the totally fictitious claim by Plaid Cymru as I want to make it perfectly clear – and I repeat: no plans – to close Chanel View Leisure Centre.

The Channel View Centre was withdrawn from the leisure centres procurement so that the Council could retain the facility, which it was felt was more aligned to the offer of water based activities in line with the Council's responsibilities in operating as the Harbour Authority.

Being next to the only public access point to the Bay over the past couple of years, the Council has been moving the Channel View Centre from a "leisure centre with water activities" to a "water centre with leisure activities".

These changes which will continue have resulted in a much improved financial position with the intention that within three years there will be no subsidy applicable for the centre. In order to bring this about, the Council will continue to invest in the Centre with a particular focus on the water based facilities.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Thorne

Councillor Bradbury, would you agree with me that it really is unacceptable to spread rumours like this for a much-loved service in the community and the fact that the staff there not been involved in developing this service – they actually might have felt that their jobs were at risk and it was totally irresponsible.

Reply: County Councillor Bradbury

I don't know where to start on this. It's absolutely scandalous. And the Member who I suspect had a part to play in this is about to ask me the supplementary. So I'll ask him while I'm up here: will you retract that leaflet you put out in Grangetown.

Supplementary question: County Councillor McEvoy

Do you not realise that people don't believe you? If you look at the track record of this Council. Take City Farm. - the seamless transition - and that went. We also remember here the pledges not to raise Council Tax - there were no plans to raise Council Tax. – and look what happened. The pledge not to build on greenfield sites – and look what's happening there.

So will you publish -written proof of a contractual agreement between this Council and that leisure centre to guarantee funding over the next five years?

Reply: County Councillor Bradbury

I don't know where to start with that one.

I mean, first of all, Councillor, it was in the Cabinet Report on the leisure procurement that outlined perfectly clear in writing – in writing in a document that we approved as Cabinet on the Leisure ADM – what the future plans were for Channel View. This is exactly what I pointed out in answer to your question. So if you want to have written proof of what we're talking about, look at that Cabinet report.

I am amazed you're taking the stance you're taking because I did a bit of research. I did a bit of research and I had a look at Ceredigion. Ceredigion is Plaid-run authority, and they are asking, according to the Cambrian News of the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, for local residents in Llandysul to take over the leisure centre there. Take it over because they've cut £42,000 in two years and they've said "we're trying desperately to get interest and a local-residents group is stepping forward to try and do it."

I have said on the record that Channel View Leisure Centre, while I am Cabinet Member, will remain open.

Are you now going to condemn your administration – the Plaid-led administration in Ceredigion for asking local residents to run a leisure centre?

Question: County Councillor Weaver

The "blitz" cleaning rotation started in Cathays in September. Can the Cabinet Member say how many streets Council teams were able to deep clean?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

The Cathays blitz was carried out during the week commencing 12th September. In total, the crews were able to deep cleanse 42 streets during the five-day period. A gully-cleansing team cleansed 309 of 378 number gullies across Cathays. Eight Section 215 Notices were issued for bulky items within frontages. Enforcement issued eight Prevention of Damage of Pests Notices for waste escaping within the frontages. Five were cleared by the owners and three by the Council where costs will be recovered.

Pavement teams undertook repairs to all 66 defects that were on our inspection records.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Weaver

Thank you very much for that answer. It's fantastic to hear the stats on this. And residents did say after this how brilliant it was to see the streets getting a real deep clean. I think this is a very good example of how we can target our resources in times of austerity but still to deliver the things people want.

My question is, firstly, will you pass on my thanks to the staff who were working in Cathays and have been working in other wards in the city ever since on this? I did see that they were working incredibly hard.

But also there were many volunteers out that week. One of the great things about this scheme is it brought out volunteers and we had residents out in Cathays picking up litter, clearing out playgrounds with children from St Monica's School. Coincidentally, the same week we had a meeting of residents in Cathays to set up a-

Will you please thank the staff, thank the volunteers, the residents who came out and what can you do to promote Keep Cathays Tidy and other residents' groups across the city who are doing their bit to keep out streets clean?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

I'll certainly congratulate the staff, but I do want to congratulate the volunteers in Cathays. And not only in Cathays – in other areas too. I was out in Splott on Saturday. They were doing a fantastic job there. And the more of these groups that take ownership of their areas the better because that then, hopefully, embarrasses those people who do drop the litter. And we have to remember: it's not the Council that drops the litter, its people who drop litter. The Council who has to clear it up. So the more we can do to encourage that community spirit, the better.

Just in your area alone, 86 volunteer hours across the parks and cleansing and included St John's churchyard in the city centre were contributed over that period of time. And I think that's a fantastic achievement and long may it continue.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Bridges.

As we're on the issue of street cleansing, I will have another go at cleansing of rear lanes. Because I noticed the blitz cleaning rotation doesn't include my own ward.

I'm conscious of what you say around the importance of volunteers cleaning areas and I'm sure that's something we'd all back up. However, residents in my ward who have gated lanes were promised when those lanes were gated that the Council would retain the same level of responsibility towards cleaning them as they had before. And yet you have said earlier in this chamber tonight that those residents are now responsible for cleaning those lanes. Which is it?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire



In terms of the inner city, first of all, the blitz is for the inner city wards, which is why your own ward is not included. Nevertheless, there will be work carried out in your wards.

In terms of the gated communities, I will check on what the situation is with them: what was promised, because that was before I took over this role, and to see where we are with it. And I'll let you know,

Question: County Councillor Weaver

Tradespeople need to be able to park when working on properties, but there are many incidents where multiple vans and vehicles – along with skips – are parked in residents' parking bays to work on one house. Will the Cabinet Member look at introducing a permit scheme for tradespeople to use residents' parking, so that this can be more easily controlled and parking rules enforced?

Reply: County Councillor Patel

The Parking Strategy provides us with the opportunity to review the resident permit policy and we will look at introducing a permit scheme for tradespeople.

As you are aware, skips are controlled via licenses and differ to trades vehicles as the Highways Act allows the Council to license and enforce this aspect.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Weaver

Can I just urge you and just ask you: will you commit to look at it as quickly as you can?

We have had residents again this summer in our ward – but I know this happens in other wards in the city – with six or seven vans – with six or seven vans coming to one property. And it can take up the entire block of residents parking. There are other cities that do it – I know you're aware of some of them – Bristol, Brighton, a number of London boroughs, maybe Winchester – I don't know if we could ask somebody – but I think we should look at best practice that's done around the country and see if we can do it as soon as possible.

Reply: County Councillor Patel

I would like to thank yourself and your ward colleagues as well, which is Councillor Merry and Councillor Sam Knight as well, for bringing this to my attention.

And certainly we will be looking at it to see good practice elsewhere and also try to introduce it as soon as we possibly can.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Clark

I just want to add that, as such a scheme was requested nearly a year ago, to the parking team and also to yourself, -- I have been pushing for this as well – when will it actually be introduced, please?

Reply: County Councillor Patel

I did make it very clear in my answer we will look at the scheme. I did not say when it will be done. Councillor Weaver did ask the question “can it be done as soon as possible?” And I said we will do it as soon as possible, and I said we will look at it as soon as we possibly can and we will look at how fast we can do it.

So the answer is, basically, we will do it as fast as we possibly can. But I cannot give you a date or a time at this stage.

Question: County Councillor Dilwar Ali

What support has the UK Government provided to the City Council to progress the urgent need for a major redevelopment of Cardiff Central Train Station?

Reply: County Councillor Bale

The redevelopment of Cardiff Central Train Station is a vital priority of this administration.

Members will recall that I made clear to the UK Government that Cardiff's support for the City Deal required Ministers to commit to a constructive dialogue about making this happen. Over recent months, I have continued to pursue this matter through discussions with the Chief Executive of Network Rail, the Secretary of State for Wales, and the First Minister. The present the case for the redevelopment of Cardiff Central is a vital priority that must be afforded the highest attention by both the Department for Transport and Network Rail.

This matter is now at a critical stage given the ongoing redevelopment of Cardiff Central Square and the imminent construction of our new city bus interchange. Now is time for the UK Government – and Network Rail – to move this project forward decisively and to signal that Cardiff is going to benefit from the kind of major investment seen in stations across other UK Core Cities.

I would ask all Members to support me in pursuing this matter further and to do all they can to help unlock a redevelopment project that has the potential to make an enduring contribution to Cardiff's competitive position for years to come.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Dilwar Ali

Could you confirm if still there will be the link between the south side and to the north side, the underground or the footbridge on this proposal?

Reply: County Councillor Bale

Clearly, one of the major benefits of developing the train station at the same time as the bus interchange is that we would like to see that connectivity between the two buildings. It's vitally important that, when people arrive at the city, that they are able to seamlessly move between the train station and the bus interchange. It's a point

I've made very clear to both Network Rail and to UK Government Ministers. And you can rest assured that we'll be pushing that case very strongly in the months to come.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Walker

Can I ask you, in terms of the support you're giving, why do you doubt the Government and that Network Rail are gaining your support? I mean, you're campaigning for it – that's fine. You've spoken to all the relevant parties. Why is there any doubt if there's no problem, you've just explained – you've asked everybody about it and everybody's co-operating.

Reply: County Councillor Bale

I think in that question I hope there was a commitment on the side of Cardiff Conservatives to actually support the case for the redevelopment of Central Station. What we are saying at the moment is that we have entered a dialogue with Government Ministers, it is taking longer than we would like, and we are asking for the support from yourselves and from others, indeed, to make sure that we maximise the investment we are making in the central bus interchange by redeveloping the train station at around the same time.

Question: County Councillor Ali Ahmed

Can you please confirm your success on the recycling target as we had issues with large and smaller bins?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

May I first of all congratulate everybody who's still here and everybody who's still awake? It's been a long but productive meeting, I think. The restricting programme was delivered to schedule in the last financial year. Overall, the scheme delivered an extra 2679 tonnes of recycling in 2015/16. It contributed to us achieving the Welsh Government's statutory target of 58% for 2015/16.

The performance of the scheme continues to deliver extra recycling in 2016/17, with an extra 2208 tonnes to date recycled in this current financial year. I think it's a really good news story.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Ali Ahmed

Last year, many residents complained about the smaller bins, including a massive demonstration outside City Hall during one of these full Council meetings, possibly with about 50, 60, or 80 large bins, and some of the residents were there as well. But, obviously, your target – the Council target – was met, it was successful. Would you thank the residents of Cardiff for supporting the Council proposal to reach the recycling target?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

I certainly will congratulate the residents of Cardiff. There's no way, obviously, that the Council can do it alone.

There are difficult decisions to be made, always, going forward. That will continue to be the case. The next administration will have fresh challenges around recycling. But, for me, the obvious thing is that most people now realise that, actually, a smaller bin is not a big problem providing they recycle properly. And that's what we want to encourage. We will continue to encourage. We will continue to try and find more things that we can recycle in the future, because that's also very important. We want to give the residents all the help we can to recycle as much material as we can, because that's the way to progress.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Boyle

Councillor, were the old larger black bins included in the recycling figure – the total 58% recycling figure? And if they were, what percentage of that 58% were they – or did they contribute?

Reply: County Councillor Derbyshire

I'm not aware that they did contribute. Most of the bins were sent away, but also we kept quite a large quantity because, obviously, there are a lot of people, as we said at the time, we were a lot more flexible than other councils in the fact that we said that if you've got more than five in your household, for instance, you could have a larger bin. So there are still quite a number of people out there with more than five, if you look around Cathays and Plasnewydd, where you've got the student populations, for instance, a lot of them will have the larger bins. So we need to keep those to replace the bins once they go. So we've still got quite a large store of them going forward.

77 : URGENT BUSINESS

There were no urgent items.

78 : APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Council was advised that the Local Authority Governor Panel had met on 14 September 2016 to make recommendations to Council for approval on Local Authority School Governors.

RESOLVED - That the following appointments to Local Authority School Governors be approved: -

Existing LA Governor Vacancies

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Nomination
Bryn Hafod Primary School	Llanrumney	19/05/2016	Tony Powell
Cardiff High	Cyncoed	19/07/2016	Cllr Margaret Jones

School		20/07/2016	Liane Wigley
Ely and Caerau Children's Centre	Ely	23/06/2015	Denise Kelland
Gabalfa Primary School	Llandaff North	22/04/2016	Hannah Buckingham
Glyncoed Primary School	Pentwyn	24/09/2015	David Hughes
Grangetown Primary School	Grangetown	22/06/2016	Miguela Gonzalez
Gwaelod Y Garth Primary School	Pentyrch	14/03/2016	Lauren Stork
Howardian Primary School	Penylan	13/01/2016	Louise Gardner
Kitchener Primary School	Riverside	02/07/2016	Cllr Caro Wild
Llanedeyrn Primary School	Pentwyn	02/07/2016	Alex Ingram
Meadowbank Special School	Llandaff North	28/01/2006	Mike Borley
Meadowlane Primary School	Trowbridge	07/06/2016	Katherine Whittington
Millbank Primary School	Caerau	20/07/2016	Cllr Peter Bradbury
St Teilo's CIW Primary School	Pentwyn	10/05/2016	Jenny Rathbone
Ysgol Gymraeg Melin Gruffydd	Whitchurch	17/07/2015	Christian Webb
Ysgol Pencae	Llandaff	21/10/2015	Eryl Siriol Burford
Ysgol Pwll Coch	Canton	27/01/2016	Rebecca Avci

Future Governor Vacancies

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Nomination
Birchgrove Primary School	Heath	01/02/17	Dan Walsh
Bryn Celyn Primary School	Pentwyn	13/12/16	Mark Perrins
Cathays High School	Gabalfa	25/09/16	Cllr Elizabeth Clark
Coed Glas Primary School	Llanishen	19/10/16 9/10/16 26/10/16	Michael Bryan Charles Taylor Cllr Garry Hunt
Coryton Primary School	Whitchurch	01/02/17	Cllr David Groves
Greenhill School	Rhiwbina	28/09/16	Anne Ambler

		28/09/16	Stephen Durrani
Hawthorn Primary School	Llandaff North	28/09/16	Cllr Dilwar Ali
Llanishen Fach Primary School	Rhiwbina	14/12/16	Paul Jeffries
Mary Immaculate Catholic High School	Caerau	14/12/16	John Union
Ninian Park Primary School	Grangetown	14/12/16	Cllr Lynda Thorne
Oakfield Primary School	Trowbridge	13/12/16	Sian Burgess-Hunt
St Fagan's Church in Wales Primary School	Ely	21/11/16	Julie Thomas
Ton Yr Ywen Primary School	Heath	19/12/16	Cllr Lyn Hudson
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad	Butetown	1/10/16 1/10/16 1/10/16	Cllr Ali Ahmed Dafydd Trystan Davies Mair Parry Jones

#### 79 : COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Council received a report informing of the change in political composition of the Council following the notification from from Councillor Marshall (Independent) that she had joined the Plaid Cymru Group; and the By-Election on the 20 September 2016 when Councillor Robin Rea (Liberal Democrat) was elected to the Ward of Plasnewydd.

In addition in accordance with Party Group wishes nominations to vacancies on Committee had been include on the amendment sheet.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the change in the political composition of the Council as set out in the report was noted; and
- (2) Councillor Magill be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Employment Conditions Committee in accordance with the approved allocations and the nomination received as set out on the Amendment Sheet.

#### 80 : APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council was requested to agree the appointment of Council representatives to Outside Bodies under the Local Choice functions in accordance with nominations received from Party Groups as set out on the amendment sheet.

RESOLVED that the following nominations as City of Cardiff representatives on outside bodies be approved:

<u>Name of Organisation</u>	<u>Nominated Representative</u>
Cymric Building Preservation Trust	Councillor Manzoor Ahmed (Deputy Chair Planning Committee)
Flat Holm Consultative Group	Councillor Manzoor Ahmed (Deputy Chair Planning Committee)
Local Government Association – Community Wellbeing Board 2016/17	Councillor Bale (Leader of the Council)

81 : CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Council was requested to correct an administrative error made in the adoption of the Terms of Reference of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee at Annual Council on 26 May 2016.

RESOLVED – That the Terms of Reference for the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee as set out in the report were approved as a correction to an administrative error to the report to Annual Council 26 May 2016.

*(Meeting closed at 21.55pm)*

82 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE  
(COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many people were employed a) full time b) part time by Cardiff County Council on 03/05/2012 and on 01/09/2016?

Reply

The information is set out in the following tables, which include a breakdown of figures for schools and non-schools employees:

Staff Numbers as at 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012:

	Schools	Non-Schools	Total
Full-time	2685	4654	7339
Part-time	3893	3292	7185
Total	6578	7946	14524

Staff Numbers as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016:

	Schools	Non-Schools	Total
Full-time	2845	3831	6676
Part-time	3855	2390	6245
Total	6700	6221	12921

ENVIRONMENT (COUNCILLOR BOB DERBYSHIRE)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHAUNDY

Green bags are occasionally missed from weekly collections and then damaged or torn creating a mess; other than placement on correct date is there any good reason why bags green even if damaged – are not be collected?

What are the arrangements for such forgotten bags or ones torn open, for specific collection and cleansing?

Reply

If green recycling bags are heavily contaminated (e.g. with food waste), then this can impact on the processing and the quality of recyclable materials at the Council's Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) at Lamby Way. As a result, waste collection crews have been instructed not to take these bags, but to note the household address in order for the Education and Enforcement Team to visit and take appropriate action.

If a bag is only slightly contaminated, then the crews will collect it.

The crews will collect torn bags; however, they do not have capacity to collect significant waste that might have spilled onto the pavement or highway before they arrive. Such issues are reported to the cleansing team who will then address the issue.

In the unfortunate situation where a waste collection crew has not collected waste that has been presented correctly, the resident should contact Connect 2 Cardiff.

If residents are unsure of what to place in the green bag, they can either refer to information on the Council's website or call Connect 2 Cardiff for advice.

SKILLS, SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT (COUNCILLOR DAN DE'ATH)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

What support will be given to Members stepping down at May's election to facilitate a handover process to their successor(s)?

What equivalent support will be given to those Members not expecting to stand down but who are unsuccessful at the election?



Reply

The Director of Governance and Legal Services will provide guidance to Members in early 2017 on the processes and support that will be put in place in advance of next May's council election.

Our aim is to make the transition as easy as possible for Members, allowing them time to complete casework and to close down or handover any outstanding ward related matters; return their IT equipment; and have in place administrative arrangements for them to return any other items and unwanted documents so that they can be disposed of appropriately.

Similar support will be provided after the May 2017 election to any Members who are unsuccessful in being re-elected, as well as a clear deadline for the close down of IT and Email accounts etc.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

How many times, on average for the whole council, were Member Annual Reports downloaded from the council website during the past municipal year per Member?

(NB – for the sake of clarity, what I'm asking for here is an answer along the lines of “*20 Members provided Annual Reports for the last municipal year. On average, these were downloaded an average of 7 times each*”)

Reply

The Democratic Services pages on the City of Cardiff Council website is hosted by Modern.Gov as it is a tailor made Committee Management System that was adopted by the Council in May 2015. We have been advised that they do not currently monitor hits on individual pages of the system.

TRANSPORT, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY (COUNCILLOR RAMESH PATEL)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

Many tree-lined pavements in Cardiff are damaged as a result of tree roots breaking up the footway. No-one wants to see trees lost on these streets, but equally the damage to the pavements can cause problems, particularly for those with mobility difficulties. What is the council's approach to carrying out repairs to such streets so that roots do not cause further damage, and is there a long-term plan when such trees need replacing to try and minimise future damage?

Reply

There are over 12,000 trees within the streets of Cardiff. Whilst they provide many environmental benefits to the neighbourhood and, more specifically, to

the street scene, it must be recognised that they come with a maintenance requirement, not least that of the footway and associated root disturbance.

The footways around the city are routinely inspected for the presence of safety defects, which will include any damage as a result of root heave. Should a defect be identified, various remedial works will be undertaken to address and remove the defect as follows:

- Small impact on footway resurfacing  
Slabs/tarmac is removed, small roots cut and slabs/tarmac replaced.
- Medium impact on footway resurfacing  
Slabs/tarmac will be removed, any roots that will not affect the stability or health of the tree are removed and the footway reinstated with tarmac.
- Large impact on footway resurfacing  
If there is no potential for remedial works then, following consultation with/approval of Parks, tree removal will be considered and the footway reinstated. Smaller trees may be planted if considered appropriate.

Parks and Highway Asset Teams work closely on a strategic tree replacement programme. The Parks Service will programme their removal plans and highway contractors will assist in preparation and reinstatement of the footway to ensure a quality finish.

In terms of planning for the future and when undertaking individual tree replacement and new planting, we are taking the opportunity to review tree selection by ensuring that species prone to vigorous root activity are avoided and/or root barriers are installed in planting pits. Root barriers have the effect of redirecting tree roots in a downward position thereby preventing damage to the footway; indeed, the Council has been installing root barriers in street tree plantings for a number of years.

#### WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES

If a resident has CCTV showing someone breaking parking regulations (e.g. parking in a resident-only bay without a valid permit) and they share this with the council, and the quality of the CCTV is good enough to provide sufficient evidence of an offence, would the council take action? And what would be the process for submitting this type of evidence?

#### Reply

Any enforcement by cameras is only permitted by approved devices and not by private CCTV cameras, regardless of the camera footage quality. Approved cameras are only used currently for moving traffic contraventions, including at locations where there are bus lanes, yellow box junctions and prohibited turns.

On street parking contraventions, such as those in resident permit areas, are only enforced by council officers on the street. This is because it is necessary to verify the location, the use and display of any permits and the full circumstances under which the vehicles are parked.

However, the Council would investigate any concerns being raised with regard to parking in resident only bays and, if evidence was found by Civil Enforcement Officers, appropriate action would be taken in line with our approved policy. Currently, such action would include the issuing of a fixed penalty notice for having no residential parking permit or the removal of a permit if it is found that the permit is being abused.

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_