

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 28 September 2017 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 22 September 2017.

Present: County Councillor Derbyshire (Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ahmed, Asghar Ali, Dilwar Ali, Bale, Berman, Bowden, Bowen-Thomson, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke-Davies, Carter, Congreve, Cowan, Cunnah, Davies, De'Ath, Driscoll, Ebrahim, Elsmore, Ford, Goodway, Gordon, Henshaw, Gavin Hill-John, Philippa Hill-John, Hinchey, Howells, Hudson, Jacobsen, Jenkins, Jones-Pritchard, Keith Jones, Owen Jones, Joyce, Kelloway, Lancaster, Lay, Lent, Lister, Mackie, McEvoy, McGarry, McKerlich, Merry, Michael, Molik, Murphy, Naughton, Owen, Parkhill, Jackie Parry, Keith Parry, Patel, Phillips, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sandrey, Sattar, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Taylor, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Lynda Thorne, Walker, Weaver, Wild, Williams, Wong and Wood

49 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Goddard and Morgan.

50 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received in accordance with the Member Code of Conduct

Councillor	Item	Interest
Councillor Hudson	Item 11 Director Of Social Services Annual Report 2016/17	Personal Interest as family member is in receipt of certain social services.
Councillor Carter	Item 13 – Notice of Motion	Personal Interest as employed by a charity which campaigns on involved in air pollution.
Councillor Taylor	Item 13 – Notice of Motion	Personal Interest as employed by a charity which campaigns on involved in air pollution
Councillor Sandrey	Item 13 – Notice of Motion	Personal Interest as Non-Executive of Cardiff Bus
Councillor Robson	Item 13 – Notice of Motion	Personal Interest as Non-Executive of Cardiff Bus
Councillor Gavin Hill John	Item 13 – Notice of Motion	Personal Interest as Non-Executive of Cardiff Bus

Councillor	Item	Interest
Councillor Williams	Item 11 Director Of Social Services Annual Report 2016/17	Personal Interest as Director of Board Member of Cartref Care Homes Limited which is involved in social care for elderly people; and Director of Diverse Cymru.
Councillor Lay	Item 13 – Notice of Motion	Personal Interest as Non-Executive of Cardiff Bus
Councillor Simmons	Item 13 – Notice of Motion	Personal Interest as Non-Executive of Cardiff Bus
Councillor Stubbs	Item 13 – Notice of Motion	Personal Interest as Chair and Non-Executive of Cardiff Bus
Councillor Patel	Item 13 – Notice of Motion	Personal Interest as Non-Executive of Cardiff Bus
Councillor Wong	Item 14 – Oral Question 8	Personal Interest as School Governor at Cathays High School.

51 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting 20 July 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

52 : PETITIONS

1. Councillor Jacobsen – 117 signatures from children and parents in Llanederyn calling on the Council to keep the free school bus service to Llanishen High School
2. Councillor Ashley Wood - 29 signatures calling on the Council to introduce for safety measures on Llantarnam Road to reduce vehicle speeds.
3. Councillor Philippa Hill-John – 75 signatures calling on the Council to designate the southern section of Palace Road as an area for residents only parking in line with the scheme adopted for the rest of Palace Road.
4. Councillor Sandrey – 203 signatures to be added to a previous petition submitted at Council on 20 July 2017 calling on the Council to take action and deal with the dangerous parking issues in Circle Way West
5. Councillor Ebrahim – from 35 residents and leaseholders of Century Wharf residential development in Dumballs Road Butetown urging Cardiff Council to fulfil their legal obligation under planning control and the contravention of S171A of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 on Commercial letting of property which is affecting the residents rights to peaceful enjoyment of their dwelling. Residents are having to deal with anti-social behaviour at weekends from flats being let out on commercial lettings for stag and hen nights.

6. Councillor Ebrahim - 35 signatures from Edward England residents calling on the Council to address the problems of anti-social behaviour (drug and alcohol) in Lloyd George Avenue.
7. Councillor Congreve – 28 signatures to be added to a previous petition submitted at Council on 20 July 2017 calling on the Council to make Rhydypenau/Fidlas/Llandennis & Heathwood Road Roundabout safer with clear simple-designated road lane control markings
8. Councillor Owen Jones – 425 signatures urging the Council to keep Howard Gardens Bowling Green, Adamsdown as open space for community
9. Councillor Carter – 248 signatures to be added to a previous petition submitted at Council on 20 July 2017 calling on the Council to keep the free school bus service to Llanishen High School

53 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Public Question: *Ms Alison Hood*

What is the Council going to do to help single parents and that of working families who are no longer eligible for free transport from Pentwyn to Llanishen as £420 a year and almost a 3-mile walk for an 11 year old is simply not affordable or safe?

Reply: *Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education, Employment and Skills, Councillor Merry*

I understand the frustration of parents and children, particularly when they have to walk past another High School on route to Llanishen High. This a result of a previous Council decision that was taken back in 2008 to close Llanedeyrn High School, and the consequential redrawing of the catchment area. .

It was agreed at the time to provide free transport to Llanishen High on a strictly time limited and temporary basis for 5 years from September 2011 due to the circumstances of the closure of Llanedeyrn.

Free school transport is not means tested or provided on the grounds of affordability. The Welsh Government has determined 3 miles as the walking distance over which the Council must provide statutory free transport to pupils of secondary school age. This criterion is applied right across the city. We cannot provide free transport for one group of pupils without providing it for all.

Supplementary Public Question: *Ms Alison Hood*

Do you think that an almost 6 mile round trip to and from school for an 11 year old with a heart condition who is not familiar with the area is a feasible distance for them to walk to and from school after a full day in school and in poor weather conditions?

Reply: *Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education, Employment and Skills, Councillor Merry*

As I have said I have every sympathy with the parents and children involved, but 3 miles is the walking distance that has been determined by the Welsh Government.

Actually in England this is the distance judged for children under the age of 8 not 11. That is the distance that has been laid down and that is the criterion we have to operate within.

54 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cardiff Half Marathon

The Lord Mayor was pleased to welcome competitors and spectators from across the globe to the Cardiff Half Marathon taking place on Sunday 1 October, and wished all the competitors including Councillors and staff good luck for the race and the fundraising for a wide variety of charities.

55 : STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2016/17 AND ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORTS

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance, Councillor Weaver proposed the Statement of Accounts 2016/17 and the Annual Compliance Reports. This was seconded by Councillor Hinchey.

The report required Full Council to approve

- the audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017;
- 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 2017;
- to note the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2016/17; and
- to note that formal documents will be signed at the conclusion of the meeting prior to 30 September 2017.

The Cabinet Member advised that the accounts had been subject to thorough scrutiny by the Audit Committee and Wales Audit Office, and put on deposit in accordance with statutory requirements.

The Cabinet Member thanked the Corporate 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:

- statement on the financial health of Cardiff Bus
- adequacy of income and attempt to persuade Welsh Government to change the allocation of Business Rates;
- concerns around high level of debt and need to increase income
- value of the Pension fund for Cardiff & Vale and how it can be used

The Cabinet Member responded to the matters raised in relation to income and business rates and explained the work of the Pension Committee that oversees the Cardiff and Vale Pension Fund. The Cabinet Member agreed to provide a written response in respect of Cardiff Bus.

RESOLVED – That

1. the audited Statement of Accounts for the ended 31 March 2017 were approved;
2. the Audit reports of the Wales Audit Office on the Statement of Accounts of County Council of the City and County of Cardiff, Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund, Cardiff Port Health Authority and Cardiff Harbour Authority for the year ending 31 March 2017 were noted;
3. the final Letters of Representation for the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff, Cardiff and the Vale Pension Fund and Cardiff Harbour Authority were noted;
4. the following documents to be formally signed at the conclusion of the meeting were noted:
 - Statement of Accounts for County Council of the City and County of Cardiff including the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund – Lord Mayor and Corporate Director Resources.
 - Statement of Accounts for Cardiff Harbour Authority – Corporate Director Resources.
 - Annual Return of Cardiff Port Health Authority – Corporate Director Resources and Lord Mayor.
 - Annual Governance Statement (within the accounts) – Leader of the Council and Chief Executive.
 - Audit Certificate for the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund and Cardiff Harbour Authority – Appointed Auditor, Wales Audit Office. To be signed at a later date.
 - Letters of Representation for the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff – Corporate Director Resources and Lord Mayor.
 - Letter of Representation for Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund – Corporate Director Resources and Lord Mayor.
 - Letters of Representation for Cardiff Harbour Authority – Corporate Director Resources and Lord Mayor
5. the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2016/17 was noted.

56 : BUDGET STRATEGY

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance, Councillor Weaver proposed the Budget Strategy 2018/19 and Medium Term proposals agreed by Cabinet on 27 July 2017. This was seconded by the Leader Councillor Huw Thomas.

The report set out proposals to consolidate and update the Council's financial strategy in readiness for the preparation of the 2018/19 revenue and capital budgets. Included in the report was the timetable for the budget process in order to present the

2018/19 Budget to Council in February 2018; measures in relation to the Council's financial resilience; and the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

The Cabinet Member reported on the key challenges and the budget principles agreed by Cabinet to meet the budget reduction required for 2018/19 and the period of the Medium Term Financial Plan which included framing the budget around four overarching assumptions:

- Cap on Schools' Growth
- Savings Requirements
- Use of Reserves
- Council Tax Increases.

The indicative budget gap was predicted to be £23.5 million for 2018/19 and £73.5 million across the period of the Medium Term Financial Plan. Directorates had been asked to work to identify potential savings to assist in addressing the gap, which would be further considered and amended following the receipt of details of the Welsh Government settlement. The Budgets Strategy assumptions include a proposal to increase Council Tax by 3.7% to address the funding gap.

The Cabinet Member advised that any new capital investment approvals would be funded by borrowing between 2018/19 and 2022/23 and will be for asset renewal in relation to existing assets only.

During the debate Members raised issues around the capping of the Education budget; uncertainty around Band B school organisation funding; capital funding; funding of any pay increases; and effect and risks of Brexit. Members discussed the increase in demand for services and ongoing impact on social services and Children Services budgets; the need to provide service improvements in particular around cleaner streets; recycling and highway repairs. The use of additional allocation of business rates would support these additional demands. A Member expressed the need for consultation to be wide reaching and inclusive to all communities in Cardiff.

The Cabinet Member responded to the issues raised and the extremely difficult budget decisions that the Council would be require making.

RESOLVED – That the Budget timetable framework as set out in the report was approved and that in the intervening period the Corporate Director Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance continue to work through the key assumptions to further inform the budget preparation once the details of Welsh Government settlement is received.

57 : AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

The Chair of the Audit Committee, Mr Ian Arundale presented [the Audit Committee Annual Report for 2016/17](#). The Chair thanked the all Committee Members for delivering a strong scrutiny of the audit functions and in particular thanked the Deputy Chairperson, Hugh Thomas for chairing two Audit Committee meetings in 2016/17. He also thanked the outgoing Deputy Chairperson, Professor Maurice Pendlebury for his many years of dedication and highly valued services to the Audit Committee, and

welcomed Gavin McArthur and David Price as new independent members who joined the committee at the end of 2016 and early in 2017.

The report detailed the work of the Committee over the last 12 months in providing assurance on the effectiveness of governance, risk management and controls within the Council; its audit process; risk management and treasury management procedures and reporting on the statement of accounts and informing the Council's Annual Governance Statement 2016/17.

Members of the Council recognised the important role of the Committee and it was considered that the self-assessment undertaken by the Committee on an annual basis was good practice and something that could be adopted by other committees or directorates as a way of reviewing performance against a best practice framework; measuring outcomes and achievements; and identifying areas for improvement

RESOLVED – That the Chairperson and all Members Committee of the Audit Committee be thanked for their due diligence and work during the past year and the Annual Report was received and noted.

58 : STANDARDS & ETHICS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016 - 17

The Chair of the Standards and Ethics Committee, Mr. Richard Tebboth present the [Standard and Ethics Committee's Annual Report 2016/17](#).

The main thrust of the Committee had concentrated on

- making itself more visible, through attendance at Council and Committee meetings and its Member briefings;
- preparing for the new elected Members induction sessions and training on the Code of Conduct.
- designing and considering outcome from the exit survey undertaken in February 2017, in particular around behavioral matters and alleged incidents, and was pleased that the Council had been able to provide confidential counselling support to Members if required
- listening to a number of concerns raised on levels of conduct in some full Council meetings - which attracted adverse comment in public media and risked affecting the overall reputation of the Council;
- analysis of complaints reported to the Monitoring Officer; cases referred to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales and complaints under the Local Resolution protocol. One case outstanding from the previous year was dealt with by the Adjudication Panel for Wales.
- Continue its work on being pro-active in promoting good standards of practice and seeking to resolve problems at an early stage, rather than relying on reacting to complaints once they reach a more formal level.

The Chair thanked all Committee members for their work and input into the work of the Committees and in supporting officers of the Council. As ever, the Committee's work relies heavily on the support it receives from officers, particularly the Director of Governance and Legal Services and all her staff.

The Chair thanked Community Councillor John Hughes, who stands down at the end of a lengthy and loyal term of office, and of independent member Hollie Edwards-Davies, who is standing down after a less lengthy but active period of service.

Members raised a number of matters around the Exit Survey and safeguards for Members. Some concerns were raised about how radical the Committee's response had been to the behavioral matters raised during the last administration and the support given to Councillors affected by such behavior. There was a recognition that the Committee's briefings had underlined the messages around Code of Conducts and ethical standards. A concern was raised around the Committee Members observing meetings general comment around Members leave meetings early, it was felt that this did not fit well with encouraging equality and diversity of members who may have particular personal or caring commitments and that lengthy meetings did not support members in these roles. It was felt that the Council had a duty of care to all Councillors and their wellbeing.

The Committee was encouraged to ensure that its membership was more diverse as part of the forthcoming recruitment process.

The Chair responded to the matters raised and stressed the importance of party groups supporting the committee in its endeavors. The Chair took on board the need to increase diversity and encouraged all Members to promote in their communities applications to any vacancies that occur.

RESOLVED – That the Chairperson and all Members of the Standards & Ethics Committee be thanked for their work to support Members during the past year and the Annual report was received and noted.

59 : DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

The Cabinet Members for Social Care, Health and Well-being and Children & Families presented the [Director of Social Services Annual Report 2016/17](#). The report reflected on the growing coherence, strength and effectiveness of Social Services in Cardiff, in its second year as a single Directorate, following the merger of two previously separate Directorates serving Children's and Adults respectively. Whilst focusing on the previous municipal year, the report reflected on the ongoing journey in terms of the medium to long-term strategic development in managing a coherent whole-systems approach to increasing demand, improving service and increasing financial pressures. The nature of these challenges in the context of a fast-growing, complex and increasingly diverse city make them particularly significant for Cardiff.

The Cabinet Members drew particular attention to under-pinning projects in particular around care assessments; the multi-agency safeguarding hub and support to service users.

Members welcomed the report and raised a number of issues around the proposed management restructure and the role of Director of Social Services and assistant directors; support to Local after Children; issues around children services and support to both parents in child care issues; the changes to direct payments.

The Council wished to put on record their thanks to the current Director of Social Services, Tony Young for his exceptional work in very difficult circumstances over the time he has been with Cardiff Council as he had indicated that he would be retiring during 2018. The Lord Mayor wished Tony all the very best for the future.

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

60 : LEADER & CABINET STATEMENTS

The following statements were received:

1. [Leader Statement](#)
The Leader responded to questions on his statement in relation to Fair Funding; the first investment made under the £1.2bn Cardiff Capital Region City Deal with IQE Plc in Newport; and staff engagement.
2. [Cabinet Member, Finance Modernisation & Performance](#)
The Cabinet Member responded to questions on his statement Cardiff App; LGBT networks in Cardiff; and the Wales Interpretation and Translation Service.
3. [Cabinet Member, Housing & Communities](#)
The Cabinet Member answered questions on her statement in relation to work being undertaken with rough sleepers in the city centre; the fantastic work being undertaken in Libraries throughout the city and some assurances on securing library funding for the future.
4. [Cabinet Member, Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment](#)
The Cabinet Member responded to questions on his statement relating to community litter picks and the 'Love Where You Live' initiatives. The work of the Energy and Sustainability team and solar energy; the Carbon Reduction Commitment in particular in relation to new homes; and the work of Bereavement Services.
5. [Cabinet Member, Children & Families](#)
The Cabinet Member answered questions on his statement relating to Looked After Children and complex Children Services issues and ensuring that the service meets the diverse needs in the communities; success and ongoing campaign in the of the Fostering services; and the work of the MASH and early help strategy
6. [Cabinet Member, Social Care, Health & Well-being](#)
The Cabinet Member answered questions on her statement in relation to work being undertaken on the Delayed Transfer of Care; safeguarding recruitment and indicated that she would provide more detail as requested. The Cabinet Member was pleased to report that the Council's Dementia Strategy would be launched next month and thanked the Community and Adult Services Committee and councillors for their support with this initiative.

7. [Cabinet Member, Strategic Planning & Transport](#)

The Cabinet Member answered questions on his statement relating to moving traffic offences and lack of residents parking; the proposed date for the 'Car free' and future car free days; cycle routes; withdrawal and reduction in bus services; and the ongoing roll-out of the LED street lighting project.

8. [Cabinet Member, Culture & Leisure](#)

The Cabinet Member answered questions on his statement relating the summer events and Pride Cymru Big Weekend; Storm Aileen and the loss of trees; and the St Albans Rugby Club sports pitch.

9. [Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member, Education, Employment & Skills Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member answered questions on her statement in relation to examination results; school holiday enrichment programme and the UN Rights of a Child programme.

61 : NOTICE OF MOTION

The Lord Mayor advised that a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Dianne Rees and seconded by Councillor Gavin Hill-John had been submitted and was included on the Summons for the meeting.

The Notice of Motion was as follows:

This Council notes that:

- 1) As Elected Members we have responsibility for our City and that includes creating sustainable communities, with comprehensive plans to deliver achievable network and road solutions.
- 2) Cardiff faces substantial traffic and network gridlock unless urgent action is taken. Strategic documents refer to Cardiff's road network being at full capacity in 2010 and over capacity ever since. This impacts on those living and working in the city, economically, socially and environmentally.
- 3) There is a serious challenge facing Cardiff over the lack of public transport capacity as the city grows during the Local Development Plan period and beyond. An increase in public transport capacity within Cardiff is essential. This, at a minimum, needs to be in line with the growth forecasts included in the LDP and to cater for an increase in commuters arriving from neighbouring authorities.

This Council calls on the Cabinet

- 1) To produce an action plan, based on accurate up to date transportation and network data to address the capacity issue in public transport so that future congestion does not bring Cardiff to a halt, to the benefit of those who use public transport and those who do not.
- 2) To bring the plan to Full Council within 6 months.

The Lord Mayor advised that two amendments to the motion had been received: -

Amendment 1: Proposed by: Councillor Emma Sandrey

Seconded by: Councillor Nigel Howells

In the 'Council Notes' section:

Insert in point 1 after 'network'; '*cycle, pedestrian and road solutions.*'

In the 'Council calls on the Cabinet' section:

Insert at the end of point 1, after 'not'; '*with consideration also for cycling and pedestrian solutions.*'

The Motion as amended is proposed as follows:

This Council notes that:

1. As Elected Members we have responsibility for our City and that includes creating sustainable communities, with comprehensive plans to deliver achievable network, cycle, pedestrian and road solutions.
2. Cardiff faces substantial traffic and network gridlock unless urgent action is taken. Strategic documents refer to Cardiff's road network being at full capacity in 2010 and over capacity ever since. This impacts on those living and working in the city, economically, socially and environmentally.
3. There is a serious challenge facing Cardiff over the lack of public transport capacity as the city grows during the Local Development Plan period and beyond. An increase in public transport capacity within Cardiff is essential. This, at a minimum, needs to be in line with the growth forecasts included in the LDP and to cater for an increase in commuters arriving from neighbouring authorities.

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2. To bring the plan to Full Council within 6 months.

Amendment 2: Proposed by: Councillor Caro Wild

Seconded by: Councillor Burke – Davies

The Council notes that

Point 1 insert after network *'and road solutions. We also have a responsibility for the health and wellbeing of current and future generations'*.

Point 2 – delete all words after Cardiff and insert *'Council recognises that growth across the city has put serious pressure on our transport system. We are also aware of the dangerous health implications from air pollution caused primarily by motor vehicles'*.

Point 3 insert in the first line after Cardiff delete the words over the lack of and insert *'to provide suitable'*

The addition of Point 4as follows: -

4. *In addition to public transport we recognise the importance of providing improved infrastructure for active travel in the city. Cycling and walking not only provide alternatives to car journeys, but can improve our overall health and wellbeing.*

After the works The Council calls on the Cabinet deletion of the two Point and replace with

1. *To bring forward a Green Paper to allow a full conversation with a wide-range of stakeholders on the future of Cardiff's transport system by the end of the financial year.*

The Motion as amended is proposed as follows:

The Council notes that

1. As Elected Members we have responsibility for our City and that includes creating sustainable communities, with comprehensive plans to deliver achievable network and road solutions. We also have a responsibility for the health and wellbeing of current and future generations.
2. Cardiff Council recognises that growth across the city has put serious pressure on our transport system. We are also aware of the dangerous health implications from air pollution caused primarily by motor vehicles.
3. There is a serious challenge facing Cardiff to provide suitable public transport options as the city grows during the Local Development Plan period and beyond. An increase in public transport capacity within Cardiff is essential. This, at a minimum, needs to be in line with the growth forecasts included in the LDP and to cater for an increase in commuters arriving from neighbouring authorities.
4. In addition to public transport we recognise the importance of providing improved infrastructure for active travel in the city. Cycling and walking not only provide alternatives to car journeys, but can improve our overall health and wellbeing.

The Council calls on the Cabinet

1. To bring forward a Green Paper to allow a full conversation with a wide-range of stakeholders on the future of Cardiff's transport system by the end of the financial year.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion. At the conclusion of the debate the Lord Mayor invited Councillor Dianne Rees to sum up. In summing up Councillor Rees confirmed that in the interest of cross-party consensus that she accepted the two amendments as proposed by Councillor Sandrey (Liberal Democrat) and Councillor Wild (Labour).

Council agreed that the proposers of the motion and amendment would agree the final wording of the combined Motion and this would be reported in the minutes of the meeting for clarity for the Members.

A vote was taken on the combined Motion and the Motion was CARRIED.

62 : ORAL QUESTIONS

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON

Following the decision not to bid for the European Capital of Culture 2023, how is Cardiff going to stay on the cultural international stage?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS

The decision was taken not to bid for European Capital of Culture 2023 following extensive discussion and acquiescence with the Culture Secretary of Cardiff. However, notwithstanding that I have every confidence that Cardiff will continue to project itself as a cultural destination on the world stage. I've made it very clear that one of the priorities of my administration is to put in motion the delivery of an indoor arena which will attract some of the world's biggest acts to perform in Cardiff.

I've opened discussions recently with the Cabinet Secretary for Economy on invest from the Arts Council into St David's Hall which is already one of the top ten venues in terms of acoustic performances in the world. We have a programme of cultural events lined up from now through until next summer and I look forward to continuing plans in attracting future major concerts and events for the city and finally I would just tease some interesting projects that are in the pipeline now arising from our discussions with the cultural sector in partnership with some national broadcasters, other projects in partnerships with Universities and other projects that will come through the City Deal so I'm very confident that Cardiff will continue as a major cultural destination.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON

That's sounds very mysterious answer and as to what is coming in the pipeline. You know my view, I think it was a real missed opportunity that Cardiff did not bid for this European Capital of Culture. Look at Swansea and what it's doing at the moment in relation to the UK version. I just think that Cardiff with all its culture and so much going on in this city, has lost out here.

I understand you yourself have had a short time to consider the bid, but I think that as a city we should have had a bid going forward and to my mind there was no reason why not.

My question is really what's next - you have given some feelers but is there another big award or something that puts Cardiff on an international stage like some sort of worldwide Capital City of Culture or something along those lines that Cardiff can get involved with because the smaller projects are great but it's the big headlines that sell the City to the wider world.

REPLY – COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS

I share your frustration that we weren't in a position to take the bid forward and the feedback was unanimous that we should have been making these preparations 18 months or 2 years ago. The feeling was that given the scale of the preparations that we would have had to put in place it simply wasn't viable at this point in time and that is a regret. Nevertheless I'm confident that those series of interventions that I was slightly mysterious about because I don't want to over promise and over commit, will continue to put the City on an international platform.

You mentioned a worldwide city of culture well certainly a project involving UNESCO is one of the things that we are looking at.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

Can Members receive information on the detail of Cardiff Council's bid to the Welsh Government's Infant Class Size Reduction Fund, including number of schools and classes, the projected number of pupils to benefit, and plans for the scrutiny of that bid, so that Cardiff can offer the least well off children in our schools the support they need to thrive, and our teachers the capacity to provide that necessary support?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY

The deadline for submission of the grant pro-forma to the Welsh Government is 30th September. I would be happy to arrange for a copy of the completed submission to be provided to all Members.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

I'm happy to hear that the Council has made a submission to the bid; whilst on the understanding that there are over 7000 children in Cardiff in class sizes of 29 or more pupils in 2016, despite that there is a need for many different interventions to reduce that attainment gap between the least and most well off pupils in Cardiff.

What other measures are the Council considering or working on at the moment, in order to reduce that attainment gap between Cardiff pupils?

REPLY – COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY

I'm not trying to duck the answer but it's too long a question to answer in one minute but if you would like to come and meet I'm very happy to sit with you and go through it with you.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Could the Leader give an update on the Council's position on the dumping of potentially radioactivity material in Cardiff's waters?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS

The Council is opposed categorically to the dumping of any hazardous radioactive material in Cardiff waters. To the wider point around the marine licensed disposal of dredged material associated with the construction of Hinckley Point C was issued by Natural Resources Wales in 2014 as part of determine the application a full radiological assessment was undertaken which concluded the proposal was acceptable and this was further reviewed by internal experts in NRW who agreed with that conclusion.

No material from Hinckley Point has yet been deposited at the Cardiff Grounds site and, due to the time that has elapsed since the licence was granted, a further assessment must be undertaken before this can happen. This assessment will be based on a new set of sediment samples taken in line with a sampling programme agreed with NRW and will include all relevant radiological determinants.

Given the nature of this matter I will be in contact with the leaders of the Councils along the Severn Estuary to ensure that our concerns are raised robustly with NRW.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNTY COUNCILLOR MCEVOY

When they do the sampling they need to ensure it isn't just up on the surface - because the experts say that the most radioactive material will actually be underneath and not just on the top.

Did you say there needs to be an Environmental Impact assessment because there hasn't been one? Up until now over 2122 people have signed the petition, which has barely been up for 48 hours, this is a matter of huge concern and I think it's worth contacting all the Council's around Wales because if you look at the tidal movements if the material is dumped there and I believe it will be difficult for it not to be radioactive, there have been tests carried out and there is a level there, there was initial transfer from sea to land.

Will you write to every Council as well?

REPLY – COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

I'm not sure I followed the thread of the question Councillor McEvoy. I will reflect on writing to all Councils in Wales but I'm not sure that is strictly necessary, but that commitment to contacting all Councils including ones in England, on the Severn Estuary is there. What I do think is important to stress however and you rightly mentioned the need to consult with experts and I acknowledge and agree with that, this must be expert led in terms of how future sampling will take place. I do think there is a case to be careful not to scaremonger unnecessarily about this because there is a significant amount of radiation that exists in nature and I would be very careful about scaremongering unnecessarily whilst of course recognising that this is a serious issue and will go through the fullest of checks.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

When this issue was reported firstly earlier in the week, the press noted that when the consultation to dump potentially hazardous radioactive waste, the Welsh Government remained neutral in their view.

Does the Leader support Welsh Government's stance in remaining neutral to dump waste in Cardiff Bay waters?

REPLY – COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

Regrettably Councillor Williams has misunderstood the proposal is not to dump hazardous radioactive waste, it's to move mud from one part of the estuary to the other, this is not about dumping radioactive waste.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GAVIN HILL-JOHN

What consultations have taken place with Cardiff Council and representatives of Hinckley Point and does this Council support the dumping of potentially hazardous material in the bay?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

I would refer you to answer that was provided by the Leader a few moments ago.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GAVIN HILL-JOHN

Would it possible to perhaps issue a statement from the Council to all of us as Councillors so we can support any messages and communications going out to residents in our wards who raise concerns with us so we can avoid any scaremongering and ensure we have a consistent message from the council on this sensitive matter.

REPLY – COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

I think we just did.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNTY COUNCILLOR MCEVOY

The questions was what consultations have taken place, a very simple question. I do note the remark about scaremongering which I think is quite a ridiculous thing to say given that you are talking about moving mud from the front of a nuclear power station without an EIA, absolutely crazy.

Will you be signing the petition to try to get the licence suspended?

REPLY – COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

The answer is no, there is a legal process that this has to go through and that I think is the right way to do it, rather than sit there and ask people to sign petitions and make statements without any expert knowledge at all. I think we should leave it to the experts and wait to see the legal process to go through.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

Following your election as council leader, you expressed support for increasing the use of sustainable forms of transport in the city. One part of that equation is to increase the proportion of cars being driven on Cardiff's streets that use electric and hybrid engines, but Cardiff and Wales are lagging behind many other parts of the UK in the provision of the necessary infrastructure to support this. In large swathes of the

city, including many of Cardiff's inner city suburbs, an additional problem is that we have many thousands of properties without the necessary off-street parking provision that can provide car owners with the opportunity to easily recharge their vehicles at home. What action will you therefore initiate to address these challenges going forward, so that Cardiff can seek to become a leader in the adoption of electric and hybrid cars?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS

The question is timely given the debates we have had this evening. I attended and spoke at an event hosted by Cynnal Cymru in July, which debated the future of the car in Cardiff and had contributions from a number of experts from companies involved in the electric car industry.

As I emphasised at the event, we need to be prioritising work to achieve our target of a 50:50 modal split in all journeys made by sustainable travel and by car by 2021, rising to 60:40 by 2026. This would still mean that 40-50% of all journeys will be by car so the challenge, therefore, is to make the car as clean, green and sustainable as possible.

We are continuing to develop ways of managing car use more effectively in the city and are supporting efforts to reduce carbon consumption and air pollution in the city through the increased use of low carbon vehicles. Officers are currently developing a draft strategy on Renewable Fuels for Transportation, which is expected to form part of a wider Clean Air Strategy in line with our Capital Ambition commitments.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

There has been some publicity about the provision of infrastructure for electric vehicles this week since I tabled my question. I'm aware that there was a report commissioned by Welsh Government published in 2015. One of the recommendations was that Local Authorities in Wales should be encouraged to put in charging points in their own premises and I gather we haven't done any.

I've just had a look at a map online which shows me that there is only one charging point east of the city centre within Cardiff so if you live in an area like the network of terraced streets in Penylan you don't have somewhere where you can park your car off street and therefore charge it yourself and there is no charging points then you are absolutely stuffed.

Given that we are trying as a nation now to move to phasing out petrol and diesel vehicles and move to electric and hybrid vehicles, then we are going to need some leadership to deliver the infrastructure, if we are going to be able to achieve that. What leadership will you show to get us to where we need to be?

REPLY – COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

There are a number of sites on Council properties that do have electric car charging points including at County Hall and Lamby Way for example. Leadership across the area in terms of transportation is needed, as we heard so eloquently put by a number of members in this chamber on the debate.

I would emphasise that electric cars will not solve the congestion issue that Cardiff faces and only a modal shift away from cars to cycling, walking and public transport provides that solution. Councillor Howells very eloquently put it across that actually in some of the most deprived wards in particular you are looking at half the population there not owning a car, so we can show leadership we can also encourage partners in particular from the private sector to drive these solutions through ourselves recognising that the technology is growing and maturing still and what might look like the answer today might not be what turns out to be the answer in ten years' time. We all know the history of mini discs and how technology doesn't lead in ways that we expect. I expect to be working with the private sector in developing the infrastructure not solely resting on the Council's shoulder.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALKER

As much as we welcome the increase in numbers of electric cars, and most of us will be driving one if we drive anything in a few years' time, we heard earlier from the licensing committee reference from Councillor Hudson, that most of the pollution is caused by buses, so how do you place the solution in terms of excess pollution in terms of buses and their pollution/

REPLY – COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

When you look at the number of cars in the city versus the number of buses; I can accept that an individual bus would be more polluting than an individual car but I would seriously challenge that and I am happy to go away and look at the evidence as to whether that is actually the case. Notwithstanding that, there are some discussion underway with Cardiff Bus about looking at investment in greener buses, potentially electrical powered but there needs to be recognition as well that those buses come with high costs and they must be considered in the round as part of the fully costed business case.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many school cleaning contracts were held by the Council on 01/05/2012 and are held now as of 25/09/2017?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY

As of 1st May 2012, Education Cleaning held 83 contracts for cleaning provision at schools.

As of 25th September 2017, Facilities Management hold 75 contracts.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WONG

Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the recent successes at A-levels and GCSEs for students at Cathays High School?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY

I would be delighted to make a statement on the recent successes at A-levels and GCSEs for students at Cathays High School, I was at their prize evening last night and I think there is something special about Cathays High School which I probably shouldn't say as Cabinet Member for Education.

The attainment gap in the Level 2+ threshold is smaller in Cathays than the Local Authority and Central South Consortium as a whole by around 11 percentage points. I think that speaks volumes about the work that the school does sometimes with children who have been through very difficult personal circumstances, it's a welcoming and inclusive school.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNTY COUNCILLOR WONG

Students at Cathays High have achieved 95% pass rate at A level this year and that is their best A level result ever with all the students going onto Higher Education including a pupil who was a war zone refugee from Eritrea who arrived here without a word of English and has now been supported by Cathays high staff to get to University. Can the Cabinet Member join me as a proud Governor of Cathays High in congratulating all of the talented students and staff of one of the most diverse schools in Cardiff on their excellent performance?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY

I'd be very happy to.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

I speak representing a Ward where Cardiff High is placed and being a previous Chair of Governors of Willows High School I saw both of these schools really try and perform to an outstanding level every year, trying to get there. Obviously schools are facing difficulties in terms of what they have to cater for but isn't it important that we praise all the teachers and staff that are involved in all our schools and help and support them all in reaching that standard and celebrate the success together.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY

Yes I'm sorry I was overcome with excitement, of course I should congratulate all the schools in Cardiff and the staff but also the pupils, it's a very difficult time for many of them the exam period, and I'm pleased that so many of them have been successful.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN

Can you please outline what plans you have to move from co-mingled recycling to kerbside sorting of recyclable waste in Cardiff?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

There are currently no plans to change from co-mingled green bag collections to kerbside sort collections.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN

Can I say I'm glad to hear that. Would you acknowledge that many people throughout Cardiff have concerns about a possible change to kerbside recycling on the grounds of an increased congestion especially on arterial routes as collections take longer, each time a collection vehicle is partly full in one sorting stream it would then have to return to the centre, there would be added difficulties for elderly and disabled people coping with the logistic changes and having to cope with more recycling receptacles, many in Cardiff do not have front gardens to store more recycling containers and space would be a problem for them; in addition added costs for extra staff which will be needed to deal with extra time it will take to complete collections, could actually nullify any expected financial gains to council from

expected improvements in recycling quality of waste and last but not least, I believe that in 2013/14, Cardiff county council carried out a consultation in which just 3% of people in Cardiff said they were in favour of kerbside sorting.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

Notwithstanding everything just said, we are the best core city in the UK with recycling although we still do have a long way to go. There are measures we need to take as I outlined when I attended scrutiny recently, starting with the glass trial; we are losing far too much money, earlier on I noticed the Conservatives were asking us to get our act together with income, well that's one of the things we are trying to do, we really do need to stop losing half a million pound in glass and the damage its doing to the MRF and actually do the trials to see if we can actually collect the glass and make a profit on it. There are things like that we have to do, the quality of recycling is another thing we need to tackle but our recycling works well, the people of Cardiff are coming with us and I think we should keep it that way.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES

I also don't want to see a situation where every type of item is in individual containers, I have seen this in Newport and I do not envy their Council on a very blustery day. I do however acknowledge that the council are under extreme pressure to meet the recycling targets and will ask the Cabinet Member to look for innovative ways to improve. This is an important matter for the majority of residents and if there are genuine avenues that we can improve on in our services then I hope they can be trailed and if successful can be pursued.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

I agree with the sentiments of the question, what we are trying to do is look at everything in the recycling area, how much money we are losing, what the markets are like, it's one of those problems where you have to decide what you are going to do, put a trial, go to procurement, these things aren't quick they take time. The onus is on us to meet the targets, we don't really have a choice. I am more than happy to meet any member from whatever party at any time to talk about improving the service to the people of this city, the door is always open.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

In light of a recent study published by Cardiff University on the positive impact on visual function and thereby quality of life of a person with sight loss accessing low vision rehabilitation service, what would you say is the recommended length of time someone with sight loss should wait in order to receive the service and what is the current waiting time for the service?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE

This is an important issue so thank you for raising it Councillor Molik, I'll get straight to the point, we have experienced delays of several months in the provision of low visual rehabilitation services, I was at a General Optical Council meeting yesterday in London, and this is UK wide. It's about a lack of access to qualified rehabilitation officers.

However I'm pleased to say that as a result of the research that we commissioned and bid for with Cardiff University we are developing new pathways that will enable all individuals diagnosed with sight loss to access support services within 4 weeks.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

That's very encouraging because as far as I'm aware it stands at 6 months roughly at the moment for urgent referrals and up to 12 months for non-urgent referrals for rehab. What I would question you about is the low vision rehabilitation and not support services, there is a quality of difference between the 2 services we are talking about, a rehabilitation officer is a home based service that helps maintain and regain independence through providing mobility training through assessing light within the home and of course signposting them and aiding access to other services. When you talk about support workers role are we talking about those mobility training and lighting assessment and linking into other services.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE

Yes.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON

Following the consultation on the Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Guidance carried out earlier this year, has the Council understood the importance of producing a strong SPG; to what extent have points raised by the consultees been considered, and can you give any examples of what has changed as a result of the consultation?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD

The SPG are what strengthen our LDP and in terms of a green infrastructure SPG that is currently being worked on, the consultation information is in but it is still being prepared and it will come to full cabinet in November. I will personally ensure that all the consultation stuff is taken on board when we come to bring that back.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON

The whole thrust of the green infrastructure SPG must be to enhance and improve biodiversity rather than simply maintaining what already exists so when will the actual feedback before it goes to Cabinet come to the public and to those people who made representations on the consultation.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD

The feedback is currently being looked into so it's been taken in, the consultation period has ended; what I have said is that I will ensure that the feedback is taken on board and the findings from that will be brought to Cabinet with a raft of other SPG's.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN

In the United States the New York Parks department, and the Los Angeles Unified schools district among others, have instituted a moratorium on the introduction of rubber crumb artificial pitches because of concerns over the carcinogenicity of the material used in the manufacture of these pitches. A study* into the safety of the material is being conducted jointly by the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention Agency and the US Consumer Product Safety commission. This report is due to be published in mid-2018.

Will the Council institute a moratorium on the introduction of new rubber crumb artificial pitches in Cardiff until the results of this report are known, and if the report identifies a potential safety issue to review the current pitches in the city?

REPLY- COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

I am aware of the media coverage and reports linked to the studies and subsequent theories linking artificial pitches to the disease that you are mentioning.

FIFA conducted an analysis of this matter back in 2006, which reached the clear conclusion – at the time – that the available body of scientific research did not substantiate the assumption that cancer could potentially occur as a resulting of exposure to granulate infill materials in artificial turf.

Since then, several independent research studies have also been conducted, but there still is, as yet, no conclusive evidence that supports the health concerns which have been raised.

My position is clear on this matter. The safety of the users of our sports facilities is of paramount importance, but until such time that there is actual scientific proof and evidence, which shows definitively that these artificial pitches are unsafe, the Council has no plans to introduce such a moratorium.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWDEN

I have to say I'm quite staggered by your response on this, 2006 is a long time ago, in terms of that study by FIFA and I've got here studies that I have managed to obtain, don't shake your head at me Councillor Bradbury. I'd like to know what steps the Council has taken to warn users of the 3G pitches and clubs who are using our pitches of the potential risk to health, especially where there is a prevalence for the development on non-Hodgkin's lymphoma amongst goal keepers.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

With respect to the Councillor, but I find this alarmist stuff that you are coming up with actually amazing when there is no scientific evidence been found to link what you are talking about with the cause of cancer at the moment. The council are working with FAW just to reassure you, and with the relevant authorities on this and nothing has been found yet to link the 2 things. What your advocating Councillor is actually closure of 3G's at Heath Park, Trelai Park, Mall, Bishop of Llandaff School, Cardiff High school, Cardiff University, and on including private sector including Power League and House of Sport. In order to advocate that, you are asking for a moratorium until we find out the pitches are safe or unsafe, if we are saying that we are pre judging something when we don't have scientific evidence behind it, with respect until I have got scientific proof that there is a link I'm not willing to go down that path.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

I think it's a very important question, and I don't believe that Councillor Bradbury has comprehensively addressed the concerns raised. The New York Parks Department and Los Angeles Unified Schools have commissioned studies because they believe they have genuine concerns about the health and safety of pitch users. What

Councillor Bowden is asking for is a temporary halt on any new pitches developed within the city until the findings are published in mid-2018. Has the council sought legal advice on any potential claims that may be brought and secondly has the Council prepared a fund where members of the public can seek advice should they need to.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

With all due respect, when there is no scientific proof of the link between cancer and this material as of yet, I am not going to alarm the public by saying we are not going to build any more 3G pitches particularly at a time where doctors are saying right around this city to us that in order to deal with child obesity, and getting more people into sport we need to be building more sporting facilities in this city. If there is a link proven by the studies that have been brought forward in this question, and is not due to be published until 2018, then we will look at it again. At the moment there is no clear scientific proof that there is a link. I tell you the sporting community have been well aware of these things and non-league clubs have been reporting about it in their papers, Cardiff Blues have also mentioned this in the past, there are studies online from people in Turf World which is reassuring their customers that this is safe. My stance is until there is fundamental proof that this is dangerous and there isn't, there will be no moratorium.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN

How much overtime has been paid to the waste management service area, on a month by month basis, over the last 12 months?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

In the last 12 months to the end of August, £519,027 has been spent on overtime in Waste Services, which includes all operations from commercial activities, collections, depots, household waste recycling centres, recycling processing and treatment. Almost half of this spend is to support commercial income activities.

I can provide you with a detailed breakdown by month following the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN

Thank you if you could provide me response straight after the meeting why haven't you provided it during the meeting so that the public and Councillors can see it first hand, I think that's slightly disingenuous of you. I have to say as most people on a Friday night or Saturday would go out and enjoy a meal and talk to friends and things, in Rhiwbina a Friday night and Saturday is in with waste issues, either unemptied bins, missed green bag collections, bins half emptied. Just to give one example which is so frustrating, there was one green bin, it had one chocolate wrapper in it, the Council wouldn't collect it so then the waste people had to go back again the next day to collect it then they sent someone back the following day who hadn't told the other person it hadn't been collected. It seems a minor issue but what are you doing to address these ongoing issues particularly in Rhiwbina which cause frustration and annoyance to everyone.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

I'm not being disingenuous I'm trying to spare you all listening to all of this itemised, I'm happy to give it to you, it's not a problem and it's on record so the public can get

hold of it. To put this in context, in your Ward you have 5147 houses that equates to 66911 lifts per month, in other words, 802,932 lifts per year. In total for one year and I don't want to see 1, there were 609 missed collections out of 802,932. Just to help you further I've actually managed to get the statistics for reporting, in that year you reported 12 occasions. You can argue all you like I'm just dealing with the statistics as I have them. Get this in context, I don't want to see 1 missed collection but there is a multitude of reasons why it happens, the recent storm, Champions' league, roadworks are just some of the reasons. There is a dedicated team that looks after missed collections, there isn't any overtime paid for missed collections.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD

Despite residents taking care to present their waste, following collections wheelie bins and caddies are frequently not returned to the presentation point. Residents report that bins have been left in the middle of the pavement, blocking driveways or outside neighbouring properties. In particular those left in the middle of pavements can cause difficulty for elderly residents and wheelchair users trying to pass, whilst in windy conditions without shelter from walls or fences, the bins are more likely to blow over or into the road. Could the Cabinet member confirm whether waste collection teams are expected to return bins and caddies to the presentation point? If not, could an explanation be given?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

Operatives are instructed to return bins and caddies to a suitable position that does not cause an obstruction of the pavement. This is typically the place from which the bin or caddy was presented.

When a complaint is received, the collection crew is identified and retraining or action is taken as appropriate. The service area as a whole and remember we do 24 million lifts, has only received 24 complaints in relation to this issue.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD

There may be only 24 complaints but I'm aware of residents raising this issue to C2C and its passed on to the relevant department and that's the response they get, yet this has been an issue which doesn't affect every delivery but does reoccur, so can I have a commitment that you will look at what you can do to improve consistency of bin collections because when the bins are left out of place it does cause nuisance and it is something that residents comment back to me as causing difficulties for those who aren't as able particularly where they have vision problems.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

I recognise the problem, same as not collecting bins, we constantly meet with crews, we constantly speak to them, we constantly retrain them and we will continue until we get no lifts left and hopefully bins placed in the right position.

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

Could the Cabinet Member set out the long-term vision for economic development in Cardiff and the wider region?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY

The County Councillor will be aware that the new Administration's programme, set out in the *Capital Ambition* document, commits to the publication of a Green Paper designed to build a consensus across all sectors and stakeholders on the future economic vision for the city.

The Leader of the County Council has made it clear to me that he is eager to achieve the widest possible ownership of the County's resulting economic development agenda.

I intend to issue the Green Paper, by way of a Written Statement, next month and I will seek the Lord Mayor's permission to schedule an appropriate discussion on the Green Paper at a future meeting of the County Council to ensure that all elected members have an opportunity to influence the future policy direction.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

Could you outline how you would like to see inclusive growth brought about in Cardiff and the wider region going forward, how would you define inclusive growth and measure it and would you and your officers give consideration to adopting a set of indicators similar to the inclusive growth monitor developed by Sheffield Harrow University with Joseph Roundtree Foundation.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY

Let's see what the outcome of the Green Paper says and I will take a view then.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE

To what extent do you think the long term vision for economic development in Cardiff is threatened by Brexit?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY

Nobody knows what the impact of Brexit will have either on the UK or Cardiff's economy, only time will tell. What we do have to understand though is that the people have spoken, the 2 largest parties in the House of Commons are committed to Brexit and that appears to be the direction of travel, my responsibility is to position Cardiff to take advantage of all the opportunities whatever shape post Brexit Britain takes, Cardiff must be at the forefront not only to be this nation's Capital but to be an important British City in the new world.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

On the 25th September detectives investigating the Parsons Green terrorist attack arrested a 20-year old man at an address in the Roath area of Cardiff, in connection with the attack. In recent times there have been a number of arrests in Cardiff related to Islamic extremism. Could you provide an update on the 'Prevent' Strategy in relation to Cardiff as a Local Authority and the steps being taken to prevent and tackle all forms of radicalisation which in turn could lead to terrorism?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE

The Council takes a lead role in relation to the UK Government's CONTEST and PREVENT strategies, working with our communities and partners, including the Police and the Wales Extremism and Counter-Terrorism Unit (WECTU), to root out extremist activity and to minimise the chances of individuals becoming radicalised.

We work with our partners and communities to help them identify extremist ideology and to give them the knowledge and confidence to provide an appropriate counter narrative. This work includes workshops to raise awareness of Prevent and other targeted work with communities, which focuses on a range of ideologies including Far Right and Islamist-inspired extremism.

Cardiff's approach has been recognised by the Home Office and Estyn as nationally significant good practice and I want to pay tribute to the efforts of those police and council officers working in this challenging and highly sensitive arena.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

I would join Councillor Thorne in praising the tireless work of the Council officers and Counter Terrorism Forces in keeping us safe and keeping Cardiff safe. The first priority of this Council must be the safety and security of Cardiff Citizens, as a council what are we doing to engage with young people in our schools and youth centres whatever are left to actually focus on preventing radicalisation because we know it can in turn lead to extremism and then to terrorism. So what are we doing to engage with schools and other stakeholders?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE

I think the fact that our strategy is held up as excellent practice says that we are doing an awful lot, we do extensive work with institutions where there may be high risk of radicalisation such as schools, colleges, universities and there is an embedded process working with partners to identify individuals who may be at risk of radicalisation in order to provide appropriate interventions and the Cardiff Prevent Strategy focuses on the following 3 areas; ideology, institution and individuals.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

My issue really is in recognition that extremism isn't linked to any religion and so the phraseology in the question is wrong. When we do link extremism to religious practices, which shouldn't be happening, then we are in fact allowing that extremism action to grow. We need to be very careful in terms of how we act and intervene with these. Can I ask Councillor Thorne to agree with me that extremism is not linked to Islamic?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE

I do agree, we look at extremism from every area including the far right and it's not just related to Islamic or any other religion.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

The question was phrased to tackle all forms of radicalisation and terrorism and I quoted South Wales Police and the Met Police which recognised that there were a number of arrests in Cardiff related to 'Islamic Extremism'. Thank you Lord Mayor.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

What has been the take up of the Additional Annual Leave policy amongst council employees?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER

In 2015/16, 193 employees took up the policy, in 2016/17 it was 227 and so far this year it's been 150 employees that have taken up the policy.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

Those figures sound quite low, so in your opinion why do you think they are that low and what more will be done to increase the uptake of that policy.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER

They are relatively low in terms of our council employee size but it's just one of the opportunities employees have to take one of the benefits they can take up. From the figures I've seen that's approximately saved us somewhere around £300,000 through this voluntary scheme which is clearly welcome to any budget contribution. The council promotes all of our staff benefits and the options staff have through a number of methods including the staff app and a lot of digital things to promote things to staff. I will check and make sure that the policy has been promoted as well but I understand that it has been, it is up to staff whether or not they take it, and it's one of a range of things that we offer them.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

It was very welcome to read in the Director of Social Services Annual Report 2016-17 that an information leaflet for taxi drivers covering Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) prevention has been developed by Children's Services in conjunction with Cardiff's Licensing Department and will be ready to distribute to the 2,200 licenced drivers in the city in the coming weeks. Could you please confirm what languages this leaflet will be in?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY

I can confirm that the leaflet will be available bilingually in English and Welsh. Translation into a limited number of other key languages will be considered as appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

I really welcome this initiative of a really diverse workforce driving cabs out in the city from all over the world and if you could work with groups like the Taxi Drivers Forum, with the GMB Trade Union who represent lots of drivers to promote this information in lots of languages other than English that would be really welcome. A few years ago officers were working with the Charity BAWSO to display human trafficking information in taxi cabs it hit a few barriers about what could be displayed under the regulations, would you look again at that with Councillor Elsmore, our human trafficking lead, and see if you can take that forward as part of this piece of work that our doing looking at the night time economy.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY

I'm more than happy to work with Councillor Elsmore and speak to you on that. In terms of the language and printing obviously we need to comply with the law English and Welsh and I'm sure that you also know that those who have lived in Cardiff a long time there are many languages across Taxi Drivers spoken obviously within their guidance and the training they have to comply with a certain amount of Welsh and English in terms of routes and fares, destinations and safety so if there is a need then I'm sure we will look at it.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

I welcome the information leaflet that's been given in terms of Child sexual exploitation to taxi drivers, but I wanted to know what action is being taken to communicate with young children how to keep themselves safe from CSE crimes.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY

The CSE strategy is in place, we have just appointed a new operational manager, we are doing some briefings around that particular subject in the near future and I'm sure that you will have an invite to be part of that. Her name is actually Jan Coles who is one of the Welsh experts in CSE and will be joining us in the next week or so.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR PHILIPPA HILL-JOHN

Will the Council be looking to adopt a social care charter such as UNISON's ethical care charter adopted by other councils across the country?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE

The principles enshrined in UNISON's ethical care charter are already enshrined in our values as a Council in general and in our approach to the delivery of good social care. Our Capital Ambition for Cardiff commits to providing the highest quality of social care possible, in practice and delivery.

You will not be surprised to learn that the Council already has partnership and facilities agreements with the three main Trade Unions in the social care sector i.e. UNISON, GMB AND UNITE.

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON

Following representations from taxi drivers about the unfairness of the way Uber taxis operate in Cardiff, where there are too many licenses – could Cardiff consider following Transport for London and end the Uber license?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACKIE PARRY

I can confirm that the Council is not considering revocation of the operator licence that was granted to Uber last year.

Any decision by the Public Protection Committee to revoke an operator or a driver licence must be evidence based and is accompanied by a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court where the basis of the decision would be tested.

I note your comment that there are too many licences issued in Cardiff, but the Council does not have the power to place a limit upon the number of drivers licensed. It can only ensure that licences are issued to fit and proper individuals.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON

Are you satisfied that the Uber drivers are following regulations particularly around criminal records checks?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARRY

I don't know whether that's appropriate but even so I am satisfied I do ask the officers we talk with the police etc. and if there is anything untoward at all it comes to us and

we have disciplinary meetings fortnightly or monthly and sometimes we have quite a number of taxi drivers there and the cases are evidence based, each case is on its own merit.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER

I know each of us have our own favourite taxi companies, would you agree with me that its unhelpful that people are attacking this specific taxi company based on political motives as certainly seems to be the case in large parts of London and in one particular party, would you agree that it is unhelpful when people are attacking a company solely for political reasons rather than looking at the actual reality of the situation.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARRY

I don't think I've heard all of your question but we are evidence based.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARKHILL

Does the council agree with the decision by another of the UK's capitals to ban Uber, a company that has disrupted monopolies and lowered prices for consumers through innovation, and do they have plans to follow their lead?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACKIE PARRY

The Council has not had access to all the information available to Transport for London and the reasons behind the decision not to renew the licence and, as such, it would be inappropriate for me to comment.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARKHILL

I think it's worthwhile commenting on it, this is 44,000 people's jobs and families in London that haven taken this stance and it's really an example of how the Labour Party really isn't for the many and millions of people in the company. My question really is relating to the safety concerns of residents in Cardiff so I would like to know, relating back in 2015 when there was a spate of complaints regarding the Black Cabs, which drove the demand for Uber in this City, how many complaints have been raised since has been Uber compared to the previous time.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACKIE PARRY

I will get you a response in writing.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNTY COUNCILLOR EBRAHIM

Cardiff licence holders, whether they are Hackney or Private Hire, have to go through a number of rigorous applications and knowledge tests and disclosures etc. etc. There's been press over the past couple of years where they are facing many drivers coming in from neighbouring counties, nobody knows the number of tests or charges they have paid in neighbouring cities, what are we doing as a Council to stop this pressure coming into Cardiff, putting pressure on licence holders that have paid so much money to gain their licence and now they are competing with people who haven't paid any fees.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACKIE PARRY

We do discuss these matters all the time and the various concerns. I know exactly what you're talking about but if a taxi is hired from outside of Cardiff or we are told they are and we can't prove otherwise, what can we do?

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES

Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the decision to sell one of Adamsdown's few open spaces in Howard Garden's Bowling Green to a student accommodation developer?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY

The County Councillor will understand that the Administration publishes its Asset Management Plan annually which, with the exception of opportunistic acquisitions and disposals, sets out details of the properties it intends to acquire or dispose of in the year ahead. The disposal of the Howard Gardens site has been planned since October 2015 when the then Cabinet decided to include the site for disposal in the published Asset Management Plan.

The new Administration has been involved only to the extent that it has consented to the disposal for use as student accommodation, given that this will complement the development now under construction at the former Howard Gardens College site. Through the sale of the former bowling green, the Council will be leveraging significant investment into the adjacent Howard Gardens park area, which will be retained and enhanced as public open space. A new café will be provided as part of the development that will front onto the park and will be fully open to the public.

The Councillor will understand that the demand for student accommodation in this area is such that, potentially, it could deliver one of the highest value land receipts ever achieved in Wales. If that proves to be the case, I will be content to work with him to discuss how best the local community can benefit from this development.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES

No Ward in Cardiff has less green spaces than Adamsdown, and yet as you say the decision was taken a few years ago to sell one of the rare open spaces we do actually have. As you pointed out, it does seem that Adamsdown is currently at the epicentre of the new student development with over 2000 student apartments currently being built or planned, most of these are replacing older offices or buildings but this latest proposal is to be built on parkland that has been there since the late nineteenth century. Having spoken to residents and as the petition I presented earlier shows, I know there is little appetite for yet another development in this already built up area. I am aware there is S06 money that could be used to restore the bowling green land to a space that the community can enjoy, I would therefore ask the Cabinet Member and Council to look again at the sale of this bowling green and consider investing in it as an open space instead.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY

I understand the Councillors sentiments and I appreciate the way that he feels, but I'm afraid I'm in a position where the Council has previously declared that that is no longer public open space, it has been declared surplus to the requirements of the parks department and the decision was taken to close the Bowling Green, and the Council has previously decided to dispose of it, and that is what we are in the

process of doing. Ever since the bowling green ceased to be a bowling green, it has been fenced off in order to emphasise the fact that Council no longer considers it to be public open space. If it was in ward I would be doing exactly the same as you, but I'm afraid we are where we are and I think we have to proceed. I do understand your point, you will want to see beneficial investment as a result in your ward, and I will work with you to see what you we achieve in that direction.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

I submitted this question a few weeks ago but I haven't had a response yet so perhaps you can answer it for me; could you tell me the amount of the Capital Receipt which is expected to be received from this site and can you let me know what Capital Projects are earmarked to benefit from these proceeds.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY

I'm shocked Lord Mayor, the Councillor is a former Cabinet Member with responsibility for Finance, of course I can't say in open Council what the Capital Receipt may be, the matter is still under negotiation and is commercially confidential.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES

How does the Council plan to address the increase in visible drug use and drug dealing on the streets of Cardiff?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE

The Council is working closely with South Wales Police to address drug use and dealing in the city and I have held high level meetings on this issue with the Police & Crime Commissioner and senior police officers. A further multi-agency meeting is also due to take place next month to ensure the co-ordination of an effective partnership response to drug problems within the city centre and local communities.

As part of this approach, it is important that we work with partners and communities to gather intelligence and help ensure that communities feel confident to report these activities.

To this end, I am very pleased that both the Council's Children & Young People and Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committees will also be gathering evidence and information as part of a joint inquiry into issues relating specifically to young people and drug taking to help inform the response of the Council and its partners to drug related issues within our communities.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES

Recent articles in the Western Mail have highlighted the growing problem of Spice in our City, however I know through talking to residents and having seen for myself that this is a problem that isn't limited to one drug. Discarded needles are now common place in several wards including my own and blatant drug dealing takes place in broad daylight. Some of these people maybe criminals but many are vulnerable Cardiff residents who are in need of our help. I'm very pleased to hear that this growing problem is acknowledged by the Council, the Police but I also hope that the Local Health Board, all of whom are struggling following cuts. Can the Council look at ways how we can further cooperate with these three bodies so that we can pool

our diminishing resources together and find the best outcomes to address these growing problems?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE

Absolutely Councillor and I share your concerns. Canvassing over the last couple of years has really raised my concerns because wherever you go the biggest issue are the drugs that are being dealt openly. Residents have now stopped phoning the Police and I think my concern is that it seems to be accepted behaviour and I don't find it acceptable for our community it is wrong that our young children are being encouraged to deal and take drugs. I wrote to scrutiny to ask them to do this piece of work because it's important that we look at the whole picture and obviously we are working with all partners including the Drug and Alcohol Unit who have been part of those conversations.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

This was an issue that came up at our recent PACT meeting where residents reported incidents witnessed on Theodora Street for example where drug dealing was being done openly from a car in the middle of the street in broad daylight. We have reported in the last few weeks' drug dealing and paraphernalia left in cemetery's and parks and I'm sure lots of people in other wards across the City have similar experiences. The message the Police gave at the PACT was quite right, if you see any incidents report them to the Police via 101. How best can we get that information out more widely because I'm sure there are people out there who see these things but don't think about reporting them.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE

I think part of the problem with people reporting, there are a couple of issues; one when they report it they expect the police to turn up immediately and when they don't, they don't understand that by reporting it to 101 it's an evidence gathering issue and that's where the police put their resources, it depends on the number of reports that they get where they put their resources. We really do need to encourage residents to do that, the other issue is there has been a problem with the 101 reporting line where people have had to wait up to 15 minutes, if you're at home enjoying family life and watching TV you don't want to be sat waiting on the phone for 15 minutes. I spoke about this with the Police and Crime Commissioner, they are looking at the numbers of people on the 101 line; they are also hoping to roll out in the next month or so where people can email with these issues which should make it much easier for people to report and I would urge all of us as Councillors, on social media wherever, to encourage members of the public to report as it really is unacceptable and I would just say I went to Butetown one Monday morning to meet with Councillor Ebrahim, we met at 9am in the morning with 3 officers and we were getting shouted at by a dealer because we were in their way and he couldn't deal, that was 9am on a Monday morning, it really is unacceptable.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWEN-THOMSON

The Director of Social Services Annual Report 2016/17 highlights the benefits of partnership working. How does the Council plan to continue improving early identification, intervention and prevention to ensure the safety of children in Cardiff?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY

Children's Services lead the multi-agency Early Help Group, involving statutory and third-sector partners, as part of our partnership arrangements in Cardiff.

This group developed the Early Help Strategy and is now overseeing its implementation. The first priority is to develop more effective arrangements for early help. I'm sure that the earlier question asked about the Social Services Report, those pages enhanced what we are trying to do with partners and you've heard that from both of us today.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWEN THOMSON

Can you identify some areas of activities and progress with regards to this type of partnership working?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY

Establishing an early help front door is one of them, partnership with Tros Gynnal Plant obviously parents were involved in choosing the name Support for Cardiff which is due to go live in November, I'm sure you will welcome that, recommissioning Families First to help deliver support for families in Cardiff and arrangements with schools, supported by strategic use of the funding to deliver a range of parenting and youth support and disability focussed services involving partners. I've got a list of other things, I'd like to go on but all of this really means that in all settings where children are growing up, in all local communities hubs, schools, playgroups and cultural sporting settings, we act in partnership to assist children to thrive and where possible to remove obstacles at the earliest stages, I'm sure you will be a keen watcher of this as it goes on.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER

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

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY

I very much welcome the Welsh Government's announcement of strengthened Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services support to staff and pupils in parts of Wales.

The Council recognises the impact that early intervention has on ameliorating the effects of mental health difficulties, including anxiety, low mood and self-harm.

As the mother of a teenage girl, I was shocked recently to read a study that showed over the last ten years, a 68% rise in hospital admissions because of self-harm amongst girls aged 17 or under. Depression doubled, incidents of self-poisoning, body dissatisfaction, the pressure on our young people is great and only partnership and early intervention can help to reduce the issues they face.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER

Action for Children are about to launch their Blues Programme, which is a cognitive behaviour therapy approach to working with young people between 15 and 18 who show early signs of anxiety and depression. Cardiff has been selected as one of the

areas to run this innovative project, can you foresee Cardiff school actively participating in the project?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY

I would be very surprised if Cardiff Schools were not keen to volunteer to be part of the scheme.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON

I just wonder if Councillor Merry has any statistics on our young children since we are giving them an added burden of maybe lowering the voting age so they will vote earlier and I wondered if this would have an impact on our young children by giving them extra stress.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY

I have to be honest I haven't seen any suggestion that reduction of the voting age is contributing to the stress of the young people in schools. I would suggest that the pressures of social media, our newspapers at times, hardship in families financially are more likely causes of the distress that our children seem to be suffering.

63 : URGENT BUSINESS

No request for urgent business had been received.

64 : APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Council was requested to approve the recommendations of the Local Authority Governor Panel 19 September 2017.

RESOLVED – That

1. the following appointments be approved to existing vacancies: -

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Applications Approved
Allensbank Primary School	Gabalfa	18/05/2017	Richard Chappelle
Baden Powell Primary School	Splott	17/09/2016	Mike Smith
Birchgrove Primary School	Heath	14/07/2017	Mike Ash-Edwards
Danescourt Primary School	Llandaff	01/09/2016	Leon Goddard
Glan Yr Afon Primary School	Llanrumney	11/07/2017	Lesley Noakes
Glyncoed Primary School	Pentwyn	06/06/2017	Jane Francis
Herbert Thompson Primary School	Ely	20/01/2017	Derick Mbakwe
Hywel Dda Primary School	Ely	31/03/2017	Andy Jones

Lakeside Primary School	Cyncoed	04/07/2017	Nicholas Barber
Llandaff CiW Primary School	Llandaff	30/05/2017	Philip Barratt
Pentyrch Primary School	Pentyrch	05/05/2017	Cllr Gavin Hill- John
Rhiwbeina Primary School	Rhiwbina	18/10/2016	Tom Gallard
Severn Primary School	Riverside	24/03/2017	Hannah Sterritt
St Fagan's CiW Primary School	Ely	15/07/2017	Claire Hill
St Illtyd's RC High School	Rumney	01/09/2016	Justine Pianowski
St Mary The Virgin CiW Primary School	Butetown	22/06/2017	Peter Tully
The Hollies School	Pentwyn	26/09/2016	Claire Hardy
Trelai Primary School	Caerau	28/06/2017	Les Maxim
Willows High School	Splott	15/09/2016	Camilla Lovelace
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf	Llandaff North	04/07/2017	Cllr Rhys Taylor
Ysgol Pwll Coch	Canton	17/08/2017	Liam Sullivan

2. the following appointments be approved to future Local Authority vacancies

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Applications received
Cardiff West Community High School	Ely	23/10/2017 23/10/2017 23/10/2017 23/10/2017 23/10/2017	Dewi Jones Karen Dell'Armi Zenny Saunders Janice Lane Cllr Russell Goodway
Cathays High School	Gabalfa	22/11/2017	Sam Knight
Ely and Caerau Children's Centre	Ely	15/12/2017	Cllr Sue Goddard
Lakeside Primary School	Cyncoed	25/10/2017	John Wilkinson
Llanedeyrn Primary School	Pentwyn	25/10/2017	Christopher Ribton
Llanishen High School	Llanishen	20/11/2017 20/11/2017	John Caddick Maurice Pendlebury
Meadowlane Primary School	Trowbridge	31/01/2018	Mark Wilmore
Radnor Primary School	Canton	20/12/2017	Roberta Meredith
Radyr Comprehensive School	Radyr & Morganstown	19/01/2018	Caroline Taylor
Rhiwbeina Primary	Rhiwbeina	22/11/2017	Alan Wilson

School			
Rumney Primary School	Rumney	25/10/2017	Jonathan Williams
St Mellons CW Primary School	Llanrumney	02/11/2017	Debra Brown
Willows High School	Splott	25/10/2017 31/01/2018	Su Wade Cllr Ed Stubbs
Ysgol Gymraeg Coed-Y-Gof	Fairwater	31/01/2018	Angharad Davies
Cathays High School	Gabalfa	22/11/2017	Sam Knight
Ely and Caerau Children's Centre	Ely	15/12/2017	Cllr Sue Goddard
Lakeside Primary School	Cyncoed	25/10/2017	John Wilkinson
Llanedeyrn Primary School	Pentwyn	25/10/2017	Christopher Ribton
Llanishen High School	Llanishen	20/11/2017 20/11/2017	John Caddick Maurice Pendlebury

65 : COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Council was requested to approve changes to Committee Membership.

RESOLVED – That

- the Membership of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee be confirmed as follows:
Councillors Merry as Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member Education, Employment & Skills
Councillor Hinchey as Cabinet Member for Children & Families;
Councillor Weaver as Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance (*with responsibility for Safeguarding*)

Councillors Tim Davies, Shaun Jenkins, Bablin Molik, Susan Lent, Ashley Lister and David Walker.

- Councillor Merry be appointed Chair of the Corporate :Parenting Advisory Committee for the municipal year;
- the following appointments to Committee vacancies be approved in accordance with Party Group wishes:

Committee	Nomination
Local Authority Governor Panel	Councillor Sean Driscoll
Health & Safety Advisory Group	Councillor Chris Weaver (Chair)
Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee	Councillor Adrian Robson

66 : URGENT DECISION: INTERVENTION IN TRELAI PRIMARY SCHOOL

This report was received by Full Council for information only in relation to an urgent decision taken by the Director of Education in consultation with the Cabinet Member, Local Ward Members and Chair of Scrutiny to appoint an Additional Governor who was nominated as Chair of the Governing body of Trelai Primary School with effect from 7 August 2017.

(Meeting Closed at 21.45pm)

67 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Written Questions were received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 17 (f) and circulated to all Members at 12.00noon on 28 September 2017.

CHAIR OF PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE - (COUNCILLOR JACKIE PARRY)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

A cross-party group of MPs are lobbying Transport for London to ban the company Uber from the UK capital. The MPs allege Uber is [endangering the public](#), pointing to claims that the firm's drivers carry out a sexual assault every 11 days. The Metropolitan Police have also [accused the taxi firm of not reporting all alleged sexual assaults](#) by drivers on passengers. The MPs also argue that the company mistreats its workers, paying them as little as £2 per hour and accuse Uber of not paying VAT on its rides, allegedly escaping £40million in taxes.

In a letter on behalf of the group of MPs sent to the head of Transport for London calling for Uber's operating license not to be extended, Ilford North MP Wes Streeting said:

"The safety of Londoners must be at the forefront of decisions taken about the taxi and private hire industry in our capital city. We do not believe that Uber has shown itself to be a fit and proper operator."

In light of these developments, what is Cardiff Council's position on the desirability of Uber operating in the Welsh capital and is the authority considering lobbying to have Uber's operating license discontinued here?

Reply

Uber Britannia Ltd was issued with a private hire operator licence by the Council in September 2016 and the current licence remains in force for a maximum of five years. In issuing any operator licence, the Council has to be satisfied that the applicant is fit and proper to hold the licence.

As part of the conditions of licence, the operator must ensure that they use properly vetted licensed drivers and vehicles and the Council retains the power to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the Operator Licence when it expires if there are sufficient grounds to do so.

I can confirm that the Council is not considering revocation of the operator licence that was granted to Uber last year.

Any decision by the Public Protection Committee to revoke an operator or a driver licence must be evidence based and is accompanied by a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court where the basis of the decision would be tested.

We work closely with the Police in investigating any allegations of assault undertaken by drivers licenced by the Authority, irrespective of whether they are operating as a private hire or a Hackney Carriage, and will not hesitate to take action to suspend or revoke licences in order to protect the public where appropriate.

We have no evidence that Uber drivers operating in the city pose any specific risk to the public and the Licensing Authority will continue to respond to any complaints received and work with the Police and other Licensing Authorities to investigate allegations of misconduct.

In relation to allegations regarding tax avoidance and the contractual arrangements between Uber and the drivers they use, these are matters outside of the scope of the Licensing Authority to regulate.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - (COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

Families First has invested a great deal of money in training a workforce in parenting programmes, the majority of which are employed by the third sector. Will this skills base be lost under the Council's new commissioning plans, as it is unlikely that services will be similar enough that TUPE would apply?

Reply

It is expected that many of the staff currently employed in Families First funded parenting services will be subject to TUPE under the new arrangements for delivering parenting, aligned to the Flying Start service. It is therefore anticipated that many of the staff previously trained via Families First funding will continue to deliver parenting services as part of the new Families First Programme.

Families First has always had a role to play in developing the children and families sector. Training has been opened out to other partner organisations and allied services in order to promote a shared practice base for work with families. In this respect, it is hoped that those employees who do not wish to TUPE to the Local Authority, or for whom TUPE does not apply, will have opportunities to continue utilising their skills and knowledge in other organisations or projects delivering parenting and family support services in Cardiff, so that the sector will continue to benefit from their skills and expertise.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

Research indicates that families are much more likely to engage with third sector providers than with statutory providers. Several of our third sector providers have often exceeded their targets and have developed a RAG rating system, which ensures that people get the right service for their needs. Going on a parenting course is now seen more as proactive and normal, which supports prevention and escalation of need. Will this be lost if such groups are provided by statutory services?

Reply

The value of third sector providers, their ability to engage with families and the crucial contribution they make to the delivery of Cardiff's Early Help Strategy and preventative agenda is without question.

The central Families First team within Social Services has worked with Lead Providers and the current parenting providers to develop better arrangements, such as the RAG rating system that was introduced following the review of parenting. However, the feedback that was received during stakeholder consultation (with families as well as providers) still pointed to a lack of clarity about the service offer because of the number of different services and providers.

The arrangements for the delivery of parenting services under the new Families First programme are to align it with Flying Start within the Education & Lifelong Learning directorate.

Flying Start has an excellent track record of delivering parenting services across the city and good engagement with parents. The programme is able to evidence extremely positive and sustained outcomes for the children who have benefited from the programme since its introduction 10 years ago.

The plan to locate Families First parenting services with Flying Start provides an opportunity to address some of the inequalities that the Flying Start catchment process has created, whilst building on a strong and successful infrastructure for delivering high quality parenting services that achieve the desired outcomes.

The Families First team is confident that the new arrangements will not compromise the ability of parents to engage successfully in preventative services. In fact, it is expected that the new arrangements will build on the successes of Flying Start's ability to engage with parents with a range of levels of need. Additionally, the intention to locate Families First parenting services with one organisation rather than a range of different organisations is to strengthen the accessibility of services by streamlining the pathway by which parents can access them

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

At present Families First is grant funding for 3 years and as providers we have to bear the risk of redundancy payments in the event that funding ceases as Families First funding will not cover redundancy. How will the Council cope with the

additional burden of redundancy for the additional staff that will need to be employed when services are brought in-house?

Reply

The current Welsh Government funding in respect of Families First, and the current contract arrangements, end on 31 March 2018. From the beginning of the programme, it has been a condition of the financial guidance for Families First that funding cannot be used to pay costs associated with redundancy. Providers were asked to build in exit strategies and the responsibility for employment of staff lies with the contracted providers.

The Cabinet has approved plans for commissioning a new Families First programme. This still includes a number of externally contracted elements, but also the delivery of two key services in-house: Parenting and Youth Support. Managers within the Education Service will be responsible for the new services.

We recognise that the new arrangements are likely to require the Council to take responsibility for additional members of staff, which will include liability for redundancy payments in certain circumstances. Some staff would transfer under TUPE arrangements and their terms of engagement would be regulated by the TUPE legislation in the first instance. Where new members of staff are employed, contracts of employment would be temporary and linked to funding terms. However, they would still gain employment rights when they have been employed for over two years, with different rights being accrued depending on the length of service.

This risk was identified in the options paper that accompanied the report to Cabinet. However, the risk is mitigated in a number of ways.

Standing Orders encourage the delivery of services in-house where the Council is best placed to do this. The Council is already responsible for a range of staff members who deliver Families First services under the current arrangements, which includes responsibility for redundancy payments. The new arrangements will provide opportunities for current Council Families First staff, as well as other employees with relevant skills and experience, to be redeployed into the new services, rather than being made redundant. On past experience, there is also a turnover of staff and, therefore, not all staff employed would accrue the right to redundancy and/or redeployment.

There are also wider considerations for the Council. Overall, there would be a benefit in terms of the additional funding coming into the Council, as well as enhancement of services for families in Cardiff. The new arrangements are being introduced to give us a much greater focus on identifying and providing support for families at an earlier stage before situations escalate to the point where they need higher tier interventions. Among other things, this is targeted at reducing the demand on statutory services.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

As a percentage, how many social workers currently have 10 or more 'child in need' cases in their caseload?

Reply

The category of "Child in Need", as defined in the Children Act 1989, has been superseded by children entitled to "Care and Support" pursuant to the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

100% of social workers within Children's Services have children entitled to "Care and Support" in their caseload.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON

Could you give a breakdown of the total number of vacancies in children social services and break it down by team and specialism?

Reply

As of 19 September 2017, there are 55 vacancies in Children's Services, which are listed below by team and pay grade:

- Looked After Children Services
12 x Grade 7 posts (due to recent promotions)
- Placement With Parents (PWP) Team
1 x Grade 9 post (newly created)
4 x Grade 8 posts (newly created)
- PA Service
5 x Grade 5 posts (3 newly created)
1 x Grade 6 post (newly created)
- Fostering
3 x Grade 8 posts (2.5 FTE)
- Targeted Services
2 x Grade 10 posts
- Child in Need and Intake & Assessment
11 x Grade 8 posts (10 newly created)
10 x Grade 7 posts
5 x Grade 5 posts (3 newly created)
- Youth Offending Service
1 x Grade 5 post

CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT - (COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MICHAEL)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BALE

Following concerns expressed about the poor condition of the Aneurin Bevan statue on Queen Street, will the Cabinet Member confirm how often this and other Council maintained statues are cleaned in the city centre?

Reply

Statues form an important and prominent part of Cardiff's street scene. Whilst there is no fixed schedule for cleaning statues, officers have confirmed that they will be cleansed as and when required.

With specific reference to the Aneurin Bevan statue, this is cleansed every two months but, as it is tall, specialist equipment is required to allow officers to work at height.

CULTURE AND LEISURE - (COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BALE

Will the new Administration confirm that the Council will continue to provide its full support to Pride Cymru in bidding to bring Europride to Cardiff?

Reply

Yes, as you will be aware, we have been in discussion with Pride Cymru regarding their aspiration to host a future Europride event in the Capital City for some time. We look forward to progressing those discussions over coming months to see how we may be able to assist them in securing and staging this event.

You will also be aware that the decision to support any prospective event is taken on a case-by-case basis and is dependent on the business case for each event. It is unlikely, in the current financial climate, that the Council will be in a position to provide a direct financial subsidy, but it may be able to offer the type of support given to other events, such as making available council staff and council assets to the event organiser. However, the exact nature of any Council support will be dependent on the business case.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS - (COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD

In March 2017, the Education Secretary Kirsty Williams announced that local authorities would be reimbursed for their contribution to National Youth Arts Wales for 2016/17 to ensure they are able to continue the support of young people with musical talent. This was on the understanding that local authorities would reach agreement to continue support in future years. Has Cardiff Council engaged to date with Welsh Government, the WLGA or other stakeholders to ensure adequate funding is continued?

Reply

I can confirm that Cardiff has continued its annual contribution to the Welsh Joint Education Committee (WJEC) at the same level as in previous years, which includes the agreed contribution towards the National Youth Arts Wales provision.

Discussions are ongoing with the Welsh Government, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and other Welsh Local Authorities on the continuation of this arrangement.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD

In March 2017, the Education Secretary announced that £10,000 will be made available to each local authority in Wales for the purchase of musical instruments. The intention is to ensure that young people most in need of an instrument will have access to one. How does Cardiff Council intend to use this money?

Reply

I can confirm that the Music Service in Cardiff will be utilising the £10,000 grant to purchase instruments, which will enable more pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds to access music learning.

The purchase of sets of instruments enables schools to provide whole class teaching. This grant also ensures that pupils who would not be able to afford their own instruments can learn and play, particularly in the case of woodwind and brass instruments. It will also contribute to the repair and maintenance of existing instrument stock.

All of these music resources will be targeted to those who would not otherwise be able to have an instrument.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

Given the large number of children from parts of the Cardiff High catchment area (including many living in the Marlborough Primary catchment area) who have failed to secure places at Cardiff High in recent years when progressing from primary to secondary (including for this coming September) please can you advise what consideration the council has given to tackling this problem going forwards, including by advising what consideration has been given to a possible expansion of Cardiff High?

Reply

In the short to medium term, the Council is not considering making changes to the Cardiff High School admission number or to the catchment area. There continue to be places available in neighbouring catchment areas and, therefore, families have more than one option to consider in addition to any preference they may express for their catchment school.

Work has been undertaken on planning for Band B of the 21st Century Schools capital programme, but the development of specific scheme proposals is subject to confirmation of funding allocations by Welsh Government, which is anticipated towards the end of October 2017. As such, there are no proposals planned and any associated consultation that may be required in the future has not been programmed to date.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

Under the council's current schools admissions policy, pupils living further from their catchment school are afforded lesser consideration in the event of over-subscription than those living in closer proximity even though they may have lived within the catchment area for a considerably longer period of time. Representations were made last year, including by many parents in Penylan, for consideration to be given to amending the criteria so that the length of time a pupil has lived within the catchment area could also be factored in. Will the Cabinet Member consider drawing up options for amending the schools admissions criteria in this way, so that such options might be included when the schools admission arrangements are next put out to consultation?

Reply

The Admission 'Oversubscription Criteria' are clearly set out in the admissions information supplied to families at the point of application. It is clear that there is a view among some Cardiff residents that living in or attending a primary school in catchment should entitle families to a place for their child at their catchment high school. Several have requested changes to the criteria to include a longevity criterion.

The Cabinet considered a report on Admission Arrangements on 16 March 2017 and authorised officers to consider further the Council's school admission arrangements, including wider research into alternative options and the impact of each, in advance of consultation on the Council's School Admissions Policy 2019/20.

This research is being undertaken and will inform a further report to Cabinet on Admission Arrangements for 2019/20, which is expected to be considered later this year, prior to annual consultation that must be concluded by 1 March 2018.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

Please can you update Members on what consideration has been given to date to the provision of a fourth Welsh-medium high school for Cardiff and advise what the current assessment is as to whether the current three Welsh-medium high schools will have sufficient capacity to meet demand going forwards?

Reply

In recent years, there has been an increase in demand for Welsh-medium at entry to Reception and there has been significant investment in primary provision to

accommodate this. However, the larger cohorts entering the sector at the bottom have not yet moved into the secondary sector.

Between 2016/17 and 2021/22, the number of pupils taught through the medium of Welsh in Cardiff is projected to increase to 15.2%, which will make a significant contribution to meeting the targets set in the Council's Bilingual Cardiff Strategy. The Council recognises that continued growth in the Welsh-medium primary sector will necessitate an increase in provision in the Welsh-medium secondary sector.

There is currently a 16% net surplus capacity within the secondary sector following the opening of the third Welsh-medium high school, Ysgol Bro Edeyrn, in the 2013/14 academic year. The Council will continue to monitor pupil projections, conduct feasibility studies and undertake planning and development work to ensure sufficient numbers of Welsh-medium secondary places in the city. This will be particularly important in the Local Development Plan (LDP) major housing sites in the north east and west of the city.

Based on recent take up at primary level and the numbers of children expected to progress into Welsh-medium secondary education, it is expected that there will be sufficient places available in the secondary sector across the three Welsh-medium high schools throughout the timescale of Band B of the 21st Century Schools programme (2019-2024), with investment being required post-2024 to increase the number of places provided assuming that current population projections (including recognising LDP developments) and take up rates continue.

FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE - (COUNCILLOR CHRIS WEAVER)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

Cardiff Council needs to submit data in line with gender pay gap reporting by March 2018. What work has been undertaken towards this?

Reply

The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017 requires the publication of gender pay gap data based on a 'snapshot' date of 31st March. The Council's 2016/17 Pay Policy referred to this requirement and indicated that the data for 31st March 2017 would be included in the 2018/19 Pay Policy Statement.

The position in Wales has been a matter of discussion and the Arbitration and Conciliation Service (ACAS), together with the UK Government Equalities Office, has provided much needed clarity on the requirements for Welsh local authorities.

Their guidance states that Welsh public authorities listed in Schedule 19 to the Equality Act 2010, which includes local authorities, are subject to their own devolved regulations. These already include gender pay gap reporting and the need to give due regard to having an equality objective to address any causes of pay differences of a person or persons employed by the authority as a result of any

protected characteristic. This has been identified within the Council's current Strategic Equality Plan 2016-20 and will form part of annual review reports.

Based on this, the Council is therefore not required to fulfil the Gender Pay Gap reporting requirement set by the UK Government. However, the Council is still covered by the Public Sector Equality Duty, which refers to the need to manage gender pay differences, rather than publish data in the specific format required by the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017.

As a result, the Council is not required to make any changes to its current reporting arrangements; however, consideration will need to be given to the level of data that the Council wishes to publish on a voluntary basis. In this regard, there are ongoing discussions with the WLGA and local authorities to seek to establish a common approach across Wales.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES - (COUNCILLOR LYNDA THORNE)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

With Universal Credit due to be implemented fully in February 2018, what work has the council undertaken in preparation for this, specifically in terms of preparing for the 42 day transition period during which benefit claimants will receive no funds?

Reply

Universal Credit (UC) replaces a number of income related benefits including Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance and Housing Benefit and tax credits. Since November 2015, UC has been rolled out gradually in Cardiff to a limited number of claimants. As a result, just over 2,200 people currently receive UC in Cardiff.

From February 2018, Cardiff will move to "Full Service" and more residents will be required to make a claim for UC. It is anticipated that over 5,500 claims a month will be made until all cases claiming legacy (old benefits) have moved to UC. The Council has carried out extensive preparatory work ahead of the implementation in Cardiff.

UC "Full Service" must be claimed and maintained online; therefore, help to get online is available in all Hubs and other community locations across the city. The Into Work Advice Service will also help people to carry out job searches and to maintain UC accounts, which is essential to avoid benefits from being sanctioned. All Hub staff will be upskilled to support customers needing to claim UC.

UC is paid monthly in arrears and the first payment is not received until at least five weeks after the claim is made. As a result, assistance from the Money Advice Team is available within all Hubs and now also at foodbanks across the city. The team can help with Personal Budgeting Support, which – as well as showing clients how to budget more effectively – also ensures that clients claim all grants, discounts, hardship or emergency payments they are entitled to. The Money Advice Team has received full training and is already successfully supporting UC

clients to apply for an advance payment of UC directly from the Department for Work and Pensions when needed.

An increase in rent arrears is a particular concern as UC payments (including the housing cost element) are made directly to the claimant, not directly to their rent account. The Council and its Registered Social Landlord (RSL) partners have been given trusted partner status as part of a pilot run by the Department for Work and Pensions. This allows social landlords to request more frequent or split payments of UC for clients. We can also request that the housing cost element of UC is paid directly to the landlord. These arrangements can only be made in certain circumstances – for example, when a claimant is already in rent arrears. The ability for social landlords to request these from the Department of Work and Pensions without challenge has meant that appropriate and timely support can be provided for UC claimants to ensure that tenancies remain sustainable and rent arrears are minimised.

Managers will be visiting areas in 'Full Service' in order to help establish best practice. A publicity and training plan has been developed that will be actioned in time for the start of "Full Service" in Cardiff. The Council will also be holding various partner and stakeholder events to raise awareness of these changes in the run up to February 2018.

INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT - (COUNCILLOR RUSSELL GOODWAY)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

With the Doctor Who Exhibition having closed this month, can the cabinet member with responsibility for this portfolio confirm whether any discussions have taken place between the council and BBC Worldwide, in terms of a replacement attraction being in the works?

Reply

The Councillor will be aware that, in response to a question from her colleague, Councillor Rodney Berman, at the July 2017 meeting of the County Council that I confirmed that discussions had been ongoing with BBC Worldwide to secure a replacement Dr Who related attraction in the city. At that meeting, I committed to involve both Councillor Berman and the Leader of the Opposition in those discussions at the appropriate time. I can confirm that my officials have now indicated that they are in a position to share proposals and a meeting will be arranged shortly.

In terms of the former Dr Who Exhibition building in Cardiff Bay, discussions are ongoing with both Igloo, the land owners, and Welsh Government, with a view to agreeing an extension of the lease arrangements following the expiry of the original 5-year lease. If a new lease can be secured, there are a number of potential leisure based uses for the building that the Administration will consider.

I will make a statement in the near future regarding the financial impact on the Council of the original decision to bring the Dr Who Experience to Cardiff Bay.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BALE

Will the Administration provide an update on work to remedy electrical faults in some Cardiff schools and confirm the officer(s) and Cabinet Member(s) who are leading on the Council response?

Reply

I can confirm that works have now been completed to make all schools compliant.

To ensure ongoing compliance, the new Administration has introduced new governance arrangements through its Corporate Landlord function. The lead officer overseeing this function is the Assistant Director for Commercial and Collaboration within the Economic Development directorate, supported by the Corporate Health & Safety Manager and Schools Organisational Planning Manager.

Political leadership is shared between myself as Cabinet Member for Investment & Development and my colleague the Deputy Leader of the Council, who is the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Education, Employment & Skills.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BALE

What action and support has the City Council provided in relation to recent job losses announced by Barclays Bank in Llanishen?

Reply

The County Councillor will appreciate that he is more likely to understand the action taken by the County Council following the Barclays announcement since those arrangements were established in March 2017 when he was responsible for the then Administration's economic development portfolio.

I am advised that those arrangements remain in place with council officers meeting with senior representatives from Barclays to find out more about the financial and support packages available to affected employees. The company confirmed that a comprehensive scheme was available, including mentoring, retraining (if required), redundancy and potential relocation to Dundee in Scotland.

The Administration continues to liaise with Barclays to help introduce companies investing in Cardiff to well-trained Barclays employees affected by the closure who are seeking new employment.

LEADER - (COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON

With the loss of European social funds, and the anticipated loss of social housing

funds, due to Brexit, has the council undertaken any work to quantify what the overall financial loss might be for Cardiff, and how the shortfall might be addressed?

Reply

There are currently three operational programmes in Cardiff funded by the European Social Fund (ESF), which are:

- Inspire to Work (I2W) – which aims to promote employment, education and training opportunities to the young people, supported by £0.3m of ESF funding for Cardiff;
- Inspire to Achieve (I2A) – which aims at reducing the number of young people at risk of becoming NEET, supported by £1.1m of ESF funding for Cardiff; and
- Communities for Work (C4W) – which is a voluntary programme to help those adults furthest away from the labour market into employment, supported by £1.4m of ESF funding for Cardiff.

Further discussions are also taking place with regard to additional employability projects.

ESF funds are allocated on a bid basis and there is no guarantee of areas being successful in attracting funding. The European Social Fund is also not used to support social housing in Cardiff.

With regard to the future loss of EU Structural Funds, the UK Government is proposing to establish a 'shared prosperity fund' as a replacement. The level and scope of this are yet to be determined.

In light of this, we have made a commitment, as outlined in our Capital Ambition document to: *"Work with others to make sure any European funding lost to Cardiff from leaving the European Union is replaced by the UK Government, advocating strongly for unfettered access to the Single Market, and guarantees for international students and workers."*

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BALE

Will the Leader publish the terms of reference of the independent investigation into the management of the Council's property estate (Para 55, Page 10, Q4 Cabinet Performance Report dated 6 July 2017)?

What individual has the Council appointed to carry out this review and when will they report the findings?

Reply

The Council has committed to an independent review, not an independent investigation. As you will be aware, the Terms of Reference for this were set prior to May 2017, but I can provide you with a copy if required. The decision to appoint

Orion 360 to undertake the review was also undertaken before May 2017.

I understand that the report is currently being finalised and is expected to set out a number of key recommendations to improve management of the Council's property estate.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT - (COUNCILLOR CARO WILD)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McKERLICH

I have a number of road safety issues distributed around the ward; I wrote to you on 20th June requesting a site visit to discuss them and I repeated the request on 20th July; on 24th July you advised that you were on the point of discussing my concerns with officers. Since then I have heard nothing. When will you be coming to Radyr and Morganstown to view and resolve my various concerns?

Reply

I want to apologise for not getting back to you about a possible site visit to your ward. I was under the impression that you were in productive dialogue with officers and didn't necessarily require me to personally visit at this stage. I can assure you that I have been kept regularly updated on issues in the area raised by yourself and others. I would like to come and visit and will arrange a visit at your convenience.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McKERLICH

What was the total cost of the project to make Cathedral Road and abutting streets into a 20mph zone with appropriate signage, road markings and regulatory orders?

Reply

This work forms part of an ongoing three phase project installing 20mph limits in the wider Canton and Riverside areas, which is due to be completed in the current financial year.

The combined cost of the on-street installation works for the first two phases of the scheme in the north of Riverside and Canton is around £180,000. As you can appreciate, it is difficult to individually cost each road.

I would also add that, in some cases, it may actually be more costly and confusing to exclude certain roads, as there would be a requirement to inform users of speed limit changes at multiple locations.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McKERLICH

In each of the last 3 years, how many pedestrians have been injured by motor vehicles on Cathedral Road?

In how many of these cases were the vehicles moving at between 20 and 30 miles per hour prior to impact?

Reply

Firstly, it should be noted that the 20mph scheme is a zonal one, which aims to reduce overall speeds across an area, not street-by-street. I would also point out that the outcomes of the 20mph areas are not just about reducing collisions, but also about other benefits such as making the area more amenable to cyclists and pedestrians.

A review of the Police injury-collision database, from which the following information for Cathedral Road has been extracted, shows that between 2013 and 2015 there was only 1 recorded vehicle/pedestrian collision.

The data for 2016 is not yet available. In addition, the Police do not record speed data on the injury-collision database.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

What progress is the Council making towards introducing a Community Infrastructure Levy in Cardiff to ensure that large developments, such as those in my ward of Gabalfa for 361 student rooms, do not adversely impact the local community by requiring developers to invest in the local infrastructure?

Reply

Work has been undertaken on the preparation of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Cardiff; however, this is not yet in place.

Following the publication of the 'CIL Review' by the UK Government Department for Communities and Local Government earlier in the year, we are currently awaiting the views of, and guidance from, the Welsh Government regarding how CIL will be progressed in Wales prior to moving ahead. It should be noted, however, that the current Regulations only require 15% of any Levy to be spent within local communities.

The viability of development was considered in preparing the Local Development Plan (LDP). Policies requiring planning obligations, affordable housing and community infrastructure are all included in the adopted LDP. Furthermore, the Council has prepared approved supplementary planning guidance (SPG), which describes all the obligations required from different types of development to ensure that necessary infrastructure is delivered. Section 106 planning obligations continue to be secured and are the best mechanism to deliver contributions towards local community infrastructure from development.

Whilst I cannot comment on a current, as yet undetermined, planning application, I would stress that all applications are considered on their planning merits, having regard to all material planning factors. The introduction of any CIL would not alter this position.

