

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 25 October 2018 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 19 October 2018.

Present: County Councillor Dianne Rees (Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ahmed, Asghar Ali, Dilwar Ali, Berman, Bowden, Bowen-Thomson, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke-Davies, Carter, Cowan, Cunnah, Davies, De'Ath, Derbyshire, 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, Kelloway, Lancaster, Lay, Lent, Mackie, McEvoy, McGarry, McKerlich, Merry, Michael, Molik, Morgan, Murphy, Naughton, Owen, Parkhill, Jackie Parry, Keith Parry, Patel, Phillips, Robson, Sandrey, Sattar, Singh, Stubbs, Taylor, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Lynda Thorne, Walker, Weaver, Wild, Williams, Wong and Wood

78 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillors Bale, Congreve, Joyce, Lister and Simmons.

79 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was received in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct: -

Councillor	Item	Interest
Councillor Bowden	Item 8 – Annual Statutory Wellbeing Report 2017-18	Personal Interest in receipt of Telecare Services
Councillor Hudson	Item 8 – Annual Statutory Wellbeing Report 2017-18 Item 9 - Cabinet Member, Social Care. Health & Well-being – Statement.	Personal Interest as a family member is in receipt of Social Care Services

80 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 September 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson

81 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Public Question – Mr Tim London

What additional resources would be applied by the Council (if any) in terms of the enforcement of the dog control Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and how will these be financed?

Reply – Councillor Michael

The consultation on the proposed introduction of a PSPO relating to dog control has only recently closed. The question of whether any additional resources will be provided will be considered as part of a future report to Cabinet and, if necessary, as part of the Council's budget process for 2019/20.

Supplementary Question – Mr Tim London

I welcome the very recent announcement from Councillor Bradbury on the dog control PSPO.

Will the Council now be reviewing the proposal to reflect this and apply resources to target those who actually offend in relation to not picking up dog mess rather than those who actually obey the law?

Reply – Councillor Michael

As the consultation has only just finished, I think the best thing to do is to evaluate that consultation and then take that forward. I think the one part of the consultation that everyone seems to be concerned about, was just one part of a very wide ranging consultation. We will look at the outcomes and actions and consider the way forward.

Public Question – Mr Charles Allen

In an effort to reduce plastic waste and make Cardiff a more environmentally friendly city, would you consider installing drinking water fountains in the city centre?

Reply – Councillor Michael

The Council is committed to helping make Cardiff an environmentally friendly city and has developed an action plan in relation to single use plastics, which is scheduled to be considered by the Cabinet next month. The draft action plan considers the provision of both water fountains and drinking bottle 'refill' stations.

The Refill campaign, which was started by City to Sea in Bristol in 2015, has seen over 60 Refill schemes being implemented across the UK. These involve participating businesses displaying 'Refill' stickers in their windows to let people know that they offer free tap water. They have now developed an App, if you go to Refill.Wales you can get the App there and use the App to let you know exactly where the Refill stations are.

In Cardiff we have 72 at present ranging from multinationals like Starbucks and others to Hubs, Clubs, and Libraries etc. We are due, with Welsh Government, to make an announcement soon because the Welsh Government is committed to making Wales the world's first Refill nation and the Council is working with the Welsh Government to help promote the Refill Cymru scheme next month.

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Public Question – Mr Adam Johannes

For years grassroots groups have distributed free food in Cardiff City Centre. Recently several groups report being asked by the Council to move from their usual spots away from the centre to areas where the volunteers feel unsafe and vulnerable. One group asked to move has served food once a week in the same spot for almost a decade.

These projects have become increasingly important with the growth of people in extreme poverty, including rough sleepers and asylum seekers. The food provided by the volunteers is one of the small comforts these people can look forward to, especially as the weather gets colder a hot meal could literally be life-saving.

On social media many people have expressed concern saying *'the volunteers should not be treated like a nuisance by Cardiff Council and shoved off. They should be supported and applauded for their generosity'*.

We would like to know the reason and rationale for these projects being asked to move out of the city centre and the formal justifications for this new change in policy and approach?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

It's really pleasing to see so many people have turned up in support to show how much they care about this issue.

I can assure you there has been no unfavourable change of policy or approach towards volunteer groups who operate in the city.

On the contrary, the Council has great respect for people who provide support to vulnerable people in their own time and recognises the potential to work more closely together to try to expand our ambitions and provide services that make even more of a difference.

This has been demonstrated by a joint event held at City Hall in March 2018, followed by ongoing forums at which volunteer groups attend alongside representatives from the statutory and third sector (with a plan in place to expand and include service users in the future).

These meetings have included joint awareness training and productive discussions to develop more opportunities for people who are homeless. These include befriending and peer mentoring schemes, into work training, an ambitious arts project and lots of other activities.

The Council has taken no formal action to relocate any group. However, I am aware of a request that was made to one group to consider a move because of a very large number of complaints that the existing position was severely restricting a public thoroughfare, as well as issues relating to an excessive amount of waste being left behind.

I would hope that everyone recognises the need to balance the needs of everyone using the city centre and the group in question did agree to try out a different site. At the same time, through the forums I have already mentioned, this group (along with others) was offered free food hygiene training and access to DBS checks when recruiting volunteers.

Finally, alongside a wide range of different organisations and individuals, Cardiff Council has been involved with the development of a Homeless Charter for the City. The Charter identifies that tackling homelessness is a target to which everyone can contribute. It's very similar to what's used in Manchester and if you check Manchester's website you'll be able to see it.

Supplementary Question – Mr Adam Johannes

It was announced in the press that FOR Cardiff (formerly the Cardiff's Business Improvement District (BID)) a private business consortium will be funding and hiring two Police Officers particularly to target beggars and people on the street and you will be aware that there was a letter in the South Wales Echo from Assembly Members like Julie Morgan and Trade Union leaders expressing concern about this.

Do you not think that it comes across as quite dodgy that our police are operating as a private firm that can be hired by a business interests to target people they feel are a nuisance, and would you urge FOR Cardiff, instead of hiring and funding two Police Officers, to fund projects that actually help the homeless rather than harass them.

Reply – Councillor Thorne

FOR Cardiff is working with the Council and all of the other voluntary organisations in Cardiff both to look at and try to help address the homeless issues as well as the safety issues in the city centre.

While I was outside prior to the meeting one of my colleagues was talking to a member of your group who was talking about police harassment, there was a homeless person there who said that the police don't harass them. We work together with the police and it is about making sure the safety of both the homeless individuals and people using the city centre and while we were talking I also got told about how drunks on the weekend actually urinate over homeless people. So FOR Cardiff have funded two Police Officers so that we have got dedicated Police Officers and they work with the Outreach team and the volunteers and it is about making Cardiff city centre a safe place, whether that's for homeless people who are sleeping rough on our streets, or those people who are visiting the city centre for their pleasure.

82 : PETITIONS

The following Petitions were received by Full Council:

Councillor	No of signatures	Topic
Councillor Mike Phillips	Over 16,000 residents	Opposing the proposals for PSPO's for Dog Controls in Cardiff

Councillor	No of signatures	Topic
Councillor Lee Bridgeman	377 Residents	Opposing the closure of Glan yr Afon Primary School in Llanrumney

83 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations

The Lord Mayor congratulated the Leader, Councillor Huw Thomas on his marriage to Charlotte on 13 October, and on behalf of the Council, she wished them both all the very best for the future – dymuniadau gorau'r dyfodol.

Chair of Audit Committee

The Lord Mayor welcomed Mr Ian Arundale, Chair of the Council's Audit Committee to the meeting to present the Committee's Annual Report.

Events

Details of the Lord Mayor's [duties and events](#) since the last meeting had been published on the website. The Lord Mayor was pleased to report that just over £49,000 had been raised for her nominated charity Noah's Ark Tiny Lives Appeal. The Lord Mayor thanked Elected Members and officers of the Council for their continuing support and in particular Councillor Stubbs who raised over £700 by competing in the Cardiff Half Marathon, and the employees of the Education Directorate who raised over £4,000 climbing Pen y Fan.

Recognition and Awards

The Lord Mayor congratulated all those who had received awards or being involved in initiatives since the last meeting details of which were included in her report.

84 : AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

The Chair of the Audit Committee Mr Ian Arundale was pleased to present the [Audit Committee Annual Report for 2017/18](#) which set out an overview of the work carried out by the Committee over the 12 months. The Chair drew attention to areas of the report in particular:

- The effectiveness of governance, risk management and controls within the Council; risk management and treasury management procedures and scrutiny of the statement of accounts and informing the Council's Annual Governance Statement 2017/18.
 - The Council's budget position and budget monitoring; the Council's financial resilience and overall financial position within the challenges of an ever shrinking resources.
 - Concerns raised on the continuing significant unrealised savings and overspends in the Social Services Directorate which were dealt with by the Director of Social Services when he attended Committee to provide an overview of the governance and management assurance in directorate.
 - the Committee welcomed the receipt of an overview of all internal audit reports and the opportunity to review those marked red or
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amber their audit recommendations and associated management response and actions completed or outstanding.

- The Council in 2017/18 received its 5 yearly external audit of the internal audit function which has been completed and did not highlight any issues was completed.
- the Committee was pleased to receive presentations from each of the lead Directors on issues of control, governance and risks within their Directorate some of which allowed the Committee to probe and investigate matters further such as School Governance and monitoring of deficits and surpluses; contract monitoring arrangements for Leisure Services; Health and Safety management and were assured that there were no statutory breaches; and assets and buildings.
- outcomes from the Committee's own self-assessment workshop undertaken in March 2018, identified some improvement areas which included engagement by the Committee with stakeholders and partners through the development of a Communication Plan, network engagement with other Audit Committees, and the building on the knowledge and skills we currently have within the Committee.

The Chair thanked fellow Committee Members, Independent Members, the Deputy Chair, Corporate Director Resources and her officers for the knowledge and expertise that they bring to meetings and their valuable contribution to the work of the Audit Committee. The Chair welcomed the input from the Wales Audit Office and their feedback on regional and national audits and reports.

The Chair confirmed the opinion of the Audit Committee, based on the evidence presented, was that the Council has, for the most part, sound financial controls and governance arrangements in place and that strategic risks representing the true challenges for the Council are captured and reviewed on a regular basis.

The Lord Mayor invited questions on the annual report and matters were raised and responded to on the following areas:

- School Governance and School budget deficits and surpluses and the need for strategic planning and robust governance and financial management and transparency.
- The importance of sharing good practice across directorates.
- Internal audit of schools and model and policies that can be shared with School Governors
- HMRC investigation into waste matters which was ongoing and the Committee has been kept informed at each stage but would not wish to effect the outcome of the current investigation,
- The financial position and risks to the Council in relation to last year's out-turn from Cardiff Bus.
- Recognition in the report of improvements in governance arrangements that are now in place in Social Services and a recognition of unplanned expenditure. The Committee would also review the new management structure.
- It was felt that adequate resources were made available to

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Committee to support its role and that the self-assessment for the current year would probably better reflect that following some recent changes including the appointment of an Audit Manager to the vacant post.

RESOLVED – That the Audit Committee Annual Report for 2017- 18 be noted.

85 : ANNUAL STATUTORY WELLBEING REPORT 2017-18

The Cabinet Member Finance, Modernisation and Performance presented the [Annual Statutory Wellbeing Report 2017-18](#) required under the Well-Being of Future Generations Act 2015 for publication by 31 October 2018 in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009. The Annual Report was formerly known as the Statutory Improvement Report.

The report was seconded by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas.

One amendment was received to the recommendation contained in the report, as follows:

Amend Cabinet proposal to read:

In the light of some of the concerns highlighted in the letter from the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee, the Council is recommended to defer consideration of the Annual Statutory Well-being Report 2017-18 until a future council meeting, and calls on the Cabinet to revise the report in the interim to ensure that the assessments of progress against the well-being objectives which it contains more accurately reflect the extent of reported progress against performance indicators and targets, particularly those relating to the safeguarding of people deemed to be at risk.'

Councillor Berman was invited to propose the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Boyle.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report during which the following observations were raised:

- The Safeguarding of various communities in the city.
 - The continuing levels of sickness absence in the Council's workforce.
 - The importance of the responsibilities of the Council and Elected Members as Corporate Parents in supporting children and young people and ensuring that there are opportunities and the tools for young people to attain and excel in Cardiff.
 - Recognition from Policy Review & Performance Committee of the progress made on performance and that the Council is on a journey and that more needs to be done.
 - The achievements, despite significant challenges and cuts in funding, in areas such as provision of cycling; parks and green spaces.
 - The report did not address fully issues and concerns identified by
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citizens.

- Concerns around performance against the Local Development Plan.
- Failing Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) in supporting disabled children; Safeguarding and Looked After Children.
- Concerns on the number and costs of the Senior Management structure in Cardiff.
- Welcomed the improvements in attainment of children at Key Stage 2 and 4
- Issues around enforcement particularly in relation to dog fouling and matter raised around the PSPO consultation process

The Cabinet Member responded to matters raised and praised all officers of the Council for their hard work and dedication in service delivery and performance despite all the financial and demand challenges they face.

The Lord Mayor moved to the vote on the amendment proposed by Councillor Berman and a recorded vote was taken as follows:

For County Councillors Asghar Ali, Berman, Boyle, Carter, Cowan, Davies, Driscoll, Ford, Gavin Hill-John, Philippa Hill-John, Howells, Hudson, Jenkins, Jones-Pritchard, Kelloway, Lancaster, McKerlich, Molik, Morgan, Naughton, Owen, Parkhill, Keith Parry, Phillips, Robson, Sandrey, Taylor, Graham Thomas, Walker, Williams and Wood.
(31)

Against County Councillors Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Bowden, Bowen-Thomson, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke-Davies, Cunnah, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Ebrahim, Elsmore, Goddard, Goodway, Gordon, Henshaw, Hinchey, Jacobsen, Keith Jones, Owen, Lay, Lent, Mackie, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Murphy, Jackie Parry, Patel, Sattar, Singh, Stubbs, Huw Thomas, Lynda Thorne, Weaver, Wild and Wong.
(37)

Not present Cllr McEvoy was not present during the vote

The Amendment was LOST

The Lord Mayor called for a vote by show of hands on the recommendation as set out in the report. The Recommendation was CARRIED

RESOLVED – That the Annual Statutory Wellbeing Report 2017-18 be approved.

86 : LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER STATEMENTS

The following statements were received: -

1. [The Leader's Statement](#)

The Leader responded to questions raised on the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement of £1.7million additional funding - an increase of 0.4%. The Leader advised that this increase would not meet the significant financial pressures and anticipated deficit as set out in the Council's Budget Strategy and ongoing challenges.

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

The Deputy Leader responded to questions on

- the establishment of a Specialist Resource Base and the future plans for Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision across the city which has been set out in the SEN Strategy and identifies the types of provision that is and will be available going forward and what is proposed via the 21st Century Schools projects.
- The accessing the School Holiday Enrichment Programme and evidence that shows over time more and more families access the provision.

3. [Cabinet Member, Finance, Modernisation and Performance Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded questions on the Cardiff App and promotion of the App with new residents and involving Councillors in development and updating of the App; social media engagement on the PSPO's consultation and concerns raised on the accuracy of the information.

4. [Cabinet Member, Housing & Communities Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on:

- the number of new Council Homes to be built in Cardiff;
- the various development systems being used including a highly energy efficient modular system;
- whether Housing Association could benefit from the Innovative Housing Programme Fund.

The Cabinet Member reported that the cap funding of housing new builds had been lifted and land for 2,177 homes had been identified.

- An update was requested on the roll out of Community Well-being Hubs in the North of the City and progress was being made and consultation with communities was due to start in November;
- Issues around Long Term Empty Properties and efforts being made to meet the target a system to bring vacant homes back into use.

The Cabinet Member during this part responded to an Oral Question from Councillor Hudson which is detailed in Min No 89.

5. [Cabinet Member, Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded questions on the Cardiff Dogs Home and the work of the team and volunteers and process of providing a new facility in collaboration with other dog charities.

6. [Cabinet Member, Children & Families Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on the new approach to Family Help and Support in particular the approach to raising educational attainment and aspirations of children and young people; the support given to the well-being of children in care or on the brink of going into care; and Councillors were assured that scrutiny will have an opportunity to look at the new approach.

An update was requested on the post of Assistant Director – Children’s Services which it was reported was being covered on a temporary basis on the same terms as the previous interim post holder.

7. [Cabinet Member, Social Care, Health & Well-being Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on support to older people and the newly integrated dementia day services at the newly refurbished Grand Avenue Older Persons Day Centre and the Day Service at Tremorfa which are excellent provisions and provide that specialist support to older people and combat issues such as loneliness. The Cabinet Member was asked about plans for a similar provision in the North of the City. It was reported that the current day centre provision was available to all in Cardiff.

The Cabinet Member was please to acknowledge the work of Councillor Molik with the Mental Health and Wellbeing Minority Ethnic Communities Annual Health Fair but concerns about the financial support to such events in the future. Issues around supporting BME communities and the provision of a community based day centre for the BME communities similar to the Africa Centre in Birmingham.

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

The Cabinet Member responded questions on

- Air Quality and clarity on the reports and studies being produced and timescales. The Cabinet Member proposed to clarify the position for Members.
- Air Quality all four quality monitoring are compliant with the European standards and what the Cabinet Member considered that the roll-out of the Euro 6 buses had help to reduce poor air quality
- Next Bike scheme and roll-out to Tongwynlais; and the need to look at additional funding; the provisioning of bikes at docking station; station at Companies house. The Cabinet Member advised that a further 50 sites were proposed once the funding had been identified

- Relationship and discussion with Transport for Wales and forward planning to prepare for new communities in north of Cardiff
- Rail Services and relationship lobby hard to bring changes to Valley Line Services
- Segregated Cycling Routes and need to be cleansed and are kept in a usable state. The Cabinet Member advised that there will be a need to alter and approve the cleansing and repair regime for Cycle routes.

9. [Cabinet Member, Investment & Development Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on

- Cardiff Workday Population data in particular in relation to his statement that this reflected the confidence business has in the city since the new administration in 2017
- The efforts being made in Cardiff to increase employment and businesses has not resulted in an increase in allocation of business rates to Cardiff
- Assurances from the UK government that the Shared Prosperity Fund will at or above the current EU Structural and if reduced will have a detrimental effect on Cardiff
- The establishment of a business organisation in Cardiff. The Cabinet Member confirmed the Council had been awaiting the establishment of a body at the City Deal level but in the new year the Cabinet Member would bring forward the establishment of a business forum for the Cabinet.

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

There were no questions to the Cabinet Member

87 : MOTION 1

The Lord Mayor advised that the notice of motion proposed by Councillor Philippa Hill-John and seconded by Councillor Joel Williams had been received for consideration and was included on the Summons for the meeting. Two amendments had been received.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Philippa Hill-John to propose the motion as follows:

Considering the major impact the LDP process will have on the city over the next 10 years, we call on this Council to consider and approve the following proposal:

- The Annual LDP Monitoring report should come before full Council for consideration and review. It should detail progress against targets set, houses sold and whether trigger points for key infrastructure measures are being met; and
 - an overarching communication strategy should be adopted and implemented as a means to keep residents informed of the key stages of the
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LDP, including a central information point to maintain transparency and clarity; and

- a named officer should be assigned to coordinate and oversee the entire LDP process for the city and be available to liaise with elected members and representative bodies; and
- an immediate review should be conducted to ensure that a proportion of the new homes built meet the needs of the growing elderly population and policies are in place to ensure that affordable homes are made available to buy as well as to rent; and
- the renewal of the green wedge in the North and North West of Cardiff, which will expire with the LDP in 2026; or the provision for a new full green belt for this area to be included in any new regional planning system to ensure the preservation of this important backdrop to the Welsh Capital for generations to come.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Joel Williams.

Amendment 1

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Joe Carter to propose amendment 1 as follows:

Delete Bullet Points 4 and 5 and replace with the following 3 paragraphs:

- An immediate review into the provision of different types of housing in the city, to ensure that new social housing increases to meet demand, that the private rented market meets demand and that the amount of social housing for supported living accommodation is increased;
- The effectiveness of the green wedge in the North and North West of Cardiff is reviewed in 2026;
- Ahead of the first full review of the plan, re-examine the possibility of including proposals aimed at managing the location of fast food takeaways near schools. This should include lobbying the Welsh Government to change Welsh planning policies, allowing the council to consider adopting policies that could enable other factors, such as the number of hot food takeaways already present and the existence of high levels of obesity, to be taken into account before permission for new takeaways are considered.

Amendment 1 was seconded by Councillor Rodney Berman.

Amendment 2

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Caro Wild to propose amendment 2 as follows:

Prior to the Proposal add the following paragraph:

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Cardiff's population is expected to grow by 90,000 according to the official WG/ONS projections for the period 2014-2039, and we already have a significant housing shortage. The LDP was adopted in January 2016 to help plan how Cardiff can grow sustainably, and protect the city from ad hoc sporadic developments. The 2nd annual monitoring report came to Cabinet in September 2018 showing overall good progress against the 107 indicators, with no red indicators.

Bullet Point 1 Second sentence - Delete the words 'It should' and replace with 'The report'

Bullet Point 2 First Line – Delete an overarching communication strategy should be adopted and implemented as a means and replace with 'A user- friendly document will be produced'

Bullet point 2 – add after the word 'central' the word online

Delete Bullet Point 3, 4 and 5 and replace with

- that continues to recognise the hard work and expertise shown by the Council's Head of Planning and Planning Department who make themselves available to Elected Members and representative bodies on a daily basis; and
- notes that the new Older Persons Housing Strategy will be considered by Cabinet and will be brought to full Council for debate early in the new year. The strategy is based on independent research already undertaken to assess future housing and care needs across all tenures, and informs the LDP process; and
- notes this Council's Administration's commitment to the green wedge. Further, this Council believes that any future regional planning must not diminish Cardiff's ability to protect green spaces across the city.

Amendment 2 was seconded by Councillor Keith Jones.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion and the amendments as proposed. During the debate Councillor Philippa Hill-John confirmed That she did not accept either of the two amendments. Councillor Hill-John responded to matters raised during the debate.

Voting on this item took place as follows by a show of hands: -

Amendment 1 as proposed by Councillor Carter. The vote was LOST.

Amendment 2 as proposed by Councillor Wild was CARRIED

The Substantive motion as proposed by Councillor Wild was as follows:

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Considering the major impact the LDP process will have on the city over the next 10 years, we call on this Council to consider and approve the following proposal:

- The Annual LDP Monitoring report should come before full Council for consideration and review. The report details progress against targets set, houses sold and whether trigger points for key infrastructure measures are being met; and
- A user- friendly document will be produced to keep residents informed of the key stages of the LDP, including a central online information point to maintain transparency and clarity; and
- that continues to recognise the hard work and expertise shown by the Council's Head of Planning and Planning Department who make themselves available to Elected Members and representative bodies on a daily basis; and
- notes that the new Older Persons Housing Strategy will be considered by Cabinet and will be brought to full Council for debate early in the new year. The strategy is based on independent research already undertaken to assess future housing and care needs across all tenures, and informs the LDP process; and
- notes this Council's Administration's commitment to the green wedge. Further, this Council believes that any future regional planning must not diminish Cardiff's ability to protect green spaces across the city.

A vote was taken on the Substantive Motion.

The Substantive motion was carried

88 : MOTION 2

The Lord Mayor advised that the notice of motion proposed by Councillor Saeed Ebrahim and seconded by Councillor Le Bridgeman had been received for consideration and was included on the Summons for the meeting. No amendments had been received.

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

This Council calls on the Cabinet to explore how best it can support those individuals and their families that settled in Cardiff during the 1950's and 1960's who became known as the Windrush Generation, in having the same opportunities as other Cardiff citizens in accessing services and advice provided by the Council.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Lee Bridgeman.

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The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion as proposed. At the end of the debate the Cabinet Member Housing and Communities was invited to speak. Councillor Ebrahim responded to matters raised during the debate.

A vote was taken by a show of hands on the Motion as proposed by

Councillor Ebrahim the Motion was CARRIED unanimously.

89 : ORAL QUESTIONS

This question and answer was provided as part of the Cabinet Member Statement earlier in the meeting.

Question – Councillor Hudson

What is happening to the PassivHaus development at Highfields, Heath, now that it has been proved that it will be ineffective and more expensive to continue with the project due to the flawed orientation?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

I am unaware of any report which suggests that the PassivHaus development at Highfields is ineffective and more expensive due to the flawed orientation of the buildings. In fact, we are starting work on site in January.

As I confirmed in my statement, the scheme has been awarded Welsh Government Innovative Housing Funding, which will enable us to test the market for the private sale of affordable PassivHaus properties on that site in Heath.

We are targeting these homes to first time buyers and older people – providing homes that are truly affordable to heat and run, helping to tackle fuel poverty and enabling independent living.

The scheme will help raise the bar for the provision of quality, highly energy efficient homes in Cardiff, which – given the level of housing need in the city – is something I would imagine that we would all support.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Hudson

I don't think the Councillor has understood me, it says here the orientation of the site and its ability to maximise solar gain - the orientation will not maximise solar gain.

Reply – Councillor Thorne

I'm advised by officers that actually the orientation will not affect the scheme in terms of Passivhaus systems and I think I answered that question previously to a public questioner from your ward.

Question – Councillor Naughton

With extreme weather events more likely due to climate change, what plans do the council have to ensure Cardiff can cope with more extreme climate in coming years?

Reply – Councillor Michael

As of 7th January next year, surface water drainage for all developments will be required to comply with mandatory national standards, which will need to be approved by Cardiff Council. This will ensure resilient developments with the requirement to include an allowance for climate change within their design.

Continual review of flood risk in Cardiff will aid in the identification of flooding hotspots requiring intervention. Proposed flood alleviation schemes within the developed area will have an allowance for climate change, where possible.

In addition, the Cardiff Coastal Defence Scheme is about to go through the detailed design stage. The project will extend from the Rover Way foreshore to Lamby Way tip, including the River Rhymney Estuary. It will help reduce and manage coastal flood risk to people and assets within this part of south-east Cardiff for the next 100 years, taking into account predicted future climate change.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Naughton

Can the Council commit to developing a draft Strategy on how to deal with the effects of extreme weather and bring it to a future Council meeting during this Council term?

Reply – Councillor Michael

I think most of the things we do have an element of climate change in it. I'm not sure whether we need a separate complete new policy just for climate change which is unpredictable, I think we take that into account in most of what we do, but I'll take advice on that and get back to you.

Question – Councillor Owen Jones

Can the Cabinet Member outline how the Council plans to address the high levels of air pollution around Tredegarville Primary School?

Reply – Councillor Michael

At the start of this year, the Council began undertaking air quality monitoring at number of schools across Cardiff to measure levels of Nitrogen Dioxide. This included Tredegarville Primary School.

Two locations are monitored at the school – one at the school reception and one in the playground. Current average results for Nitrogen Dioxide at these locations are 20 and 25 Micrograms per Cubic Metre of Air respectively and the results are currently considered to be compliant with the air quality standard of 40 Micrograms per Cubic Metre of Air as an annual average.

The Council is also currently undertaking a feasibility study to assess measures that can deliver compliance with Nitrogen Dioxide limit values in the shortest possible time. The outcome of this study will identify preferred measures to improve air quality across Cardiff, which should lead to further improvements in air quality at Tredegarville Primary School.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Owen Jones

Maybe they are within safe limits but obviously as it's a primary school and by such a major road in Cardiff there are measures that we should be taking.

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Are we considering measures such as hedges or short term solutions that don't address the actual issue but do protect the safety of the students who are there?

Reply – Councillor Michael

One of the things we are looking at and working in partnership with the University and others is to look at Green Walls and we are looking to pilot one at this school. We are quite advanced on this one at the moment and I think what I will do is arrange for the local Councillors to be brought in and we can discuss what we are planning to do.

Question – Councillor Robson

How many fines have been issued for dog fouling by Cardiff Council between:

- October 2015 – September 2016;
- October 2016 – September 2017; and
- October 2017 – September 2018.
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How many of these were in Cardiff's parks?

Reply – Councillor Michael

Enforcement Officers undertake patrols in areas throughout the city to enforce offences where dog owners are not removing their dogs' faeces. However, dog fouling is a difficult crime to enforce against, as you need to actually catch someone in the act in order to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice.

In the 2015/16, the total number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued was 49; of which 11 were issued by park rangers.

In 2016/17, it was 28; of which 24 were issued by park rangers.

In 2017/18, it was 19; of which 16 were issued by park rangers.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Robson

I must admit that's very interesting data, its slightly different data to what I've seen through an FOI that was requested, but even so the figures are low.

I take the point that it's actually sometimes difficult to catch people not picking up dog faeces but equally the answer to that then is not necessarily to introduce a PSPO banning dogs from all sports pitches at most times of the year which seems to be what the Cabinet Members behind you originally planned to do.

Do you agree with me that there is actually a need for further enforcement to look at better ways of enforcing the current system without necessarily penalising the majority of dog owners who do make the effort to clean up after their dog, and that the minority are the ones you should be going after? Perhaps the Cabinet Member for Highways can offer some tips bearing in mind the number of drivers that his Council seems to like to go after as well.

Reply – Councillor Michael

I am confused, if you actually obey the law and don't do anything wrong, then you are not going to be enforced against.

What we were trying to do was make it easier to enforce against those who actually do the evil deed. I am puzzled that earlier on we were told that you were going to oppose all of this and this was not just a single item consultation there were five different elements of this.

What we have done is a consultation, we will reflect on that consultation and then we will make a decision.

Question – Councillor Sandrey

What role will big companies in the Central Square development in the city centre be expected play in encouraging a move towards a 50/50 transport mode split?

Reply – Councillor Wild

As the new development is based around Central Station and the bus station as well it is in itself a project that will make Wales rethink how we commute to work.

Part of what is attracting investment into that area is the accessibility for the workforce around the region, especially with the exciting new Metro plans starting to take shape. That said we do expect companies to play their part and all permissions given thus far for have been subject to conditions requiring the development of site Travel Plans. Such plans give details of the measures that the developer and occupiers of new buildings will implement to promote and facilitate sustainable travel to and from work by employees.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Sandrey

Given that the buildings in Central Square are quite literally sitting on the site of the old bus station, will you commit to working with these companies to encourage them to see the importance of their employees using active travel and or public transport to get to work where possible?

Reply – Councillor Wild

We are, and we will. One thing I think we are planning on doing is -there is a wonderful piece of work done by Public Health Wales to get the Public Sector to sign up to active travel targets and we will be challenging the commercial sector to consider signing up to these ambitious targets as well.

Question – Councillor Ahmed

Residents in Cardiff are very pleased to see cycle lanes in some parts of Cardiff. Would you kindly update us on the progress of future cycle lanes in Cardiff?

Reply – Councillor Wild

The construction of a "bicycle street" on Taff Embankment as part of the Greener Grangetown project has just come forward recently and also just around the corner in your ward, North Road car park up to the Taff Trail has got a wonderful new segregated protected cycle lane.

We have advanced design work on Dumfries Place and Senghennydd Road subject to Traffic Regulation Orders and I know there are local issues we are trying to iron out before we go on with that scheme but over time we are looking to introduce a full network subject to funding of protected cycle lanes.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Ahmed

I know you have repaired a lot of potholes in the roads, the cycle lanes that are being introduced now and in the future, are you going to repair the potholes that are there already which can be a serious danger especially for children and our senior citizens. What is your plan to repair those potholes and I'm sure you know where they are?

Reply – Councillor Wild

We increased the investment into patching and potholes this year, some of it got held up with the weather but a lot of it has been caught up. In terms of the new cycle lanes we are also now investing in surfaces where cyclists use them primarily as well so we have changed the formula for that.

Question – Councillor Robson

Will you update the Council on the outcome of your recent meeting with the First Minister regarding the Welsh Government draft budget?

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

I think you have better access to my diary than I have because I'm really not sure what meeting you are referring to, I'd be grateful if you could clarify.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Robson

It is my understanding that along with a number of other Labour Council Leaders you met with the First Minister and the Finance Minister to discuss Local Government Budget and whilst I have no objection of course to you meeting with those who hold the purse strings, I wondered whether you thought it was appropriate that it was just the 6 or 7 Labour Council Leaders in Wales and that the majority of Council's which are led by coalitions or other parties don't have the same opportunities to have such a meeting to speak to those who hold the purse strings in a bid to get money right across the sector?

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

Well I haven't met with the First Minister to discuss that however I am hoping to meet with him next week along with my fellow Labour Leaders.

I can give some reassurance, I think, because seemingly the position that Labour Leaders will be making to the First Minister about the need for more money, is a position more closely aligned to what of the Leader of the Vale and the Leader of Monmouthshire than with the Conservative Leader in the Assembly. We have seen he wants to penalise a local authority in South Wales in order to provide more money to a rural authority in North Wales.

What I think must be understood is, that the distribution formula is set very transparently agreed through discussions between Welsh Government and the WLGA including officers from this Council, so any uplift that as Labour Leaders we are able to secure for local government will be reflected in the budgets of all the Council's other than Labour as well.

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Question – Councillor Boyle

In its Cabinet report, *Developing the Education Estate in Cardiff* (October 2017), the administration reported that ‘the large primary cohorts are now reaching secondary school age and by September 2019, they will exceed the numbers of places available across the city at entry to Year 7’.

Could the Cabinet Member provide us with an update on the position regarding secondary school capacity and catalogue what capacity has been or will be brought into the system in time for next September?

Reply – Councillor Merry

Updated projection data on a city-wide and catchment area basis indicate that there will be sufficient places overall at entry to secondary education in September 2019.

Despite projecting an overall sufficiency of places based on the most recent data, we recognise that – owing to the fluctuation in trends associated with net migration rates and uncertainty regarding the impact of Brexit – we need to provide a degree of surplus over and above our current projections.

Officers are currently working with schools to identify the most appropriate proportion of surplus based on the most recent projections to build in for September 2019 and where this would be best located.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Boyle

So just for clarity, for September 2019 the warnings from last year’s report can in a way be ignored - there is capacity for this September and what is claimed in that report confirms that actually the situation has improved but your concerns are about 12 months’ time thereafter and that is what you are now working on. Have I understood that correctly? - just so that people going through the application process right now can be reassured on that front.

Reply – Councillor Merry

What I actually said was officers are working with schools to identify the most appropriate proportion of surplus places based on the most recent projections to build in for September 2019. There is a bit of recognition that although we may have sufficient places, just simply having enough places across the City isn’t really sufficient.

Question – Councillor De’Ath

Please could you give us the statistics of green recycling bags not collected in the city?

Reply – Councillor Michael

In the last 12 months from October 2017 to September 2018, Waste Management has received 2,064 complaints for missed green bag collections. This figure does not include contaminated green bags or bags presented on the wrong day, which the crews are instructed not to collect.

To put this into context, it is worth noting that the team services 156,000 households each week for green bag collections and the number of complaints about missed collections in the last 12 months represents approximately 0.3% of all collections.

Supplementary Question – Councillor De’Ath

It’s good to know that such a small amount of collections are missed and I know you work very hard to keep those figures as low as you can, however Wordsworth Avenue in Roath has experienced long running problems with waste collections, particularly collection of green bags where there have been 3 missed three times since August alone and residents are becoming increasingly frustrated with the local authority.

Can you update us with what you’re doing to ensure this doesn’t happen going forward?

Reply – Councillor Michael

I think one of the problems we have had there is the parking, the access situation because of the building going on people are parking the wrong way and it’s made it really awkward for our wagons to get through. I’ve spoken to officers since they have assured me that they will make sure the bags are collected. I understand and feel for anyone who has had their bags left, we don’t want to leave any behind and while I am in post we will carry on trying to improve on that record.

Question – Councillor Driscoll

Following the last traffic survey of vehicle movements east and west on Western Avenue, over the period of the survey, what were the recorded speeds, and how many vehicles breached those speeds in each category between 40-50, 50-60, 60-70, 70-80, 80-90, 90-100, 100+ in mph not average speeds?

Reply – Councillor Wild

An SDR Radar Traffic Classifier machine was installed on Western Avenue in Llandaff earlier this year for the week beginning 10th August. I would be happy to provide you with a breakdown of the survey findings following the meeting.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Driscoll

Councillor Michael mentioned having some advice from a former Councillor, Councillor Michael gave me a bit of advice which was never ask a question unless you know the answer. So I will give you the answer, on a single day on Western Avenue in that survey, one day 24 hours, 2800 vehicles broke the speed limit, 410 up to 60mph, 37 up to 70mph, 10 up to 80mph, 3 up to 90mph and 2 up to 100mph.

In order of priority, I’ve got the next 60 list of safety priority crossings here and the next 17 speed reductions, Western Avenue is on the bottom of the list for speed reductions and safety crossing at Caerau Road that was planned is not even on the list.

There are 70 vehicles doing up to 80mph - so when are you going to get his on the list, I asked you at the last meeting and you said you would bring it up the list? We want the crossing on the list and Western Avenue’s priority put up the list.

Reply – Councillor Wild

Interesting turn around with you coming to me with the figures when you asked me for the figures. I think the cars on that road, as I've said to you before, are clearly going too fast. I will take a look at those and check where it is on the list but we shouldn't be using a technical thing to do with road safety based on how many times you ask me in the chamber so let's have a look at it and see where it is on the list and I will check that for you.

Question – Councillor Berman

In view of the ongoing, and at times conflicting, media reports in recent days regarding the future of the Cardiff branch of House of Fraser, what assurances can you provide that the council is continuing to work with all parties concerned to secure an ongoing future for the store in this city?

Reply – Councillor Goodway

I understand that there is a possibility that House of Fraser may decide not to occupy the whole of the existing retail space and, as a result, the objective would be to attract a range of retailers to the store along with, subject to planning approval, non-retail uses such as hotel / leisure activities. The need to broaden the activities within the Howells building was highlighted at earlier meetings between the Council and owners Naissance Capital and this strategy is being actively pursued.

As pressure on the retail sector continues, owners of retail property are increasingly looking to attract a wider range of uses and turn stores which were once wholly retail into a more diversified offer. Naissance Capital has briefed my officials on the challenges they face in Cardiff and, as the Howells building lends itself to being divided to accommodate a range of uses with the building being 270,000 sq. ft. and occupying a 1.7 acre site, they are exploring all possibilities.

The objective is to return the building to a more sustainable use and officials will continue to liaise with the owners to offer the Council's support in their efforts to give the store a sustainable future.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Berman

It's reassuring that the Council is doing what it can and I appreciate that not all the levers are in the Council's control.

In view of the recent news we have had now that Debenhams is the latest chain in trouble, I was just wondering what initiatives you are thinking of taking forward to ensure that we do have a continued high quality and diverse retail offer within Cardiff because clearly if we have one large department store at threat another potentially might be soon we don't know yet, that could have a knock on effect on other stores throughout the city centre if it starts to reduce the footfall itself further.

So how are you going to take this forward to make sure that Cardiff is best placed to try to rebut these challenges?

Reply – Councillor Goodway

I think the Councillor will appreciate that this is a National phenomenon at the moment, but I do accept that individual cities have to be as creative as possible to

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ensure that people don't face barriers and obstacles to come into the city centre to shop.

I think there are particular initiatives that we could consider in order to perhaps put on particular retail event days when retail stores can focus on a particular offer that me attractive to different generations of people that will increase footfall over a period of months.

I can't pretend that we have solutions but I suggest that we will probably work with our partners in the core cities initiative who are obviously facing exactly the same challenges.

Question – Councillor Owen Jones

In light of the consultation on PSPOs closing on Monday, can the Cabinet Member give an update on any potential action that can be taken?

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

I know that this is a subject that has interested you greatly. We have had an overwhelming response to the consultation and we have, of course, noticed the strength of public feeling against proposals to ban dogs from marked sports pitches at certain times in the year.

After assessing all of the available information and the results of the consultation, the Cabinet will be taking a formal decision early in the New Year. However, my personal view, which I have discussed with my Cabinet colleagues and which has since been reported in the media, is that we are very unlikely to proceed with this element of the proposals.

We will now proceed to fully review the consultation responses and work closely with the city's sports clubs, dog-walking community and other park stakeholders to find a way forward to ensure that our public and green spaces are clean and safe for everyone.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Owen Jones

Can I first put on record that I applaud you Peter for your dedication to Local Democracy Week, I now don't doubt no dog owner doesn't know who their local Councillor is at this point so well done for that, superb job.

What has come out following the PSPO and I'm glad to hear the taking out of the sports pitch element, is that there is obviously a willingness from dog owners to help in this situation because it is a minority that is causing the problem.

We currently have excellent volunteers with the Keep Wales Tidy and our litter picking projects, so is this an element that we can use to bring in reliable good dog owners to help with the situation because they are the eyes on the ground and they can help us and they are offering to do so?

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

I completely agree with that last point particularly about the dog owners actually taking a lead on this, for want of another phrase, I've been working on that one, I've

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met with the Cardiff Dog Action Group and I met with dog walkers in my own ward during the consultation process and I was very keen for them to feel that their views not only on the 6 elements of the PSPO were reflected but some of the excellent suggestions that they made in terms of keeping our parks clean not just in terms of dog mess but also litter and other aspects of the challenges we have to face here as a Council with regards to our parks. I will meet with the dog owning groups I hope that one day we will get to a stage in the near future where we can have groups such as the dog walking community and sport action groups sat together to play their part and agreeing with us as a Cabinet and as a Council because it's a Council wide decision, that we will come up with a PSPO that will satisfy everybody and can be passed without consternation.

Question – Councillor Gavin Hill-John

Following the closure of Rover Way between the 10th and 12th of October, what lessons have been learned and what protocols are now in place to ensure that the chaos caused by this closure is not repeated?

Reply – Councillor Wild

I must point out that Rover Way was closed until lunchtime on 11th October it didn't go on until the 12th. You said about what protocols could be in place, I think to be fair those protocols weren't followed on that day and they should have been.

I think everyone was surprised by the scale of the funeral that took place and I think that was what caused the majority of the problems but yes some protocols weren't followed and they should have been.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Gavin Hill-John

You said that protocols weren't followed, so what are we going to do going forward to ensure that they are followed if that ever happens again.

Reply – Councillor Wild

I've spoken to the Officers and the Police involved in this and expressed in clear and frank way that they should be followed next time.

Question – Councillor Carter

In light of the continued length of time that council properties are void and empty in between tenants, what steps is the council taking to get these properties back into use sooner?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

As you know, this issue was discussed earlier this month at a meeting of the Community and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee, where it was explained that one of the three contractors appointed to deal with building maintenance works on void properties in Cardiff West quit their contract at the end of September.

A tender will be issued shortly for a new contract for void works only and it is anticipated that the new contractor will be appointed by April 2019. The contract will cover the whole of Cardiff and will allow for a cascade so that another suitable contractor can be appointed to allow for peaks in demand.

A new in-house voids team is also being developed. This team will start at a small scale at first, with the intention to build this capacity further in the future.

There are a number of things that we are doing to address the voids. Some properties where possible may be let and some of the repairs done with the tenant in situ, some will be offered with a decoration allowance. Other properties will be passed to the Council's temporary accommodation provider on the condition that they carry out the void works. Funding will be provided for this work at normal rates.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Carter

Thanks for the very detailed response, it's very good for the whole chamber to hear that.

The reason I asked the question was the concern of the contractor pulling out and the risk of having to wait until April next year until we get another substantive one. In the meantime is it your vision that a combination of the in-house provider and the other contractors picking up the slack will cover the shortfall until April?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

We are going to do our best, I have to say it concerns me that we have to wait until April to appoint the new contractor and I actually wrote to Councillor Walker as Chair of Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee (PRAP) to ask if would be prepared to do a task and finish group to look at the timescales. He advised me that they have already done this but if I provide him with more information he will ask PRAP to scrutinise that.

We went through a whole process and when a contractor pulls out so late in the day we were unable to go back to other tenders and it is really disappointing that we are left in this situation after putting 3 contractors in place to make sure that actually we could cope with the workload.

Question – Councillor Cunnah

Could the Cabinet Member please give us an update on the pilot recycling collection of glass and bottles?

Reply – Councillor Michael

The pilot scheme for the separate collection of glass bottles and jars for recycling is progressing well.

Deliveries of communication material and the blue caddies to households participating in the pilot scheme went as scheduled. Our teams spoke to over 1,000 residents during the outreach sessions and the public have been supportive of the changes, which I thank them for.

Collections are now in their second week and reports of incorrect usage of the blue caddy, which is for glass bottles and jars only, are low. Officers are also monitoring the volume of glass received and the quality of the glass product, and the results so far as extremely promising.

I am happy with the progress of the pilot scheme and officers will continue to provide weekly updates to Councillors in the trial areas.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Cunnah

Thank you for that update it seems to me that the pilot has been well received in Canton, as you know about a third of the Canton ward is taking part in the pilot.

You also know because I met you there, you welcomed me and other Councillors to the Material Recycling Facility (MRF) recently where we looked at what was happening with glass at the moment as well as all the other waste. I was really impressed with all the technology used and also the manual work of the operatives there which can be really hard and dirty work, especially with the contamination of the green bags which we have.

It's been explained to me about the glass, about the economic and the environmental benefit of separating it which I fully support but at that MRF lots of other waste as well there which maybe could be separated or there may be other ways of processing it for environmental and economic benefit to the Council, so I am wondering if there is anything else down the line that we can do to improve our recycling, help us get better rates and get more money?

Reply – Councillor Michael

I enjoyed taking you and Councillor McKerlich and others to the site, I'm still surprised by how many Councillors haven't been to the site I would like them all to come and visit.

I think that despite the fact that we have got a really good record and we are the best recycling city I do think we have to review what we do and the way we do it. I think we have to lift the quality of the recycling to get better markets. We are going to be working with Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) we have lots of discussion with Welsh Government so we will be working with them and I think we seriously need an education element to come along and we really could engage more with the citizens and cut down on the amount of stuff that is coming into our green bags that shouldn't be there, there is too much contamination. We have a lot of hard work to do over the next few years and I urge everyone to take advantage and come to Lamby Way and if we need to do pilots to get better quality then I think we will approach them the way we approached the Glass Pilot because so far so good.

Question – Councillor Hudson

What are your plans when the second Council site in lower Wedal Road is deemed surplus to requirements, and will it be put up for sale by auction?

Reply – Councillor Goodway

No decision has yet been taken regarding the date by which vacant possession will be achieved in relation to this property nor to the manner of its disposal. However, I know that the Councillor is very familiar with the protocol that provides for the site to be offered to public sector partners in the first instance.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Hudson

Like Councillor Driscoll, I know the answer, but I'm asking you anyway to put it on record. Has it already been offered to a public body?

Reply – Councillor Goodway

If you know the answer I can tell you that I genuinely do not so if you could let me know after the meeting I'd be very grateful and I'll take it up with my officials.

Question – Councillor Parkhill

Did you sign off the PSPO consultation document before it was released to the public?

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

Yes, I signed off the principal questions contained within the consultation document and I also signed off other aspects of the consultation exercise, including the provision of the consultation mailbox, making sure it was advertised fully on social media and also I take responsibility for the fact it was one of the most successful consultations we've ever held on any policy we have ever consulted on with nearly 6000 respondents.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Parkhill

I just want to understand a bit more about your reasoning of grouping in one of the questions, the controversial issue of whether dogs should be banned from sports pitches with completely uncontroversial issues such as dog walking in cemetery's and also in school grounds which this whole group supports.

Also can you explain a little bit more the concerns that residents had at the dog walk last Sunday, they were concerned that this consultation was gerrymandering the answers and give assurances that that won't be the case in future consultations.

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

On the last point how can we be manipulating the answers to get a solution, to get something we want when the actual thing that people have called to be stopped is being ruled as very unlikely.

The consultation is only as good as its results and the results that have come forward have said that there is significant concern about that so we have reflected that. There was no grouping of the marked pitches proposal with cemeteries, there was no grouping of marked pitches with any of the other elements that you mentioned.

There was however, and I will say in hindsight we shouldn't have done this, a grouping with the enclosed playgrounds question but that was why we put a comments section on the consultation and had an email box so that people could respond directly to us with any specific concerns they may have. We did try and model our consultation on several other local authorities that have done it including the Conservative run Vale of Glamorgan.

90 : URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business for this meeting.

91 : COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Council received in accordance with political group wishes nominations to current committee vacancies and elect a Deputy Chairperson for the Pension Committee.

RESOLVED – That

1. Councillor Christopher Lay be appointed to the Pension Committee in accordance with Party Group Wishes;
2. Councillor Christopher Lay be elected Deputy Chairperson of the Pension Committee for the remainder of the Municipal year.

92 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17 (f) [Written Questions](#) received for consideration and response had been published.