

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 22 March 2018 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 16 March 2018.

Present: County Councillor Derbyshire (Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ahmed, Asghar Ali, Dilwar Ali, Berman, Bowen-Thomson, Boyle, Bradbury, Burke-Davies, Congreve, Cowan, Cunnah, Davies, De'Ath, Driscoll, Ebrahim, Elsmore, Ford, Goddard, 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, Morgan, Murphy, Naughton, Owen, Parkhill, Jackie Parry, Keith Parry, Patel, Phillips, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sandrey, Sattar, Simmons, Singh, Taylor, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Lynda Thorne, Walker, Weaver, Wild, Williams, Wong and Wood

132 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bale, Bowden, Bridgeman, Carter and Stubbs.

133 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor	Item No	Interest
Councillor Dilwar Ali	Item No 9 – Cardiff's Local Wellbeing Plan	Personal Interest as a Council's representative on South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Councillor Heather Joyce	Item No 9 – Cardiff's Local Wellbeing Plan	Personal Interest as a Council's representative on South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Councillor Dan Naughton	Item No 9 – Cardiff's Local Wellbeing Plan	Personal Interest as a Council's representative on South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Councillor Peter Wong	Item No 9 – Cardiff's Local Wellbeing Plan	Personal Interest as a Council's representative on South Wales Fire & Rescue Service

Councillor	Item No	Interest
Councillor Hudson	Item No 9 – Cardiff's Local Wellbeing Plan And Item No 12 – Social Care, Health & Wellbeing Statement	Personal Interest as a relative in receipt of Social Care Services

Senior Officers affected by Item 10 the Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 have a pecuniary interest and will leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

134 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting 22 February 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

135 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were submitted to Council:

Councillor Rhys Taylor: - 75 signatures calling on the Council to consult with businesses to address trader and customer parking on Whitchurch Road

Councillor Dan Naughton: - a petition containing further signatures calling on the Council to take over the Pentwyn Arms site and turn it into a community building. The petition has 111 signatures.

Councillor Emma Sandrey: - 28 signatures requesting that the Council install lockable gates on both ends of the back lane between Glyn Rhosyn/Ty Cerrig and Cardiff Golf Club.

136 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor's monthly [Civic Brief](#) had been circulated.

The Lord Mayor reported the sudden death of Mr Peter Morris who until recently was the Head teacher at Mount Stuart Primary School and former Head teacher at Kitchener Primary School, which were schools in two the city's most diverse communities. The Lord Mayor on behalf of the Council sent condolences to his wife and family for their sad loss.

The Lord Mayor was delighted to have joined with the Leader, Cabinet Members and Councillors in the signing of the Motor Neurone Disease Charter which raises awareness of the disease and what support can be provided and issues to consider when making decisions.

The Lord Mayor wished the Reverend Canon Dr Sarah Rowland Jones, the Priest in Charge of the Civic Church of St John the Baptist all the very best as she was taking up the post of Dean of St David's Cathedral Pembrokeshire.

The Lord Mayor provided an update on his charity fundraising and the Three Peaks challenge that he was undertaken with the Leader of the Council and fellow Councillors on 28/ 29 April 2018.

137 : LORD MAYOR AND DEPUTY LORD MAYOR ELECT

The Council received nominations for the positions of Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor for the 2018/19 Civic year.

Councillor Huw Thomas proposed the nomination of Councillor Dianne Rees as Lord Mayor elect. Councillor Joe Boyle seconded the proposal.

Councillor Robson proposed the nomination of Councillor Rod McKerlich as Deputy Lord Mayor elect. Councillor Keith Parry seconded the proposal.

There were no other nominations

RESOLVED – That the nomination of

1. Councillor Dianne Rees as Lord Mayor Elect for the Civic year 2018/19 was approved;
2. Councillor Rod McKerlich as Deputy Lord Mayor Elect for the Civic year 2018/19 was approved.

138 : CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL JOINT WORKING AGREEMENT
BUSINESS PLAN

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas presented the report which sought approval of the Cardiff Capital Region Joint Working Agreement Business Plan which focused on the delivery specific aspects of the Council's ambitions through the City Deal and projects to create economic opportunity and increase productivity across the South East Wales regional footprint.

In January 2017 the Leader of the previous administration made a commitment to report to Council further on the Council's contributions to the City Deal, and this Joint Working Agreement Business Plan provide Members with the detail and the headline projects as well as clarity on the direction of spending.

Critically for Cardiff the Business Plan includes an in-principle commitment for the Metro, an essential piece of infrastructure for the city and the region, and aims to lever in £2bn of private commercial development investment. There are also investments in housing, skills and the digital agenda that will benefit all authorities across the Capital Region.

The Leader confirmed that approving of the Joint Working Agreement Business Plan would not be delegating any further powers to the Joint Committee than otherwise approved by Council in January 2017.

The commitment for Cardiff was £50m to the Wider Investment Fund which would unlock almost £500m for the city-region and allow greater integration of regional working across South East Wales, drive prosperity and tackle inequalities and poverty.

The report was seconded by the Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance, Councillor Weaver who confirmed that the proposal provide clarity on the release of funding; provides a platform for investment decisions; breaks down the artificial structural fund boundaries; would provide the city region with £1.2m investment including over £700m for the South East Wales Metro, and focus on addressing concerns around the redevelopment of Cardiff Central Station; as well as supporting potential jobs, skills and the digital infrastructure.

The Lord Mayor invited debate. Progress to date and cross party and regional working was welcomed. However concerns were raised around the democratic deficit and the involvement of local Councillors in the decision making process and how it was important that the Leader and the Joint Committee engaged with local authorities and residents throughout the region so that they better understand the proposals. Members highlighted the lack detail on projects in particular relating to infrastructure and housing schemes for example the Metro, the ambition for a 50/50 modal split, capital and revenue costs, timescales for realising projects and issues previously raised as part of the decision making process around Cardiff's Local Development Plan.

The Leader responded to observations made and recognised that it was important to ensure that Members and the people of the city understood and were aware of proposed projects and the likely impact and improvements that will be made.

RESOLVED - That the Council approved the Cardiff Capital Region Joint Working Agreement Business Plan.

139 : CORPORATE PLAN 2018 - 2021

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas presented the Corporate Plan 2018 – 2021 for approval by the Council. The Plan represents the administrations ambitions and aspirations for the capital city and the people of Cardiff and Wales. The Plan is the Council vision, policy and delivery framework set within the context of ensuring everyone benefits from the city's success; continuing pressures on services and diminishing budgets; and the ambition of equity and social justice.

Alongside the City Deal Business plan and the Well-Being plan, the Corporate Plan clearly sets out how the city and the region's performance will be measured, reflecting the strategic alignment between the Council and the Public Service Board and the shared seven well-being objectives and the common understanding of the challenges facing the city.

The Leader thanked the Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee and the Performance Panel lead by Councillor Walker who had over the last four months engaged with the development of the Plan and provided constructive feedback on the structure, content and performance targets.

The Corporate Plan was seconded by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, Councillor Merry who linked ambitions to the budget proposals approved in February 2018 and the administration priorities to deliver on creating opportunities; tackling inequalities, poverty and ill health, action on homelessness and protection of the most vulnerable in society.

The Lord Mayor advised that he had received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 24a an amendment to the report. The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Boyle to propose the amendment.

The amendment called for the recommendation to be deferred to a future Council to enable Cabinet to bring forward a revised plan which included sufficient proposals and actions at a local level aimed at helping to address significant health inequalities, differences in life expectancy and reflect on the motion brought before Council by the Liberal Democrat Group on loneliness existing in different communities in Cardiff.

Councillor Berman seconded the amendment reinforcing the fundamental issues around health inequalities including mortality rates and life expectancy between affluent and less affluent parts of the city; and the importance of working with health networks on major issues for example health promotion and tackling obesity.

Prior to taking a vote on the amendment the Lord Mayor invited debate. During the debate there were observations made about the ambition of the Corporate Plan, what more can be achieved; the challenges of inequalities and poverty; strengthening of preventative and support services; the importance of education opportunities and attainment; and the work being undertaken with partners on the seven objectives.

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader to respond to the points raised.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the amendment proposed by Councillor Boyle.

The vote on the amendment was CARRIED.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Boyle to sum up.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the amended recommendation.

The Vote on the amended recommendation was LOST.

RESOLVED – That the Corporate Plan was not approved and was referred back to Cabinet.

140 : CARDIFF'S LOCAL WELLBEING PLAN

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas presented Cardiff's Local Wellbeing Plan for approval by Council. In presenting the report he was disappointed that the Corporate Plan a vital part of the policy framework that sat alongside this important document had not been approved and that the delay would impact on the implementation of the Well-being Plan. The Well-being Plan had been prepared in collaboration with the Public Service Board and deals with complex issues of the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Cardiff which the previous amendment and the amendment to this report dealt with.

The Well-being Plan was a well-developed document which built on the evidence base set out in the comprehensive Well-being Assessment and gave a platform for partners to respond together on issues of protecting the vulnerable; helping the homeless; supporting older people to stay happy and healthy in their own communities and tackling issues such as radicalisation.

The Cabinet Member, Health and Social Care seconded the Plan and drew attention to the challenges and partnership arrangements; work with Ministers and the Welsh Government, the breaking down of barriers and the delivery of complex issues. She advised of the importance of a step change at community level joining up schools and social services; health and public services to support families and tackle issues early. The alignment between the Corporate Plan, the Well-being Plan and the Area Plan are fundamentally important in providing the strategic framework between the city's public and community services, and in the delivery of the Cardiff Ambition.

The Lord Mayor advised that he had received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 24a an amendment to the report. The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Berman to propose the amendment.

The amendment called for the recommendation to defer consideration of the Well-being Plan until a future Council meeting to enable a Health Impact Assessment of the Plan before its approval with a view to have a better plan, give consideration of unintentional consequences, and meet the requirements of the future Welsh Government Public Health Act.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Boyle who reminded Council of his Group's consistently approach to promote the priority of health inequality and will continue to work to ensure that the Plan is fit for purpose.

The Lord Mayor opened the item for debate and observations were made in relation to health and the family; the well-being of young people and children; the need to ensure services are available at a local level; actions and consultation on the draft plan and the seven well-being objectives. Concerns around democratic deficit of the membership of the Cardiff Public Service Board with only one politician on the Board.

Councillor Dianne Rees moved a motion without notice CPR 25(iv) to refer the Plan back to Cabinet this was seconded by Councillor Robson.

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader to respond. The Leader responded to issues raised in relation to child well-being, and support from partners including the Local Health and Public Service Boards. The Leader indicated that in relation to Health Impact Assessment it was proposed to pilot these in the future.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the amendment proposed by Councillor Berman.

The vote on the amendment was LOST

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the reference back proposed by Councillor Dianne Rees.

The vote on the reference back was LOST.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the recommendation

The vote on the recommendation was CARRIED

RESOLVED – That the Cardiff's Local Wellbeing Plan was approved.

141 : PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2018 - 2019

(Senior Managers present affected by this item declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting during consideration of this item).

The Cabinet Member, Finance, Modernisation and Performance, Councillor Weaver presented the annual Policy Statement for 2018/19 prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011. The Council in line with its commitment to fairness and transparency will published the gender pay gap report as part of the annual Pay Policy Statement to be published 31 March 2018.

The Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member Education and Skills seconded the report. The Lord Mayor invited debate. Members welcomed the publication of the gender pay gap information, although it was clear from the information there was some way to go. Observations were raised around the pay award; pensions and pension benefits, links between education and employment.

During the debate Councillor Williams proposed a Motion without Notice under CPR25 (iv) to refer the report back to Cabinet. The reference back was seconded by Councillor Davies.

The Lord Mayor invited the Cabinet Member to sum up before the vote on the amendment was taken.

Vote on the Reference back was LOST

RESOLVED – That

1. the Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 was approved;

2. to note the employer's pension contributions have been included in the calculation of an employee's weekly pay, where appropriate;
3. to note the Council will need to take steps to implement changes arising from the NJC for Local Government Pay for 2018/20;
4. the inclusion of the Gender Pay Gap report was welcomed;
5. to note the commitment to the principles and guidance on the appropriate use of non-guaranteed hours arrangements in the devolved public services in Wales, as developed by the Public Services Staff Commission in social partnership with the Welsh Government's Partnership Council and its sector groups.

142 : CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

The Chair of the Constitution Committee, Councillor Goodway presented the recommendations of the Constitution Committee in respect of proposals to update and amend rules of the Constitution in relation to Contracts Standing Orders and Procurement and Financial Procedure Rules; amendments to the Council and Committees procedure rules in relation to recording of Council meetings; the realigning of the Air Quality Management functions; clarity on the requirements for Ward Member Consultation and the establishment of rules around the All Party Council Groups available to ordinary Councillors to engage in topics that can influence policy within the Council.

The recommendations were seconded by Councillor McKerlich as a member of the Constitution Committee.

RESOLVED – That the Council

1. the Constitution amendments recommended by the Constitution Committee were approved in respect of:
 - (i) the recording of Council meetings;
 - (ii) requirements of Ward Member consultation;
 - (iii) establishment of All Party Council Groups;
 - (iv) the responsibility for air quality management functions.
2. the revised Contracts Standing Orders and Procurement Rules and Financial Procedure Rules were approved.

143 : LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER STATEMENTS

The following statements were received: -

[Leader Statement](#) – Councillor Huw Thomas

The Leader responded to questions raised in relation to the Severe Winter Weather response; Business Rates, Community Cohesion and Local Government Reform.

[Cabinet Member, Social Care, Health & Well-being](#) – Councillor Elsmore

The Cabinet Member responded to a question in relation to the membership of the Inclusive Cities Project Cardiff Taskforce.

[Cabinet Member, Strategic Planning & Transport](#) – Councillor Wild

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on the Transport and Clean Air Green Paper including active travel and the Next Bike Scheme; Cardiff Bus Station update and Car Free Day Cardiff 2018, Sunday 13th May 2018.

[Cabinet Member, Investment & Development](#) – Councillor Goodway

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation the MIPIM exhibition, Cardiff Bus Station, the Metro delivery partner and Cardiff West transport hub.

[Cabinet Member, Culture & Leisure](#) – Councillor Bradbury

The Cabinet Member responded to a question on the unsuccessful outcome for the Council of their bid to host some of the Euro 2020 matches.

[Deputy Leader, Education, Employment & Skills Statement](#) - Councillor Merry

The Deputy Leader responded to questions on the School Holiday Enrichment Programme, the Pear Tree federation and International Women's Day.

[Cabinet Member, Finance Modernisation & Performance](#) - Councillor Weaver

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on International Women's Day; the Living Wage accreditation scheme for small and medium size enterprises in Cardiff.

[Cabinet Member, Housing & Communities](#) - Councillor Thorne

The Cabinet Member responded to questions raised in relation to the update on additional fire safety checks on cladding of high-rise housing blocks in Cardiff, and the give DIFFerently scheme supporting the homeless and those at risk of homelessness in Cardiff.

[Cabinet Member, Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment](#) – Councillor Michael

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on fly tipping and the love where you live initiative.

[Cabinet Member, Children & Families](#) - Councillor Hinchey

The Cabinet Member was pleased to report on the new Families First programme, Swan Family Centres, Hafan Gobaith and the Bright Start Traineeship Scheme.

144 : MOTION 1

The Lord Mayor advised that the notice of motion proposed by Councillor Jones-Pritchard and seconded by Councillor Lancaster had been received for consideration and was included on the Summons for the meeting. Two amendments had been received to the motion.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Jones-Pritchard to propose the motion as follows:

That this Council recognise the damage that waste plastics cause to the world wide environment, acknowledge that there are measures we can take now to reduce, or

cease, our contribution to that contamination and damage and commit to becoming a “Plastic Free” City.

This Council resolves to start the process to becoming a Plastic-Free city by;

- Supporting Plastic Free Coastlines, committing to plastic free alternatives and supporting plastic free initiatives within the City. Setting the example and leading the way by removing single-use plastics from Council premises, encouraging plastic free initiatives and promoting the removal of single-use plastics elsewhere.
- Working to encourage local businesses and retailers to stop using, and selling, single-use plastic items, replacing them with sustainable alternatives.
- Creating plastic-free community spaces in our parks, libraries, hubs, community and leisure centres.
- Working with stakeholders to create plastic-free schools, colleges and organisations.
- Promoting or organising community events to remove plastic waste from our coastline and elsewhere.
- Seeking to set up, with local businesses and community representatives, a stakeholders group to further this aim.

Examples of single use plastics and alternatives are;

- Paper instead of plastic straws,
- Recyclable or reusable cups
- Metal, compostable or other material instead of plastic cutlery
- No single serve condiment sachets
- Compostable or reusable stirrers
- Paper bags or wrapping instead of plastic
- Reusable bottles instead of throwaway plastic
- Punched and bound papers instead of polypockets.
- Seeking alternatives to laminating paper public notices for a non plastic option.

Opportunities;

- Schools plastic free policy
- Planning condition, perhaps with Welsh Government support, for inclusion in management or waste policies
- Increase our percentage of recyclable waste, reduce incineration and landfill
- Our offices, parks, hubs, schools, libraries, leisure centres, vehicles and thousands of staff

- Our purchasing and influencing power with supplies, partners and stakeholders
- Future Generations Act – this has to be one of the most compliant decisions that can possibly be made!

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Lancaster

The Lord Mayor took each of the amendments in turn

Amendment 1: Proposed by Councillor Wood
 Seconded by Councillor Sandrey

After the first paragraph replace all text with: -

This Council notes that:

- Single use plastics create unnecessary waste with negative impacts on our communities and environment. Approximately 400 million tonnes of plastic are produced globally each year of which 40% is intended to be single-use [1].
- Over 8 million tonnes of plastic enter the world's oceans each year, with most originating from the land [2].
- Many plastics, including polystyrene, cannot be recycled and paper coffee cups are often fused with polyethylene making them difficult to recycle.
- Re-use is preferable to recycling or disposal, requiring less energy and creating less waste.
- Small businesses across South Wales are taking proactive steps to encourage consumers to use less plastic [3].
- Cardiff University students have already taken the initiative with a 'No Straw campaign' [4].

This Council resolves to start the process to becoming a Plastic-Free city by:

- Supporting Plastic Free Coastlines, committing to plastic free alternatives and supporting plastic free initiatives within the City. Setting the example and leading the way by aiming to remove all single-use plastics from Council premises by the end of the 2018-19 financial year, and promoting the removal of single-use plastics elsewhere.
- Urging all business with which we work, through procurement avenues and other networks, to promote the phasing out of similar products in their business environments. Furthermore, encourage all local businesses and retailers to stop using, and selling, single-use plastic items, replacing them with sustainable alternatives.
- Ensuring all organisations in receipt of council funds to make a commitment to sustainable practices and be encouraged to phase out all single use plastics.
- Seeking to set up a stakeholders group including community representatives, to further this aim, in all business environments and communities.

- Creating plastic-free community spaces in our parks, libraries, hubs, community and leisure centres.
- Working with stakeholders to create plastic-free schools, colleges and other organisations.
- Continuing to promote, organise and support community events to remove plastic waste from our coastline and elsewhere.
- Developing a plastics policy.

Opportunities:

- Schools plastic free policy
- Supporting the wider introduction and use of water fountains and re-fill stations.
- Planning conditions for inclusion in management or waste policies
- Increase our percentage of recyclable waste, reducing incineration and landfill
- Our offices, parks, hubs, schools, libraries, leisure centres, vehicles and thousands of staff
- Our purchasing and influencing power with suppliers, partners and stakeholders
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2. "BBC to ban single-use plastics by 2020 after Blue Planet II".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-43051153>

3. "Momentum builds in small businesses to curb plastic use".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-42832201>

4. "Students spearhead anti-plastic movement in Cardiff".

<http://www.jomec.co.uk/intercardiff/environment/students-spearhead-anti-plastic-movement-in-cardiff>

Amendment 2: Proposed by Councillor Michael
 Seconded by Councillor Lister

First Paragraph delete all after damage and replace with: -

Single use plastics create unnecessary waste with negative impacts on our communities and environment.

Approximately 400 million tonnes of plastic are produced globally each year of which 40% is intended to be single use.

Over 8 million tonnes of plastic enter the world's oceans each year with most originating from the land.

Re-use is always preferable to recycling or disposal, as it requires less energy and creates less waste.

Businesses across South Wales are taking proactive steps to encourage consumers to use less plastic.

Cardiff is the leading city in the UK for recycling.

Cardiff is the best city of the 10 core cities for recycling.

Cardiff's new 2018-21 Waste Strategy will focus on meeting the targets set by WAG of 70% recycling by 2025.

Cardiff Council will identify recycling streams that will add to our recycling figures and calls on all Councillors for support.

This Council recognises the good work being done to increase recycling.

This Council recognises the damage to our World by waste, including single use items and calls on the UK Government to take steps to reduce waste and prevent it getting into the oceans and causing more harm.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to continue:

(i) to work with partners such as the No Straw Stand to get the message on single use straws, as well as working with them on getting environmental Education books to every primary school, and giving them space on our 'Love Where You Live' website.

(ii) to work with Welsh Water on Refill Stations such as:-

- Cardiff Central Library
- Grangetown Hub
- Llandaff North & Gabalfa Hub
- Llanishen Hub
- Llanrumney Hub
- Rhydypennau Hub
- Rumney Hub
- St Mellons Hub
- Star Hub

This Council further calls on the Cabinet to ensure that we continue to explore markets for recycling previously thought to be not recyclable such as: -

- Car Tyres;
- UPVC Double Glazing;
- Polystyrene
- Mattresses etc.,

This Council calls on the Cabinet to produce a report outlining plans by October 2018 to reduce single use items on council premises such as cups, wrapping, bags etc.,

And further calls on the Cabinet to discuss with partners and stakeholders on the reduction of single use items.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion. At the conclusion of the debate the Lord Mayor invited Councillor Jones-Pritchard to sum up. In summing up Councillor Jones Pritchard indicated that he accepted amendment 2 as the substantive motion.

The Lord Mayor moved to the votes.

The vote on Amendment 1 was LOST

The vote on the Substantive Motion was CARRIED as follows: -

That this Council recognise the damage that waste plastics cause to the world wide environment, acknowledge that there are measures we can take now to reduce, or cease, our contribution to that contamination and damage.

Single use plastics create unnecessary waste with negative impacts on our communities and environment.

Approximately 400 million tonnes of plastic are produced globally each year of which 40% is intended to be single use.

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- Card Tyres;
- UPVC Double Glazing;
- Polystyrene
- Mattresses etc.,

This Council calls on the Cabinet to produce a report outlining plans by October 2018 to reduce single use items on council premises such as cups, wrapping, bags etc.,

And further calls on the Cabinet to discuss with partners and stakeholders on the reduction of single use items.

145 : MOTION 2

The Lord Mayor advised that a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Wood and seconded by Councillor Sandrey had been received for consideration and was included on the Summons for the meeting. The motion was substantially the same as Motion 1 which had been debated earlier.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Wood to propose the motion as follows:

Cardiff Council notes that:

- Single use plastics create unnecessary waste with negative impacts on our communities and environment.
- Approximately 400 million tonnes of plastic are produced globally each year of which 40% is intended to be single-use [1].

- Over 8 million tonnes of plastic enter the world's oceans each year, with most originating from the land [2].
- Plastics such as polystyrene cannot be recycled.
- Paper coffee cups are often fused with polyethylene which makes them difficult to recycle.
- Re-use is always preferable to recycling or disposal, as it requires less energy.
- Small businesses across South Wales are taking proactive steps to encourage consumers to use less plastic [3].
- Students from Cardiff University are also leading the way with a 'No Straw campaign' [4].

We call on Cardiff Council to:

- Phase out all single use plastics, including cups, lids, plastic bottles, plastic-lined cardboard, and any other single use plastics from the entire Cardiff Council Estate by the end of the 2018-19 financial year.
- Ensure all organisations in receipt of council funds make a commitment to sustainable practices and be encouraged to phase out all single use plastics.
- Urge all businesses with which we work, through procurement avenues and other networks, to promote the phasing out of similar products in their business environments.
- Provide re-useable cups and utensils where required and make provisions for cleaning of said items.
- Support the introduction of public drinking water fountains and re-fill stations.
- Investigate a deposit return scheme for Cardiff.

1. Geyer R, Jambeck JR, Law KL. Production, use, and fate of all plastics ever made. *Sci Adv.* 2017;3(7).

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4. "Students spearhead anti-plastic movement in Cardiff".
<http://www.jomec.co.uk/intercardiff/environment/students-spearhead-anti-plastic-movement-in-cardiff>.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Sandrey.

The Lord Mayor advised that the Motion would be put to the vote without debate.

The vote on the Motion as proposed was LOST.

146 : ORAL QUESTIONS

Question - *County Councillor Hudson*

As Heath Park is to be upgraded, as we are working towards Green Flag status, could we have a drinking fountain installed combined with a plaque to commemorate its re-dedication?

Reply – *Councillor Bradbury*

As part of our management plan for Heath Park, I have requested that officers explore opportunities for providing drinking water on site – this may be through drinking fountains or by other means.

I am very aware of the environmental benefits of such provision, in particular, moving away from the purchase and use of single use plastics.

I am happy to look into this.

Supplementary Question – *Councillor Hudson*

If you do look into this could we have it near the sports field, but there is a question over who owns the sports field, so perhaps you can answer that at the same time?

Reply – *Councillor Bradbury*

I'm happy to look at it and work with you and your colleagues in the ward to see where the best location may be, if we go ahead and do it. I can't make any guarantees we will but it is something we are looking at.

Question - *Councillor Berman*

Many of the residents in Penylan who are unhappy with the proposed loss of trees in Roath Brook Gardens and Roath Mill Gardens to facilitate phase 3 of the Roath flood scheme works being undertaken by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) have said they would prefer to see an alternative scheme that would instead involve increasing the capacity of Roath Park lake through the lowering of the lake bed. With NRW having recently announced that they are pausing this phase of the flood scheme works to give the residents group an opportunity to seek their own independent hydrology assessment, could you advise if the council would be supportive of such an alternative scheme should it prove a feasible alternative option for providing flood mitigation, and what (if any) previous view has the council given as to whether or not it would be supportive of such an option?

Reply - *Councillor Michael*

Natural Resources Wales are the competent responsible body for managing flood risk from Main Rivers and are therefore the body who design and implement flood alleviation schemes on Main Rivers, such as Roath Brook.

The final decisions in relation to the design and implementation of Main River flood alleviation schemes rests with NRW; however, the Council would be supportive of any scheme that provides flood protection to residents and is feasible.

Supplementary Question – *Councillor Berman*

I think it remains to be seen whether this alternative option might be feasible but nonetheless NRW are allowing a residential group the opportunity to explore it.

The issue is, if it was decided it was a feasible alternative, what the Council's attitude would be to the idea because obviously the Council would have to agree if the option of looking at increasing the capacity of Roath Park Lake was pursued.

It would be helpful to know now whether the Council would be minded to support that as a way forward?

Reply – *Councillor Michael*

Lots of schemes were considered by NRW before they actually came up with a final scheme. I don't know if they considered this, I'm not a hydrologist, but I think the problem here is not what is coming from Roath Park Lake, but what is coming from the tidal flow of the Rumney, that's the serious aspect of this.

If there is a suggestion for one of these from NRW or a competent body, I'm sure the Council will actually help. We are happy to look at schemes that actually alleviate flooding. I don't know if this scheme is actually feasible, personally I don't think it is, but let's wait for NRW to come to the Council and then we will have those discussions.

Supplementary Question – *Councillor Robson*

Whatever scheme is eventually decided upon in Roath Brook, can I urge that, as we had yesterday in Rhiwbina, a rehearsal and practice run is conducted so that residents and the Agencies involved, know what to do in the event of a flood. We had a very useful exercise yesterday installing the stop logs, to prevent the brook from flooding, and a few lessons were learned so thank goodness we did that on a nice sunny day, in the middle of the day, rather than 3am which is invariably when Rhiwbina Brook floods.

Reply – *Councillor Michael*

Yes I'll take your sentiments and discuss them with Officers.

Question - *Councillor Singh*

Due to the high level of development going on in the city centre and the close proximity to Riverside, are there any plans to invoke compulsory purchase orders in Riverside?

Reply - *Councillor Goodway*

To my knowledge, there are no plans to invoke CPOs in the Riverside area relating to the city centre redevelopment works.

Supplementary Question- *Councillor Singh*

Although I welcome the investment that the Council is making in the City Centre, it's really important that we protect the character of local communities and that no plans are made to demolish valued areas of the local communities.

One such example of this in Riverside is Tudor Lane, which houses some fantastic local businesses such as the Broken Hair Workshop, Fireworks Ceramics Studio and the Three Sevens Garage. Many of these small businesses are concerned that due to their proximity to the bus station and the BBC building, that the Council may redevelop this area at a detriment to the businesses in Tudor Lane. So can you just reassure the residents of Riverside that these small businesses are not subject to any such scheme?

Reply - *Councillor Goodway*

I can assure you the administration's commitment to protecting small businesses and we wouldn't wish to do anything that was detrimental to their success. The issue in terms of beneficial development that can take place as a result of investment in the City, I think is something that you would want to explore with colleagues.

I would have to say that that probably is outside of my portfolio responsibilities and falls within the portfolio responsibilities of my colleague, but the important thing is to engage at an early date with the community to establish what their aspirations might be and see how we can work together to deliver on those ambitions.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Molik*

We have a similar issue with roadworks and pavements being replaced in Clearwater Way where the parking area has been taken over by officers working at that site and its leading to dire impact on the local small businesses, very limited businesses we have in Cyncoed but its effecting them hugely so can I just ask for further consideration when you are planning for improvement of roads or development, that you do consider the local businesses a bit more.

Reply - *Councillor Goodway*

I'm certainly prepared to ask officials to ensure that there is a close dialogue with other portfolio areas and other departments so that when these sorts of works are

being considered they are done in a way that protects the businesses there as far as possible, and I'll have those conversations as early as next week.

Question - *Councillor Robson*

Will the Cabinet Member outline the Council's plans for the Graving Docks?

Reply – *Councillor Goodway*

Discussions regarding a potential development on this site are at a very early stage such that there are, as yet, no specific redevelopment proposals. However, the discussions are being informed by the known aspirations of neighbouring property owners along with the potential to deliver a major new cultural attraction sitting over the top of one of the graving docks.

Such an attraction is likely to require a degree of subsidy and the Council, therefore, needs to understand what any potential ancillary developments could generate to create a viable scheme.

I am currently working with officials to establish whether there is a possibility of working exclusively with an adjacent landowner to undertake a detailed feasibility study to determine the true potential of the site.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Robson*

I've been asking this question on and off every four years, to see how far this site has got since becoming aware of it. It's a classic example of land banking by the Council and it's a real disappointment that Council, over many Administrations, has not done something with the site, so I'm actually encouraged by your answer Councillor Goodway, because that's the most progress managed to achieve on this issue in my time in this Chamber.

All I ask is will you keep us updated please as matters progress either directly or through Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee, this is a valuable site and adjacent landowners, one in particular where there would be a natural fit with the offer that they have for visitors.

Reply - *Councillor Goodway*

I'm grateful for the kind remarks the Councillor has just provided, I can say it's another reflection of the revitalised leadership that we have within the Council and it's now spearheading this agenda and taking it forward. I reject the accusation that this is a piece of land that has been land banked the only reason that we have not been able to take forward development proposals is that we have not been able to identify a viable scheme. Discussions with the neighbouring landowners with adjacent property owners who are coming to the point where they have to give some thought to how they are going to take their operations forward, means that the timing is now right for us to have those discussions and hopefully bring forward further proposals that will result in something very special occurring around that particular part of Cardiff Bay.

Question - *Councillor Sandrey*

Most parents in the UK back air pollution exclusion zones around schools, according to a study by Client Earth. Will these be considered as part of the proposals that come out of the green paper on transport and clean air?

Reply - *Councillor Wild*

I'm concerned as you are about Air Quality especially around Schools and where vulnerable people are as well as elsewhere in the City. I can confirm as you will have seen that Active Travel Zones are one of the elements in the Green Paper but nonetheless I think there are things we need to do on that, I've had representations from different Councillors in the Chamber with ideas around double red lines and very concerning where there are measures in place around schools where a lot of parents or guardians are still parking there despite there being quite clear markings so I'm aware there is more we need to do regardless of what's in the Green Paper.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Sandrey*

Do you think that live Air Quality Pollution monitors should play a part in identifying schools where exclusion zones could be most effective while also helping to convince local parents of the need to introduce them?

Reply - *Councillor Wild*

I agree completely and I think they are being put in place based on particular representations here at previous meetings, so I understand that's now in place, I will get an update as to how those are going.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Williams*

In terms of promoting a Clean Air Strategy in the Council could Councillor Wild update the Council on what he is doing to ensure that the benefits of electric vehicles is promoted and could he provide an update on electric charging points not only in the City Centre but also on the outskirts of the City and just to declare I do own an electric car.

Reply - *Councillor Wild*

I'm not going to take the whole time to give you a full update on electric charging points, it is something we are working with my colleague on, I'm happy to give you an update as we go and as you know the important thing is about having a debate on those things which is in the Green Paper as well.

Question - *Councillor Ahmed*

What are your future plans regarding the 20 mile per hour speed limit throughout our city?

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

The Council has made a commitment to roll out 20 mph limits on appropriate streets throughout the city, you will also have seen in the Green Paper there is a proposal where we might consider making Cardiff a 20mph zone in its entirety other than arterial routes where it is not necessary. So I ask you to take part in that.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Ahmed*

Have you noticed any changes in traffic around 20mph zones that this Council has introduced and are you getting any feedback from the local residents about the benefit, especially families, parents etc.

Reply - *Councillor Wild*

As you know in Cathays where the pilot has been in place for a while, my understanding is that brought down average speeds in 24 out of the 34 roads. I don't know if there has been any work done to see how that's affected the walking environment, I know it takes a while to tweak those things. In my own ward in Riverside where it's been put in place, that's being reviewed as we speak and during the next couple of weeks to see how that's reduced speeds and how it affected things. From my personal point of view, I find it easier and a nicer environment to walk and cycle around as I do when I'm in Cathays, so it's something I'm certainly a supporter of and

I hope we can continue to move this forward and generally calm traffic down across the City and slow speeds around so it's easier for people to walk and safer for people to get around.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Kelloway*

There are parts of Cardiff where public transport provision is poor, such as Cyncoed and many residents for whom public transport is not appropriate.

Will the Cabinet think any further escalation in their war on motorists by dismissing proposals for congestion charging in the Centre and mandatory 20 mph zones everywhere else?

Reply - *Councillor Wild*

We brought forward following two motions from your party as well, looking at all things around congestion and traffic in the City, 18 different ideas and we are expecting as we have said all along a grown up debate on this and I'm hoping we are going to get one from a number of parties, I know we will from most people across the Chamber and I hope we will from yourself as well Councillor.

Question - *Councillor Driscoll*

In light of the delay of the green paper on transport, can you confirm that the Live Air Quality Monitoring stations have now been purchased, and when will they be installed in Llandaff and across the city?

Reply – *Councillor Michael*

I can confirm that a new automatic station has now been installed on Newport Road and data will soon be available online. In addition, a further monitoring station has been ordered using Section 106 funding from the Fitzalan Court development and this monitor will be installed in the near future.

As I advised you at Council in January, the air quality monitoring network within the Llandaff Air Quality Management Area has been revised for 2018.

Air quality in Llandaff has improved gradually over recent years and the latest results from the 2017 data show that all monitoring locations in the Air Quality Management Area are now compliant with Nitrogen Dioxide air quality standards.

However, officers will further assess the potential to implement real-time monitoring capabilities in the Llandaff Air Quality Management Area, but this will be dependent on the availability of appropriate funding and there being suitable infrastructure to install such monitors in the area.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Driscoll*

Before I ask my question I just want to make it clear that I have a commercial arrangement with Councillor Michael where he cuts my hair and I give him a tenner. I am mindful that he is stood behind me at least once a month with an open razor so I don't wish to argue or upset him.

You only have to look at the destruction of hedgerow and the major housing developments underway in Cardiff West, heavy goods vehicles travelling to and from the site and converging on Llandaff. This is leading to additional air pollution in Llandaff which is outside schools and we know that children and older people are the most affected by this super pollution. Do you understand why people want to know when they can expect alive air monitor installed outside schools in Llandaff which this Council agreed they would put across the City; or are you and your colleagues in Welsh Government afraid of the results you might find.

Reply - *Councillor Michael*

The answer to your original question was there, we are trying to sort out and install one there. The actual results as I said say the air quality in Llandaff has got better but the real thing to do is wait for what we are trying to do with the Transport Green Paper as that will have measures for Green Air across the whole of the City. But as I said when we have the money, the infrastructure, and appropriate funding which we are trying to identify you will get one there.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Berman*

I think you referred to Newport Road in your original answer and obviously that's an air quality hotspot, and does affect my ward as well as other wards. I just wondered if you could update the Council as to what specific initiatives you are pursuing to try to improve air quality in that area.

Reply - *Councillor Michael*

I'll take you back to what I just about the Green Paper, there are a whole host of things in there for you to get involved in. I think that's when we are going to draw out what we need to do, at the moment there is debate going on and we have consultants that are going to come in and look at this in small minutia of what we can do to improve these areas.

Question - *Councillor Sandrey*

Is there a process in place to establish and communicate diversions for bus companies and their customers during road works?

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

All roadworks that involve road closures and have major traffic management implications are communicated to all bus operators in advance. We would usually provide at least 7 days' notice; however, on occasions, this can be less depending on whether the works are emergency or planned works. We also provide a weekly road report to all bus operators.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Sandrey*

In respect of roadworks that have been planned recently in Llanedeyrn and Pentwyn, I've had some complaints from residents who claim that the bus companies weren't told about the road works and the subsequent diversions, so I wanted to ask if it's possible to make sure that these companies know about the necessary diversions otherwise people might chose to jump in their cars because of the uncertainty and confusion about where to get their bus.

Reply - *Councillor Wild*

I certainly will check for you and I see you have been using social media to help your local residents in terms of getting that information across so I appreciate your help. Ill check and see if that information is getting through as it should do because obviously residents need to know in advance and I wonder if there are other ways of then knowing as well.

Question - *Councillor Ebrahim*

We are all aware of the risks associated with smoking cigarettes, such as increased risk of cancer, heart disease and respiratory problems. Similarly, these risks are

present when smoking shisha. There is a growing number of shisha bars in Cardiff. What kind of licensing conditions can the council use to regulate these shisha bars?

Reply - *Councillor Parry*

There are a range of powers that the Council can use to control shisha smoking in the city in accordance with a range of public health, planning, highways, trading standards and environmental protection legislation.

Officers will be visiting premises and inspecting very soon but obviously I can't give you the dates. If there is anything else you would like to know then please get in touch.

Supplementary Question – *Councillor Ebrahim*

I would just like to say, looking at the British Heart Foundation website, it clearly outlines an hour spent in a Shisha bar is equivalent to 100 cigarettes, we have many of our young people in this City making the Shisha as a regular session on a regular basis and I think it's a risk that we need to start grabbing hold of because we cannot wait any longer.

Reply - *Councillor Parry*

You are right, it's something we are looking into as it can be a risk for public health, we will bring this back to you as soon as any measures are taken.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Hudson*

As a non-smoker I don't understand this but I wanted to know is there hard medical fact on this please because I didn't know about it.

Reply - *Councillor Parry*

It is being looked into in all seriousness, we can get back to you and we can report to you the findings and what is going to be done.

Question - *Councillor Graham Thomas*

Many residents are concerned about pressure on local schools places in coming years in NW Cardiff in light of multiple, very large new developments along the A4119 Llantrisant Road. Although the developments will include new schools, they will not be ready until the 500th house occupation. That could mean around 5 years and 100s of students moving into these new developments that have to use existing schools in Creigiau, Radyr and Pentyrch for example. Given they clearly don't have capacity for this, what is plan for them in the years before any new school builds are available?

Reply – *Councillor Merry*

The first of five new primary schools serving North West Cardiff is anticipated in 2020/21 and will provide an additional 420 school places. Adding significant school capacity too early represents a risk, as new and existing schools could find themselves operating significantly below capacity with resulting budgetary issues.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Graham Thomas*

I'm sure you understand the concern here, many residents have raised this with me and the situation looks like a potential ticking time bomb. Many of the trigger points for these primary schools are the new developments and not until many hundreds of houses are built and different trigger points in different developments. I would ask what assessments have been done for the demand for future school places from these multiple developments across the area and their impacts on local school capacity before any of the new school builds are ready and if as I suspect we have a worrying disconnect will you explore the possibility of these new school builds being brought forward.

Reply - *Councillor Merry*

I was hoping that as you talked about five years for a new school I was hoping that 2020/2021 would actually be good news. I'm quite happy to sit down and go through the data with you and officers but to be honest its 2018 and we would have to actually build the new schools I'm not sure you could bring that forward significantly earlier than that in any case.

Question - *Councillor Molik*

Mothers have contacted me regarding concerns with sitting in their back garden with their children; pets and postman have been attacked on Farm Drive; bin bags torn open leading to mess on our streets; it isn't just the accumulation of bird mess that raises concerns regarding increasing seagull population, but also the fact that they come down and attack people and pets that raises concerns.

As we approach nesting time and with growing seagull population to reach 5,000 by 2020 in Cardiff, what is the council doing to ensure residents in areas like Cyncoed feel safe and unthreatened by seagulls?

Reply - *Councillor Michael*

The increasing numbers of gulls nesting in urban environments is a nationwide phenomenon and not restricted to coastal cities like Cardiff.

One of the best ways to prevent any nuisance caused by seagulls is for residents to ensure that they dispose of their food waste responsibly.

This means making full use of the caddies provided for food waste collections, putting leftover food in public litterbins and not putting food waste in black bags to help limit available food sources and to discourage gulls from staying in an area.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Molik*

I appreciate the need to reduce littering and things and managing waste better is one of the ways of preventing gulls but there needs to be steps beyond that. Residents in Cyncoed have been doing that but they are still being threatened in their neighbourhood.

A mother and child are scared of sitting in the back garden due to seagulls so there needs to be more proactive steps from the Council to support these families that feel threatened by the rising population of seagulls as you acknowledge yourself. There are various procedures that can be applied and it requires often license people to apply those procedures however getting license people to the premises to do the procedures such as egg replacement or spiking comes at a cost, some people may be able to afford it but not everyone and so those procedures can't be accessed by all and there is no fairness in the way the system is working and Council should be supporting it. I want to see what the Council will do to support these families.

Reply - *Councillor Michael*

Gulls are actually protected under the Countryside Act 1981, in a previous council we had a scrutiny where we looked at what we could do about the situation and they came up with the egg replacement service, pest control officers can offer advice on what to do with them, but the one thing I cannot do is order Gulls not to go to Cyncoed. As annoying as it seems, I really haven't got that kind of power.

Supplementary Question- *Councillor Owen Jones*

I'm quite glad the Adamsdown Seagull is slightly less aggressive than the Cyncoed Seagull, that's not to belittle your claim. On your answer to Councillor Molik regarding food waste being put correctly in food bins, in areas such as Adamsdown, Splott, areas that don't have black wheelie bins, residents put their general waste out which will have food residue and especially in the summer, seagulls will assault and you can have waste everywhere.

Are there measures we can look at because it comes around every summer and these are people presenting waste correctly but in the southern arc areas that don't have black bins do get battered on certain weeks, are we looking at ways to sort that.

Reply - *Councillor Michael*

You have far less of a seagull problem now than we used to have when we landfilled. One of the problems with landfill was the landfill of the food and seagulls would go there take it and if you go to Flat Holm you have more chicken bones there than anywhere because they fly back with the food and use it as a breeding colony.

We have got less seagulls than previously, one of the problems with the bags and bins, we are looking at new waste strategy to actually provide more black bins and officers will be starting those discussions soon. There are limited measures you can take to stop a free flying bird flying to where it wants to.

Question - *Councillor Gordon*

Could the Cabinet Member reassure residents of Pontcanna that there will be no repeat of the damage to the parkland as there was at the 2008 Eisteddfod?

Reply - *Councillor Bradbury*

It is important for me to be clear that the proposed campsite at Pontcanna Fields in no way resembles the full infrastructure of the main Eisteddfod site that was located there back in 2008.

As you will be aware, council officers are working closely with the Eisteddfod organisers and Ward Members in Riverside to ensure that the site is managed safely and any impact is kept to a minimum.

It has already been agreed that both the cricket wickets and rugby pitches will be protected. Trackway will be used to cover areas of heavy footfall and to support the limited movement of service vehicles.

A bond will also be paid in advance of the event to cover the costs of any reinstatement works to ensure that the site is returned to its original state.

We are honoured to host National Eisteddfod and I'm sure it will be a great event notwithstanding local difficulties in Pontcanna.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Gordon*

We are extremely concerned about the campsite coming to Pontcanna Fields in August, 700 caravans and the Youth tents. The Youth camp is next to the River Taff, I wonder if the Council are aware that last National Eisteddfod a 17 year old boy camping in the youth camp drowned because the camp was by a river, I think this is something that we should really look into.

What alternatives were looked at by the National Eisteddfod in terms of other parks in our City and school sites because in our opinion, a school site would have been a very preferable option?

Reply - *Councillor Bradbury*

I've been reliably informed that the death occurred at the Royal Welsh Show and not the National Eisteddfod but notwithstanding that tragic case we will make sure that the camp is as safe as it possibly can be. Other sites were considered and the National Eisteddfod were taken and it was their decision to choose Pontcanna, we took them all around Cardiff, other sites included Hamadryad Park the Mall and my own Trelai Park, I would have been happy if they had come to Trelai Park, but it was the National Eisteddfod organising committee themselves who chose Pontcanna. I will make this pledge that I will work with you and local residents to minimise the impact on your community. I know all about what happened ten years ago as I was on a football club committee that was involved in Sunday league football which

meant we had to move because of those works. I'm more than happy to work with you and ward colleagues to make sure that we can limit the damage that can be caused by this.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Williams*

I never thought I'd see the day when I actually agree with Iona on something but I really do and I think that's its bigger than Pontcanna ward because residents in Pontprennau and Old St Mellons who are members of sports clubs and so on have got in touch to express concern about the consultation for the Eisteddfod and actually was any consultation undertaken so residents could comment before the tender and decision was to give the site to the Eisteddfod.

It's great that we are hosting the Eisteddfod but can you provide some background on the bond and give us an undertaking that there will be no damage and if there is it will be restored promptly.

Reply - *Councillor Bradbury*

A bond is being paid and will cover any reinstatement costs. Detail is an agreement between the Council and the Eisteddfod.

The other thing I would say is I'm sure that Riverside Members are touched by your concern for their ward, we have outlined the alternative sites that were looked at, maybe your right maybe I should tell them to move from Pontcanna to Pontprennau and have a look there, we won't do that, they have chosen the site that they wanted to go to, I am going to work with local Members, the elected representatives of Riverside to ensure that any damage is limited. I can't guarantee that there will be no damage because of British summertime but if there is it will be paid for by the Eisteddfod and we will limit it as much as possible.

Question - *Councillor Owen*

Following the unfortunate closure earlier this month of the much used Household Waste Recycling Centre at Wedal Road, can the Cabinet Member please outline how discussions are progressing to find an alternative site and a proposed timescale for a new facility to become operational?

Reply - *Councillor Michael*

I would refer you to the report that was considered last month by the Cabinet and our decision to review the future provision of household waste recycling facilities in Cardiff in the context of the anticipated future growth of the city.

We agreed the preparation of a business case on the potential future requirement for additional Household Waste Recycling Centres, as well as a site options appraisal to identify a preferred location. These would then be considered at a future Cabinet meeting.

This remains the position and work is currently underway to develop the scope for the commissioning of this work.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Owen*

I think we are getting to a position where the people in Rhiwbina and across Cardiff North really would appreciate more clarity on this. We held a Councillor surgery in Rhiwbina yesterday and every single person who came to us no matter what they wanted to discuss also asked about the provision of a new essentially Wedal Road in the north of the City, so it really is a very contentious issue and we really do want a replacement as soon as possible.

Could you confirm whether the land at Wedal Road HWRC was disposed of at market value or above as it is my understanding that the YMCA at the bottom of the area was sold for in excess of £1million?

Reply - *Councillor Michael*

What you don't want is another Wedal Road, what you want is a top quality recycling facility like Lamby Way because otherwise it's going backwards. What I cannot do is confirm anything about the sale because it is not in my portfolio.

Question - *Councillor Taylor*

The decision to opt with Option A for 2018/19 School Admissions arrangements broadly represents maintaining the status quo and will not address the significant pressures on admissions to secondary school. When can we expect proposals to be brought forward to address capacity issues before the Council's Band B capital investment programme is completed?

Reply – *Councillor Merry*

Neither Option A nor B would have addressed issues of over-subscription.

The Band B investment programme will create additional school places at Cantonian High, Cardiff High, Cathays High and Willows High Schools.

Any measures required to provide additional places for the 2019 cohort will be agreed with schools in mid-2018, in good time for secondary schools to plan for the September 2019 intake and for primary schools to make suitable transition arrangements.

These measures will take into account the location and timing of the Band B schemes.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Taylor*

Thanks for that response and for the clarity on when those plans will be brought forward. In the Cabinet report there was a comment about bringing forward consultations on redrawn catchment areas, I was wondering when we can expect

those reports and perhaps what lessons have been learnt from the public engagement for the schools admissions process?

Reply - *Councillor Merry*

We have always been very clear, however frustrating it is for people, that there should be a step by step progress. The first one is where we are going to put in the additional school places and then looking at catchment areas. I do understand parental concern but if we try to redraw the catchment areas without planning our additional school places there would be a mismatch almost as soon as you built the new schools.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Rees*

Could you provide us with an update on what is happening with the school for St Ederyn site, there is a great deal of concern amongst parents who have moved in there, they don't know which school they have to send their child to.

Reply - *Councillor Merry*

I'm not currently in a position to do that but if you email me I will try and get that information.

Question - *Councillor Dilwar Ali*

Firstly, I would like to thank you and the council staff for responding so well to the severe weather conditions over the past few weeks. However, following this severe weather, road surfaces have been damaged and potholes increased. What are the Council's plans to address this?

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

The weather has caused a significant increase in the number of potholes in the city over recent months and it's estimated that there has been an approximate 30% increase in demand for repairs. Ice, Grit, Salt and when it defrosts, it gets into it and churns the road up unfortunately.

The guys are playing catch up at the moment. Routine and reactive inspections are continuing, please Members report to me and those who have will appreciate they have been filled as soon as possible.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Ali*

I have been contacted by a number of my local residents in Llandaff North, I would urge you to do a site visit with me and take those into account and repair as soon as possible.

Reply - *Councillor Wild*

I'd be happy to and I also will look at the Hayley Park issues that are ongoing with some of the cycle paths there and walking as well.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Molik*

Weather does affect our roads and I understand that but the quality of repair I think needs to be looked at. I find myself reporting the same potholes time and time again a few weeks or months later. The quality of the repair needs to be looked into I think.

Reply - *Councillor Wild*

I agree with you although I do get concerned in this Chamber when people are seen to be criticising the work of officers who are sometimes doing things very rushed in response to a lot of those Members who are wanting people to work to a quick speed on this. The pothole repairs are generally just a temporary measure we try to do larger scale patching work where it is necessary which does give a better result when it's done. So there are still those series of works ongoing as well, the pothole repairs I accept that they don't always stay in place for as long as we would like.

Question - *Councillor Williams*

Does the Leader of the Council support recent suggestions made by a Cardiff Labour Assembly Member that the Welsh Government should introduce a 100% car park levy on city centre parking, known as the 'Car Park Tax'?

Reply – *Councillor Huw Thomas*

I wouldn't want to pre-empt the consultation on the Transport & Clean Air Green Paper, however I'm grateful to Councillor Williams for drawing the suggestion to my attention and I'd be very happy to consider it as part of the submission to the consultation.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Williams*

It's quite clear that we on these benches are on the side of the Cardiff Citizen, we know that there are so many people with disabilities for whom public transport is not the answer. Do you support the suggestion aired on the floor of the Welsh Assembly for a 100% Car Park Tax on city centre parking, yes or no?

Reply - *Councillor Huw Thomas*

I am entirely open minded to any suggestions about how we can address the issues of transport and congestion in this City. I think everybody in this chamber would acknowledge that it is a challenge, you yourself have brought motions calling for action, so let's not pre-empt the Green Paper, and respond to it constructively.

I accused the Liberal Democrat Party earlier of playing politics but I will congratulate them on the mature way they responded to the Green Paper today it shows a level of maturity that perhaps others might want to aspire to.

We need to have a sensible grown up conversation in this City about the whole range of transport options and interventions available to us without scaremongering without saying that the Council are proposing something that we are not, but looking at all the options and I encourage all Members to engage with that debate.

Question - *Councillor Rees*

How many of Cardiff's total number of schools do not have a defibrillator on site?

Reply – *Councillor Merry*

In a survey of Cardiff Schools that was undertaken in September last year, 35 schools confirmed that they had a defibrillator on the school site. In addition, a further 20 schools knew of a defibrillator located within 500 metres of the school site.

Schools are asked to register their defibrillators on the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust website, where they can also find out the location of the nearest defibrillator to them.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Rees*

35 schools, that's less than a third isn't it? How many Schools do we have Councillor Merry can you confirm that?

Reply - *Councillor Merry*

I actually added in that 20 schools knew of one within 500 metres of the school site. What I would say is that many Members in the chamber are actually governors of their local school and it may be an issue that they wish to raise with their school governing body.

Supplementary Question - *Councillor Lister*

Prior to Christmas I joined my friend Shelly Johnson in presenting a defibrillator to Eastern High, she actually raised the funds herself and managed to purchase I think 4, so just wondering if you would join me in thanking her.

Reply - *Councillor Merry*

Yes I would certainly thank her for doing that work and of course that is something that other organisations may want to do.

147 : URGENT BUSINESS

The Lord Mayor had not been advised of any urgent business.

148 : LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the Local Authority Governor Panel 12 March 2018 where approved as follows:

(1) Existing Local Authority Governors

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Recommendation Approved
Bryn Hafod Primary School	Llanrumney	01/02/2018	John Brown
Cantonian High School	Fairwater	22/11/2017	Barbara Connell
Eastern High School	Trowbridge	13/10/2017	Cllr Lee Bridgeman
Glan Yr Afon Primary School	Llanrumney	13/01/2018	Phillip Smith
Llanishen High School	Llanishen	03/02/2018	Cllr Phil Bale
Ninian Park Primary School	Grangetown	20/01/2018	Riyadh Issa
Pontprennau Primary School	Pontprennau & Old St Mellons	14/12/2017	Catrin Lewis
Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Caerau	Caerau	28/06/2016	Gareth Hall Williams

(2) Future Local Authority Governors

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Recommendation Approved
The Pear Tree Federation (Federation of Coryton Primary School & Tongwynlais Primary School)	Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	27/03/2018	Nick Ashby Sharron Dore Kathy Haggarty Cllr Mike Jones Pritchard
Llanishen High School	Llanishen	27/06/2018	Elisabeth Roth
The Hollies School	Gabalfa	27/06/2018	Cllr Joel Williams
Ton-Yr-Ywen Primary School	Heath	18/04/2018	Charles Martin
Whitchurch High School	Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	18/04/2018	Michael Newman
Whitchurch Primary School	Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	17/04/2018	Anita Pilgrim
Ysgol Bro Eirwg	Llanrumney	23/04/2018	Huw Phillips
Ysgol Y Berllan Deg	Pentwyn	28/03/2018	Nick Webb
Ysgol Mynydd Bychan	Heath	27/06/2018	Andrew Connell

149 : COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Council was requested to approve the nomination that has been received from Party Group Whips to existing vacancies on committees as set out on the Amendment Sheet.

RESOLVED –That the following nominations from Party Group Whips are approved:

Committee	No vacancies	Nomination
Licensing Committee	2 vacancies	Councillor Tim Davies – to replace Councillor Hudson
Public Protection Committee	2 vacancies	Councillor Tim Davies – to replace Councillor Hudson
Policy Review & Performance	1 vacancy	Councillor Owen Jones - to permanently replace Cllr Jacobsen

150 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS (COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McKERLICH

Does the Council commission regular testing for Radon at our many schools? If so, may I have the most recent date on which Bryn Deri, Radyr Primary and Radyr Comp were tested and may I have the results found and the methodology employed?

Reply

All schools that are located either in or close to known Radon Areas, as advised by Welsh Government, were tested in 2015. This exercise was replicated across Wales.

The threshold for measurement, above which action would be required, was 400 Bqm3 of Radon Gas identified. This is a low level and is therefore seen as precautionary due to the young age of occupants within the building.

The method of measurement advised by Public Health involved the use of small Radon monitors that are placed at ground floor level within the school buildings at equal distances. The monitors were in place for a prescribed period of time, after which they were collected and analysed by a public health laboratory and results provided for each school measured as follows:

Bryn Deri Primary School

All monitors collected from the school returned levels below 100 Bqm3.

Radyr Primary School

All monitors collected from the school returned levels below 100 Bqm3.

Radyr Comprehensive School

All monitors collected from the school returned levels below 100 Bqm3, apart from one from a ground floor classroom which returned a reading of 110 Bqm3. This was still well below the 400 Bqm3 threshold.

Based on the measurements undertaken in 2015, there would be no requirement currently to repeat the exercise in these schools.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

In late 2017 the Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning said that Band B submissions would only be funded if authorities showed significant ambition for the Welsh language. What implications are there for Cardiff's Band B submission?

Reply

Approval has been given in principle by the Welsh Government for the schemes within our Band B programme, including the enlargement of two existing Welsh-medium primary schools.

This month, Welsh Ministers have also approved the Council's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2017-2020 setting out the Council's drive to increase pupils within the Welsh-medium sector. This is clear recognition of how Cardiff has demonstrated its ambition and commitment to achieving the growth in Welsh speakers that is targeted in Cymraeg 2050.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

When can members expect to be informed of the Council's proposals to reduce class sizes in Cardiff following its bid to the Welsh Governments' Infant Class Size Reduction Fund in 2017?

Reply

In May 2017, Welsh Government wrote to all local authorities in Wales outlining a new grant to further reduce infant class sizes and raise standards. The grant funding to be made available would be a combination of £16 million revenue and £20 million capital funding over the period from April 2017 to March 2021.

In the original notice, the Welsh Government outlined that funding would be targeted at classes with 29 or more pupils and that receiving schools should demonstrate at least one or a combination of the following:

- Significant levels of free school meals;
- Below average outcomes and where a school is judged to be red or amber;
- Significant levels of special educational and additional learning needs;
- Significant levels of where Welsh/English is not the first language.

In the original notice, the Welsh Government also outlined that Cardiff's notional revenue allocation may be as follows:

- 2017/18: £261,970
- 2018/19: £392,956
- 2019/20: £654,926
- 2020/21: £785,912

At the time of making the return to Welsh Government, of the 478 classes in the Infant year groups, 225 contained 28 or less pupils and 253 (52.92%) contained 29 or more pupils.

Cardiff's notional revenue allocation for the current financial year (2017/18) of £261,970.68 is equivalent to the cost of 10.45 teachers (Teachers scale M6 plus on-costs).

Restricting the grant bid with these additional resources to 10 schools was achieved by using the following prioritisation factors:

- School with an E-FSM % in excess of 40%
- School with a class size of 29 or more in the infant age range
- School not carrying forward an excessive revenue balance

A bid was made to Welsh Government on behalf of the following schools:

- Bryn Hafod
- Greenway
- Hywel Dda
- Moorland
- Pencaerau
- Pentrebane
- St Albans
- St Mary the Virgin
- Trelai
- Trowbridge

In February 2018, the Council received confirmation of the approval in principle for this grant funding; however, we are yet to receive the formal award letter from the Welsh Government to enable employment of these additional staff.

In addition to the bid for revenue resources, the Council also made a bid for capital funding for the following three schools:

Oakfield Primary School – the school has two classes of pupils being taught in one open plan space, which continues to be detrimental to the teachers' ability to teach effectively and for pupils to engage with lessons adequately. This specific project would create additional individual classroom space.

St Fagan's Primary School – the school has classes of 30 pupils and above in a number of classes, and has minimal additional or withdrawal space to compliment the classroom accommodation. In order to ensure class numbers can be made smaller additional classroom space is required. Feasibility studies are being undertaken with regards to the site and additional land or the potential to extend upwards in the current building.

St Francis RC Primary School – as above, the school has classes of over 30 pupils in a number of classes. There is ample external area on which an extension could be built to create additional classroom accommodation.

We have yet to receive formal approval of these schemes.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

What plans does the council have to increase the number of Welsh medium primary places available in the North of Cardiff?

Reply

The Council has significantly expanded Welsh-medium primary provision in the past six years, by six forms of entry. In the September 2017 intake to Reception year, there were over 120 spare places available spread across 9 schools city-wide.

Approval has been given in principle by the Welsh Government for the enlargement of two schools in Band B, and a further 8-9 new primary schools are planned in North East and North West Cardiff, including new English and Welsh-medium primary schools.

Cardiff is already well prepared to meet projected parental demand, and to drive the increase in demand for Welsh-medium primary school places.

FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE (COUNCILLOR CHRIS WEAVER)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

How many of the savings agreed as part of the council's budget for 2018-19 still lack detailed plans for how they will be delivered, and what percentage of the total number of savings does this constitute?

Reply

The report on the 2018/19 Budget, which was approved by Council on 22 February 2018, identified that 96 saving proposals (87%) were either realised or had detailed plans in place, with 14 (13%) still at general planning stage. The value of saving proposals that were either realised or had detailed plans in place amounted to £12.862 million, compared with £1.434 million at general planning stage. Directorates will continue to review and update the plans as necessary in order to achieve the savings.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

Please provide a full breakdown of the targeted reductions to external spend that have been undertaken in the current financial year to date as a contribution towards the aim of reaching a balanced position against budget by the year end?

Reply

In response to the level of financial pressures identified as part of the budget monitoring process during the year, all directorates put in place management actions to control expenditure, including reviewing non-essential third party spend, temporary staff arrangements and opportunities to maximise income, targeting savings in these areas where possible.

No breakdown of the reductions to external spend linked specifically to these actions is available; however, where savings have been achieved, they are reflected in the directorate monitoring positions.

What is clear is that despite significant on-going pressures, particularly in Social Services, the overall position in relation to directorate budgets has improved since the Month 4 position that was reported to Cabinet in September 2017. This has enabled balanced positions to be reported for the Council as a whole, both for Month 6 and, more recently, for Month 9. The management actions taken by directorates have supported this position, with most directorates showing significant improvements over this period.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

Please provide a full list of posts that have been held vacant in the current financial year as part of the action taken towards the aim of delivering a balanced position against budget by the year end, and specify for how long each such post has been (or will be) held vacant?

Reply

As set out in my previous answer, due to the level of financial pressures identified as part of the budget monitoring process during the year, all directorates put in place management actions to control expenditure including reviewing non-essential third party spend, temporary staff arrangements and opportunities to maximise income, targeting savings in these areas where possible.

In relation to employee costs, the emphasis was on reviewing agency and other temporary staff arrangements and the careful management of vacancies and appointments during the year. There is therefore no list of posts held vacant linked specifically to these actions.

All savings achieved are reflected in the directorate monitoring positions, with most directorates showing improvements compared to the Month 4 position that was reported to Cabinet in September 2017. This has enabled balanced positions to be

reported for the Council as a whole, both for Month 6 and, more recently, for Month 9.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES (COUNCILLOR LYNDA THORNE)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER

Over the last 5 years, how much of the Discretionary Housing Payment monies have been returned to government each year unspent?

Reply

The Council receives a grant each year from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) to fund discretionary payments above Housing Benefit/Universal Credit entitlement; this allows the Council to assist those in exceptional circumstances. Any unspent grant is returned to the DWP.

Year	DWP Contribution	Paid	Returned to DWP
2012/13	£485,508.00	£484,392.26	£1,115.74 (0.2%)
2013/14	£1,252,669.00	£1,507,313.65 *	Nil
2014/15	£1,175,868.00	£1,181,416.86	Nil
2015/16	£815,034.00	£1,166,975.64	Nil
2016/17	£1,033,073.00	£1,078,280.54	Nil
2017/18 to date	£1,368,916.00	£1,275,613.69	Nil (estimated)

In 2012/13, late changes to benefit claims resulted in a small underspend.

Since 2013/14, no grant has been returned to the DWP and spend has exceeded the grant each year.

In 2013/14, additional funding was also received from the Welsh Government to add to the grant. All of the money was spent.

INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (COUNCILLOR RUSSELL GOODWAY)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE

What is the latest on the process for procuring a contractor to build the new bus station and when can we expect them to start work?

Reply

The Councillor will be aware that the detailed negotiations between the partners involved in the Metro Delivery Partnership are on-going and will be concluded in the very near future. Concurrently, the developer is concluding negotiations with two main contractors and expects to make an announcement in the next 2 weeks.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT (COUNCILLOR CARO WILD)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

Residents in Brandreth Road remain perplexed that only the southern section of the road is on the council's gritting route and do not feel it is logical that the northern section of Brandreth Road and neighbouring Birchwood Road are not also routinely gritted given that many side roads also lead off these ungritted sections of road. I share their concern and would therefore ask if this could be reconsidered in order to add the rest of Brandreth Road and Birchwood Road to the regular gritting route in future as part the council's winter maintenance schedule. Can you please advise if this could be done?

Reply

A number of factors are taken into consideration when assessing which roads in the city should be subject to routine salting treatment as part of the Council's winter maintenance service. Due to the ever changing nature of the highway network, routes are reviewed annually over the summer period and any changes are then integrated into the service for the following winter season. I would be happy to ask officers to consider adding the rest of Brandreth Road and Birchwood Road to the regular gritting route as part of the annual review process.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

Ward members were informed in summer 2017 that improved LED lighting would be installed in the underpass on North Road, linking from St Mark's Church to the Mynachdy Estate. This route is heavily used by families taking their children to school. When can this work be expected to be completed, and what other plans does the council have to improve safe routes to school in Gabalfa?

Reply

The delivery of the LED lighting tubes was due to take place this week. The underpass in question on North Road is early in the programme of lighting improvements, which encompasses all underpasses across Cardiff and is expected to be delivered over the next two months.

We are currently implementing a strategic 20mph speed limit in the Gabalfa Ward. This work is due to be completed on site by 31st March 2018. Slower vehicle speeds will help to create a safer highway environment, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists, and will benefit pupils accessing schools within the ward.

(Meeting closed at 20.55pm)