

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 20 June 2019 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 14 June 2019.

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

21 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Carter, Gibson, Goodway, Hinchey, Sandrey, Simmons and Taylor.

22 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct: -

Councillor	Item	Interest
Councillor Bale	Item 12	Personal interest in relation to family member.
Councillor Bradbury	Item 10 Item 12	Personal interest as contributed to SPG consultation. Personal interest as Governor at Ty Gwyn Special School and Western Learning Campus.
Councillor Boyle	Item 12	Personal interest in relation to a family member and as a member of the National Autistic Society; founder trustee of Halcyon Training Foundation, a local autism charity and Chair of Governors at Springwood Primary School which as an Autism resource base.
Councillor Cowan	Item 12	Personal and prejudicial interest as an employee of Paul Davies AM and Leader of the Conservative Group in the National Assembly for Wales. Also a personal interest as Chair of Governors at Greenhill Special School and an Ambassador for Autism Puzzles Charity.

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Councillor Jacobsen	Item 12	Personal interest in relation to family members.
Councillor Keith Jones	Item 12	Personal interest in relation to family members.
Councillor Lent	Item 12	Personal interest in relation to family members.
Councillor Lister	Item 12	Personal interest as an employee of Vaughan Gething Am and Minister for Health at the National Assembly for Wales.
Councillor Michael	Item 10	Personal interest as a shop owner.
Councillor Phillips	Item 12	Personal Interest in relation to a family member.
Councillor Williams	Item 12	Personal interest as a Governor of Hollies Special School and an Ambassador for Autism Puzzles Charity.

23 : MINUTES

The minutes of the Special Council meeting 17 May 2019 and the Annual Council meeting 23 May 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

24 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were received:

Councillor	No of signatures	Request
Councillor Gordon	199	petitioning the Council to take urgent measures to enforce the 20mph speed limit on Romilly Crescent as 20mph road markings are being ignored.
Councillor Kelloway	190	petitioning for a frequent bus service for Cyncoed which is fit for purpose and connects with local shopping centres, post office, library and the University Hospital of Wales.
Councillor Dilwar Ali	320	calling on the Council to implement separate and clearly marked paths on the Taff Trail – for cyclists and pedestrians.
Councillor Rees	93	requesting a survey of volume and speed of vehicles on Tyr Winch Road, improving signage identifying the 30 mph limit in force, installing speed software, which advises motorists what speed they are travelling, and to consider implementing road-calming chicanes to reduce speeds.

25 : TRIBUTES TO COUNCILLOR TIM DAVIES

The Lord Mayor led tributes to the late Councillor Tim Davies, a friend and colleague who passed away on 4 June 2019. It was a testament to Councillor Davies' dedication to serve the city that, despite his failing health, he was determined to be at the Annual Council meeting on 23 May 2019 and we were all pleased to see him.

Councillor Davies was first elected in 1976 to Cardiff City Council to represent the Whitchurch Ward, and was delighted and honoured to be elected as the Lord Mayor of the City of Cardiff in the last year of the former City Council in 1995- 1996.

He was re-elected to Cardiff Council to represent Whitchurch and Tongwynlais Ward in 2004, 2008 and 2017. He had a wealth of experience and knowledge gained over many years in public service and was particularly interested in finance and the work of the Police Authority and more recently the Police & Crime Panel.

It is a very sad loss and this was evident at the Service of Remembrance for Tim earlier this afternoon. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Susan and his sons - James, Andrew and Lloyd and their families, and colleagues and friends.

Before inviting Group Leaders to speak a minute silence was observed in memory of a former Lord Mayor, public servant, colleague and good friend.

(Minute Silence)

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Robson spoke followed by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group Councillor Boyle and Leader of Cardiff Plaid and Independents, Councillor Keith Parry (Plaid Cymru). The Lord Mayor also invited contributions from his Ward colleagues and close friends Councillors Jones Pritchard and Councillor Linda Morgan.

All paid tribute to a loyal friend and colleague, well respected by members of the Council, officers and residents who was a tremendous public servant in Cardiff serving the residents of Whitchurch and Tongwynlais during the last 40 years.

Councillor Davies will be missed and sincere sympathy was extended to his family, ward colleagues and Conservative Group.

26 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor congratulated those citizens of Cardiff who had received honours in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2019.

Order	Level	Award	Name
Officers of the Order of the British Empire	OBE	Officer of the Order of the British Empire	Daniel John LANGFORD
Officers of the Order of the British Empire	OBE	Officer of the Order of the British Empire	Nigel Keith WALKER

Order	Level	Award	Name
Members of the Order of the British Empire	MBE	Member of the Order of the British Empire	Caroline BREEN COOKSLEY
Members of the Order of the British Empire	MBE	Member of the Order of the British Empire	David James KING
Members of the Order of the British Empire	MBE	Member of the Order of the British Empire	Catherine Lorraine O'BRIEN
Members of the Order of the British Empire	MBE	Member of the Order of the British Empire	Suzanne Louise POLEY
Medallist of the Order of the British Empire	BEM	Medal of the Order of the British Empire	John David GRIFFIN
Members of the Order of the British Empire	MBE	Member of the Order of the British Empire	Professor Antony James BAYER

27 : NOTICE OF VACANCY

The Council was notified of the notice of vacancy for the Office of Councillor in the Electoral Division of Cyncoed and the arrangements for an election to fill the vacancy.

RESOLVED – That the Council noted the Vacancy in the Office of Councillor for the Electoral Division of Cyncoed and the arrangements made for an election on Tuesday 16 July 2019 to fill the vacancy.

28 : ELECTORAL REVIEW - CARDIFF

The report sought approval of the Council's response on the preferred Electoral arrangements for Cardiff Council as part of the consultation by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales that commenced on 4 April 2019. The deadline for the Council to submit a response to the review was 24 June 2019.

The Leader of the Council was invited to propose the Council's preferred option drawn together in discussions with all Group Leaders and the Independent Member.

The Leader referred to evidence that had resulted in Cardiff being classed in a distinct category of its own; the constraints imposed by the Welsh Government on the allocated Elected Members for Cardiff; and the projected growth in Cardiff compared to any other Welsh Local Authority. All of these combined affected the fair elected representation in Cardiff. This could not however be addressed wholly as part of this review, but Leaders had discussed the areas of the city where there was acute concerns in particular Butetown and Radyr and Morganstown.

The Leader advised that the response also called on the Boundary Commission to consider Cardiff in the first tranche of the next review programme. This would enable

the current population projections to be validated before making further changes to the electoral make up of Cardiff.

Councillor Bowen Thomson seconded the proposal.

An amendment to the report had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 24A.

Councillor Robson was invited to propose the amendment as follows:

Paragraph 19 to deleted bullet point 4

- *The impact of austerity has seen a significant shift in policy and patterns of service delivery, which have added to Councillor workload especially in terms of having to communicate, engage and consult local people about the impact of budget cuts. Typically, caseloads for Councillors representing the most deprived areas of the City have increased.*

Councillor Robson was concerned about the tone of this reference in a Council report and that it would not support the Council's case in its response to the Commission. All Councillors across the chamber had significant casework and it the consultations was more around ensuring fair representations within the current constraints. Councillor Robson referred to the ratio issues within Wards and the Local Development Plan projections and supported the view that Cardiff needed to be in the first tranche of the next review.

Councillor Cowan seconded the amendment.

During the debate a number of a comments and observations were made including the ratio of members to citizens; one member one ward; population growth; community consultation; and the future input from Scrutiny.

A vote was taken on the Amendment as proposed by Councillor Robson. The vote was LOST.

RESOLVED – That the Director of Legal and Governance Services was authorised to submit the following proposals to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales:

- a. Increase the number of elected members for Butetown from one to two members.
- b. Increase the number of elected members for Radyr and Morganstown from one to two members.
- c. That Cardiff Council be considered in the first tranche of the next review programme following the conclusion of the current Boundary Commission review to enable the current projections to be validated before making further changes to the electoral make up of Cardiff.

29 : WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT

The Council received, for approval, the Welsh Language Standards Annual Report 2018/19 for publication in accordance with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and was requested to agree the revised action plan for the Bilingual Cardiff Strategy.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas proposed the report. The Leader detailed the commitment of the Council to establish the Welsh Language in all aspects of life in the city and to encourage employees to use and develop their skills in the work place as an exemplar for employers and business in the city. The report reflected the excellent work of the Council and its officers to raise standards and support the Cardiff Bilingual Strategy aims agreed last year. The former Welsh Language Commissioner had referred to Cardiff's Bilingual Strategy as being best practice and it was pleasing that Cardiff was leading the way through its strategy.

The Leader emphasised the importance of joint working and partnership involvement in realising aims and goals of the plan, and that Cardiff had a confidence in how it would attain its aims, and meet the Welsh Governments overall target to create one million Welsh speakers in Wales by 2050.

The Leader thanked Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee who recognised the work achieved through the strategy and action plan, and also the support and advice of the Cardiff Bilingual Member Group chaired by Councillor Owen Jones.

The Leader referred to Tafwyl festival to be held at Cardiff Castle the coming weekend and the 70th anniversary parade to celebrate the first Welsh education school opening in Cardiff. These events as well as the Urdd and National Eisteddfod are all steps to realise the national cultural and language identity in Cardiff.

Councillor Owen Jones, as Chair of the Bilingual Cardiff Member Group seconded the report and praised the work of the Council in encouraging language skills development, supporting bilingualism and welcomed the success of events such as the Eisteddfod and Tafwyl. Cllr Jones commended the action plan and the work of officers in achieving recognition for good practice, and leading the way in working in partnerships.

During the debate a number of comments raised including ways of increasing Welsh Essential in job roles; influencing change; encouraging employees to develop and improve skills; curriculum changes and bilingual education; supporting minority ethnic groups; provision of learning opportunities for Elected Members. The Council's Bilingual Cardiff translation was commended for its work to support the Council and Councillors.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the Welsh Language Standards Annual Report 2018-19 was approved for publication in accordance with the Welsh Language Standards (Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011).

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(2) the revised Bilingual Cardiff Strategy action plan was approved.

30 : SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE - SHOPFRONT DESIGN AND SIGNAGE

The Council received the outcomes of the consultation on the draft Shopfront Design and Signage Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) that had been amended and was recommended for approval.

The Cabinet Member Strategic Planning and Transport, Councillor Wild proposed the report and commended the revised SPG, which provided support to policies in relation to the design of and alterations of existing shopfronts and signage in the city.

Councillor Keith Jones as Chair of Planning Committee commended the SPG for adoption by Council as a tool to support the Planning Authority in its decision-making.

Councillor Jones Pritchard proposed a reference back to Cabinet so that errors in the guidance and issues around the design guidance be reviewed.

Councillor Williams seconded the reference back.

During the debate there was points raised about the planning process and the weight given to SPG's as part of the decision making on planning development; the need for better understand for non-planning committee members of how SPG's are used; some assurances that the planning process is open and transparent.

It was note that there had been a consultation period open to all to participate but that very few Councillor had responded.

A vote was taken on the Reference back to Cabinet as proposed by Councillor Jones Pritchard. The Vote was LOST.

RESOLVED – That the Shopfront Design and Signage Supplementary Planning Guidance as amended was approved.

31 : STATEMENTS

The following statements were received and questions were invited from Members on matters within the statement. There were no Investment and Development and Children and Families Statements to this meeting.

1 [Leader Statement](#)

Questions to the Leader were received in relation to

- M4 Relief Road decision and the effect on the economy and transport link.
- The Work of the regional Cabinet on a Strategic Development Plan and the report that would be brought forward in due course to constituent Councils.

2 [Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment Statement](#)

The Chair allowed the Cabinet Member to make an additional statement.

[Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment Statement – Bank Holiday Working](#)

Questions to the Cabinet Member were received in relation to

- Bank holiday working arrangements and use of agency staff.
- Waste Education and Enforcement and dog fouling.
- Management responsibility for Waste and Street Cleansing.

3 [Social Care, Health & Well-being Statement](#)

Questions to the Cabinet Member were received in relation to

- Domestic Abuse and safe accommodation that is available to male persons who suffer domestic abuse.

4 [Strategic Planning & Transport Statement](#)

Questions to the Cabinet Member were received in relation to

- Clean Air Plan and how the Council is going to tackle air pollution and NO₂.
- Update on bus routes to support sustainable travel.
- 20mph zones.
- Next bike and the number of bikes being vandalised and misused.
- That a similar requirement be introduced for developer hoardings in relation to Welsh language as the Shopfront Design SPG.

5 [Culture & Leisure Statement](#)

Questions to the Cabinet Member were received in relation to

- Sport and leisure facilities and the re-launch of the Llanrumney Phoenix Boxing Club.
- Sports and Leisure Facilities and the Maes-y-Coed Road / Ton yr Ywen Playing fields.
- Eco Tourism and sustainable Leisure and tourism initiatives.
- Playday 2019 – national day of play and events to encourage children's rights to play.

6 [Education, Employment & Skills Statement](#)

Questions to the Cabinet Member were received in relation to

- School Standards and educational standards of home schooling
- School Inspections – St Illtyd's Catholic High School and improvement measures required
- Capital investment in Fitzalan High School
- Cantonian High School and issues with access and congestion
- Band B funding and Cardiff High School timeline for investment
- School Admission to Lakeside Primary School

7 [Finance, Modernisation & Performance Statement](#)

Questions to the Cabinet Member were received in relation to

- C2C and the closure of the generic mail box and reduced accessibility to contact methods for residents to report or complain about services.
- Mobile App and waste look ups and online services
- Cardiff Council's Corporate Safeguarding Policy and Safeguarding Training take up. It was noted that this was also being rolled out to Elected Members.
- Wales Interpretation and Translation Services (WITS)

8 [Housing & Communities Statement](#)

There were no questions on this statement.

32 : MOTION 1

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Driscoll the proposer of the motion to speak. Councillor Driscoll advised that with the meeting he wish to withdraw his motion in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 22 (p) (ii) and replace it with a composite motion that had been prepared jointly with the proposers of the amendments.

Councillor Boyle confirmed that he wished to withdraw his amendment in favour of the Composite Motion.

Councillor Elsmore Confirmed that she wished to withdraw her amendment in favour of the Composite Motion.

The composite motion had been circulated at the meeting.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Driscoll to propose the Composite Motion as follows:

This Council:

- notes the recent defeat of the Autism Bill at the National Assembly for Wales, while recognising the progress secured through the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act and the National Integrated Autism Service, and the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act;
- recognises that legislation is not the only answer to improving access to services for those with autism in our communities;
- believes that all public services should be delivered using a person-centred and child-centred approach.

This Council therefore:

- requests that the Leader of the Council writes to both the Minister for Health and Social Services, and Minister for Education, seeking reassurances that the Welsh Government will continue to consult with key partners and stakeholders in relation to the Autism Code of Practice, acting on the recommendations contained in the recent independent report, 'Evaluation of the Integrated Autism Service (IAS) and the Autism Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan', commissioned by them.
- requests that the relevant Cabinet Members work with relevant scrutiny committees to review, in collaboration with stakeholders, the effectiveness of the work of the Integrated Autism Service and make recommendations on what more this Council can do to support those living with autism in Cardiff.

Councillor Elsmore seconded the motion and Councillor Boyle spoke to the motion.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 25 (a) (ix) Councillor Bowen –Thomson proposed that the question be put. Councillor Mackie seconded the proposal.

The Lord Mayor moved to the vote on the Motion as proposed by Councillor Driscoll.

The motion was CARRIED.

33 : MOTION 2

The Lord Mayor advised that the notice of motion proposed by Councillor Bowen-Thomson and seconded by Councillor Lister had been received in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules for debate and had been included on the Summons for the meeting. No amendments had been received to the motion.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Bowen –Thomson to propose the motion as follows:

Like Local Government and all other public services, Police forces in England and Wales have been subjected to significant funding cuts over the course of the last decade. Approximately a third of the Police Grant, £51m has been cut since 2011/12 and further cuts are predicted until 2020/21.

This funding issue is compounded by the reality that further costs are incurred for policing our Capital City. Cardiff is one of the fastest growing cities, with over 18 million visitors per year, numerous large scale events, the home of the Welsh Government and a high student population. The UK Government has taken no account of these additional costs and has not provided any extra funding to meet these needs.

As noted by the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner

“By failing to provide an adequate police grant settlement, the UK Government has shifted the burden of police funding on to council tax payers, passing the responsibility to local Police and Crime Commissioners to find the inevitable increases required to provide effective policing.”

The impact for residents in Cardiff is a 10.3% increase in the amount charged through our Council Tax for residents in Cardiff, an extra £24 per year for a Band D property.

It is vital that Cardiff is kept safe for the future that victims are supported, and the most vulnerable people are protected.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- Write to the Home Secretary to convey the urgency for frontline policing to be properly funded through a long-term financial solution that reverses the severe cuts and provides much-needed relief to Police Forces across England and Wales.

- Request that a review into the current funding formula be undertaken urgently to remedy the clearly flawed arrangement that currently sees the South Wales Police excluded from receiving Capital City funding.

Councillor Lister seconded the Motion

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion.

At the end of the debate, the Lord Mayor invited Councillor Bowen- Thomson to respond to items raised during the debate.

The Lord Mayor moved to the vote on the Motion as proposed.

The Motion was CARRIED.

34 : ORAL QUESTIONS

The Lord Mayor in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17 (e) had accepted an Urgent Oral Question from Councillor Hudson

Urgent Oral Question

Question- Councillor Hudson

Can the Leader of the Council advised following the sudden announcement yesterday on what supports will be given to the 180 employees at risk of redundancy at the Allied Bakeries site on Maes y Coed Road, Heath?

Reply – Leader

Please allow me to express my sincere sympathies with what the workforce at that plant are going through as well as expressing my concern and frustration about the lack of engagement from the management with the Council and the workforce in the lead up to that announcement.

I can update the Council that officers, I understand, are now in communication with the site to in the first instance establish a point of contact to work out how the Council can engage constructively in particular identifying the skill base of the workers involved so that we can use our links and our network to potentially link them up were this redundancy to follow through to link them up with an alternative employment in the area particularly utilising the Council's Into Work Service. I can assure the Councillor that dialogue is now taking place.

Oral Questions Received Council Procedure Rule17 (d)

Question – Councillor Williams

Fly tipping in Pontprennau and Old St Mellons is a regular occurrence. A local resident has got in touch to ask if the Council can mandate waste collection companies to display their licence on their vehicles and promotional material. Does

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the Cabinet Member agree with me this is a valuable initiative that would reduce fly tipping occurrences across Cardiff and if so, will he commit to take the initiative forward?

Reply – Councillor Michael

I agree that this would be a valuable initiative for Wales. Unfortunately, the Council is unable to enforce such an initiative as waste carrier licenses are controlled and regulated through Natural Resources Wales and not by the Council. I will however pass on this suggestion through our joint working group with NRW.

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind everyone that when asking someone to get rid of your waste, you should always ask to see proof of their waste carrier license and, more importantly, evidence of the licensed facility that they will be taking the waste to.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Williams

I am encouraged that the Cabinet Member is going to write to NRW.

If at all possible, could we see the Council's social media just promoting the fact that when residents do phone people up to collect their waste to always ask for that waste disposal licence because ultimately the resident is responsible for that waste and if it is fly tipped and residents are getting fined rightfully so because they're not asking those questions so is that a possibility?

Reply – Councillor Michael

Yes it is. We do have regular meetings and we have a joint working group - so better than write we will actually discuss it then.

I agree with you try to remind residents that if you have got any waste to take away the Council has the facility to take it for you, use us all means and if you don't use us and you use an outside contractor always check the licences and I agree I will pick it up with staff and get them to put it on our sites.

Question Councillor Kelloway

What assessment does the Cabinet Member make of the contribution of Cardiff's parks to the image of the City?

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

My view is that the contribution made is significant. Our parks play a huge role in ensuring quality of life in Cardiff.

Our parks are used by residents of, and the many visitors to, our city, and their experiences inform positive feedback, opinion and our image. They are physical, visible and, in some instances, iconic assets that shape the character of our city and

are recognisable both nationally and internationally - as demonstrated by the fantastic footage we have had during the ICC World Cup by the overhead shots.

Our parks are accessible to all, providing a platform for a variety of uses and supporting important social and economic agendas that reflect positively on the image of Cardiff.

I also recognise that our 21st Century parks will play a vital role in helping to mitigate the impact of our changing climate; improving air quality, sustaining biodiversity, addressing flood resilience and providing shade and shelter. The city's image will be further influenced by the actions taken by the Council to achieve these goals.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Kelloway

Roath Park Lake is celebrating 125 years open to the public today and as one of Cardiff's most popular landmarks it looks in a dire state. The park and lake is overgrown with weeds, overhanging branches, broken footpaths make it difficult to walk around, and the Scott memorial is in desperate need of maintaining and painting. Will the Cabinet Member commit to providing extra funding to restore the park to its former glory?

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

I do not accept the negative premise you make it about Roath Park at all, but I will be happy to meet on specific issues around maintenance of the park, which I have been in the past. I have met Councillor Molik in the past and Councillor Congreve and am happy to extend any invitation about Roath Park to yourself so to that we can discuss these issues and see what we can do to resolve them.

Question – Councillor Wood

What due diligence does the council carry out to ensure recycling collected from Cardiff residents is not shipped to sham companies in other countries who leave it to pollute waterways and/or be burned?

Reply – Councillor Michael

Through the procurement of our suppliers, we ask for copies of site licenses of where the material will be treated, and any further treatment or disposal facilities used, insurance details and quality standards, in advance of letting any contract agreement.

Every tonne of recycling and waste collected is tracked to its end destination through information provided by the re-processors. This information is submitted through a national database for verification by regulators as being accurate and robust.

In Wales, this is evidenced through weighbridge data and site returns, which are all audited and validated by Natural Resources Wales for accuracy.

For material sent outside the UK, waste transfer shipment legislation requires all waste movements to be tracked through formal legal documents, stating the material type, where it went and the licenses for those facilities. These documents are also audited and validated by Natural Resources Wales.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Wood

I was just wondering where you could provide a brief update on what the Council is doing to find ways to process this waste closer to home - in Wales are within the EU so it does not have to get exported overseas?

Reply - Councillor Michael

I think it is important to understand that recycles is a worldwide export movement so that we can do at home term we try to do at home.

We work with Welsh Government on a regular basis to see if we can find markets, we are looking at the moment for at markets for personal products. We are looking, in first instance, always at home, we work with processors and re-processors who actually sell wholesale to where the market is, it is primarily a market driven process so as much as I would like to find it at home we have a duty to reprocess this at market rates and that's exactly what we do.

Question – Councillor Keith Parry

While we would like to thank the Cabinet Member and Council Staff for their help and assistance in the staging of the National St David's Day Parade this year, we note that Cardiff is the only county council in Wales not to give financial support to the St David's Day march in its county, yet Culture and Leisure had underspent monies this year. Will the Cabinet Member ensure the St David's Day march is supported financially in 2020 so it can grow into as much of an attraction as the St Patrick's Day Parade in New York?

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

The Council is always pleased to celebrate St. David's Day and our focus has been on organising the annual Lord Mayor's National St David's Day Civic Service.

In terms of the St. David's Day Parade, the Council has invested a significant amount of officer resource and funding into the event in an attempt to encourage partnership funding and support.

Officers invited the parade organisers to meet with them on 20th March to discuss their aspirations and asked that they come back to us with any ideas or suggestions so that we could consider how either we, or partners, may be able to assist.

I am sure he understands that I am not able or prepared to give any commitments about funding in advance of the Cabinet's budget proposals for 2020/21 being finalised in February next year but my offer to meet with the Member and his colleagues still stands and any of the parade organisers.

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Question - Councillor Dilwar Ali

Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the progress of the Bus Station?

Reply – Councillor Wild

Thank you for your question Councillor Ali about the progress of the bus station as you know the responsibility for the transport exchange is a matter for Transport for Wales. They are building one of the biggest buildings in Wales, we are expecting an announcement in the beginning of July but our understanding is the transport interchange is on course to be in place by 2021.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Dilwar Ali

The Next Bike - do you have any plans to include a Nextbike station nearby the new bus station?

Reply – Councillor Wild

Absolutely and as part of the transport interchange the developers will be putting in place two Nextbike stations which are additional to the ones the Council is putting in itself.

Question - Councillor Owen

What plans do the Council have to increase the provision of bus shelters in Cardiff?

Reply – Councillor Wild

The Council is currently developing a number of improvements to facilitate bus movements, bus services across the city. We will consider opportunities for new bus shelter provision as part of these proposals.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Owen

I am very pleased to hear that. Thank you for your positive response.

This is an issue that really does crop up quite a lot, especially in the suburbs; although shelters do exist in the centre of town, people actually need them to actually join the bus in the first instance so I am very pleased to hear your positive response. I know you have recently visited us in Rhiwbina to discuss similar issues and so can I just ask you to give a priority perhaps to those rural areas, more rural areas that do have an older population that actually would find bus shelters help them to help the Council to achieve the 50:50 modal split.

Reply – Councillor Wild

Thank you for the invite, I enjoyed the trip to the area to look at the provision. In terms of that, the bus shelters are also responsibility of us all in terms of looking out

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for Section 106 payments, which is how a lot of them are funded in Cardiff. There is a new ideas list the Members will be asked to, I think it has just been announced today, so there is a good opportunity to find additional funding. They are not cheap to put in, but I agree we need to get them out there so people areas of people feel welcoming going along and safe and dry to get on the bus.

I will just remind Members as well – Bus Week is coming up – 1st – 7th July. It would be great to see as many Members as possible involved in that campaign.

Question – Councillor Howells

How many Nextbikes have been vandalised or stolen this year and how is this affecting the availability of bikes throughout our city?

Reply – Councillor Wild

Thank you for your question about Nextbikes and concerns about vandalism. Absolutely it is a concern for us at the moment. There has been a bit of a spike in the number vandalised also a number off the road because of they are being used so much. I am estimating at the moment that fleet is down from about 550 to somewhere I between 350 and 400. It is hard to say exactly how many of those are vandalised because it is hard to know whether it is deliberate or not. It is also hard to know if things have been stolen or if they are just being left in the wrong place. We are working really closely with the police, we are in daily contact with them to see if we can change some of the reporting systems and Nextbike themselves to make a few changes to the technology some of the booking process is to see if they can nip this in the bud, but it is a concern for us.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Howells

It is disappointing and surprising that the figure is so high but then I suppose you only have to take a quick look at Twitter to see the amount of people who are reporting vandalised and abandoned bikes, on an almost daily basis, so that probably squares with that. I am sure this does have an impact on the number of empty stations that we have throughout the city. Therefore, can I ask that when an action plan is drawn up, when you meet with Nextbike and draw up an action plan that you report to Council because it is important that these issues are addressed before the goodwill that the scheme currently enjoys slips away?

Reply – Councillor Wild

It is really important to hear that people are reporting it, it's really important that they do and if they see that something looks stolen please report it to the police if it's just a misuse of the system report it to Nextbike. There is an action plan in place, I'm happy to share that, I can do that over the next week or so, so people can see what's being done about it.

Question – Councillor Keith Parry

What plans does the member have to restore night-time buses on main bus corridors in the city? These services are of great use to shift workers and persons attending entertainment venues late night. They are also important in providing safe transport for people who cannot or do not want to use taxis.

Reply – Councillor Wild

Provision of the services would be a commercial decision for the operator. We do want to see a more comprehensive bus service, we were pleased the Welsh Government recently brought forward a White paper - we've put our contribution into that to see how we can get a bit more control of the regulation of bus services so we can do more to increase services.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Parry

It seems to be a pity that the night-time bus services were withdrawn. A city as small as Swansea, which maybe a rival this year, seems to manage to run bus services at night, as does Reading and other cities so it should not be beyond the wit of man to run them in this City.

Reply - Councillor Wild

I do not think there is a question there. However, it is a commercial decision for operators. We are trying to get some of the regulations changed so we can have a bit more control over this. The White paper coming forward shortly will consider ways of getting more investment and a bit more of a focus on bus services in an around the City Centre and public transport in particular..

Question - Councillor Owen Jones

What measures are Cardiff Parks taking to tackle social isolation in the city?

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

The very nature of our parks enables us to address social inclusion positively.

Our parks are accessible to the whole community and provide a common meeting place for people of all ages. Facilities within parks, such as children's playgrounds and refreshment kiosks, also provide places for people to meet others.

Our Parks events programme provides year-round opportunities for participation in walks and other activities with other people.

Our network of constituted Parks Friends Groups also organise workdays and social activities for their members, bringing people from different backgrounds together.

In addition, our allotment community is a supportive environment and many individuals experiencing loneliness or social isolation find allotment gardening both therapeutic and a source of friendship and support.

Sport in our parks brings individuals together in team games representing communities.

As part of its People Programme, the Council's Parks Service also works with partner organisations to provide work experience opportunities for individuals suffering from social inclusion

Supplementary Question - Councillor Owen Jones

As some of you may have noticed in person or on social media little signs like this appearing on benches across our city parks dubbing them the 'happy to chat' bench. After seeing these on Twitter, I was very pleasantly surprised to discover that it was my mum, Alison Jones, who has been putting them up; she did this after she noticed an elderly gentleman sitting alone in Roath Rec for 40 minutes as she walked her dog. She considered going up to chat him but traditional British reservedness kicked in and she thought he just might not want the company.

The idea behind this sign is to give people the option to sit on a 'happy to chat' bench so as to welcome strangers to come up and talk. There has been much love for this on Twitter and Facebook and strangers even commented when my mum was putting one up in Bute Park that they were delighted to finally have one. Sadly, most of the signs have now been taken down. This is really a lovely idea and a little gesture can do a lot to tackle social isolation - can we please look at installing permanent signs across our parks and show that Cardiff and Cardiffians are a 'happy to chat' City.

Reply - Councillor Bradbury

Absolutely, I am happy to meet with you to discuss how to progress the scheme further and it's always good for a son to please his mother and for you to creatively do this on a city wide webcast is both creative and imaginative all at the same time but it's for a decent cause and you could tell Alison from me that I'll be looking into it for her.

Question - Councillor Hudson

With car parking spaces lost in the city centre, will this Council put the disabled at the forefront of its agenda and make areas, especially in the city centre accessible to all as a priority instead of adding it as a token addendum?

Reply - Councillor Wild

You asked the question about making sure disabled parking was a priority for us and you added that you felt that the Council treated this as a token addendum, which we just do not - that is not our values and not the values of the Council. I think our policies state that.

I can confirm that the Council has no intention of reducing the overall quantum of disabled car parking spaces in the city centre and I do not know where you got that idea.

Supplementary - Councillor Hudson

The disabled spaces have less so there is a lack of disabled spaces in town, but the one thing I wanted to ask was is there is great difficulty for some in accessing the inner city centre venues such as St David's Hall. How can we ensure better access for the disabled when buses and taxis cannot get near enough?

Reply - Councillor Wild

I think that would require a fuller answer than the minute I have. I think we may be would also need to speak to people in terms of accessibility to certain buildings which I'm happy to get back to you on

Question - Councillor Molik

Does the blue badge scheme consider mental health or hidden disability to allow people with serious anxiety, autism or dementia to park closer to their destination?

Reply - Councillor Wild

I think it is a good question and I know this has been in the press recently and I know you have contacted me about some cases on this.

As you know, the Council administers the blue badge schemes on behalf of Welsh Government and in undertaking this function will apply the Welsh Government eligibility criteria and the criteria does not explicitly reference serious anxiety, autism or dementia but in the case of people who do have a cognitive impairment that makes them unable to plan and follow the route of a familiar journey are eligible, provided they submit supporting evidence, as stipulated in the guidance. I have been reading interesting articles recently, which clearly have merit, and I am sure the Welsh Government will be considering the suggestion and some of the suggestions being put forward.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Molik

It is concerning that whilst England is moving ahead on this matter and recognising hidden disability, within the blue badge agenda, we are moving backwards. The particular resident, which I have passed the details to you about, has submitted medical letter suggesting, her doctor has said she's got severe obsessive compulsive disorder and phobias and goes on to say that she did previously have a blue badge and this year when she went for renewal she was refused for that. When I questioned this they said, they do not take medical notifications any more on board so why are we walking backward when the world around us is walking forward in recognising hidden disability.

Reply - Councillor Wild

I do not want to discuss individual cases with you, and I will just repeat this is Welsh Government policy. I do think there is merit in looking at this. I think a number of cities and other countries are getting to grips with how this might need to change a little bit, and as I said I think it is a good question, a good challenge for us and I am happy to raise those conversations as I'm sure you will be with Welsh Government in terms of that policy.

Question - Councillor Henshaw

Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the progress of alley gating, particularly in reference to Splott Ward?

Reply - Councillor Thorne

I confirm that 28 schemes are being considered as part of the current 2-year Alley-gating programme from 2019 to 2021. This includes a scheme for one lane in Splott located between Air Street and Coveny Street for which a consultation with residents and adjoining properties is currently ongoing and will end on the 28th June.

If the proposed scheme is well supported it will then progress the legal stages of gating, in accordance with the alley gating process. Representations made during the legal stages will be considered. Subject to outcome of the legal stages, it is anticipated that the legal order for gating will be made towards the end of the year, which will enable the gates to be installed at that time. Officers will continue to update ward members of the progress of the scheme.

Supplementary Question- Councillor Henshaw

Splott Councillors are pleased to hear that good news for residents and no, I do not have a supplementary question.

Question - Councillor Parkhill

What was the cost to the Council of providing the green, plastic recycling bags in the financial year 2017-2018?

Reply - Councillor Michael

Councillor Parkhill thank you for your question in 2017/18 the Council purchased 672,832 pounds worth of green recycling bags.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Parkhill

Thank you very much for your answer and since we put a motion forward last year to become a plastic free city it is quite shocking really how much is spent on these plastic bags as a proportion of spend for the Council. Can you update me on what

actions you have taken since that motion in order to address becoming a plastic free city specifically with green plastic bags?

Reply - Councillor Michael

Officers are now working on the Plastic Free document to come back to the Council for us to discuss. There is a slight misnomer about the words 'plastic free' I do not personally believe you ever going to get a plastic free city, you can reduce plastic but you are not going to get rid of it permanently. In this case, we have taken a decision as a Council to give away plastic bags to residents because there is a direct correlation between the amount of bags used and a cost to us and the rise in recycling and part of your answer is what I told Councillor Wood earlier on recyclates are a worldwide issue. Where we can recycle and we do because its higher up in the recovery hierarchy, the markets, at this time, have dropped in fact are non-existent for this kind of plastics we use for recovery. They can change and if they we are ready to do that but again officers are working on a strategy to take as much first use, single use plastics out as possible but that is impossible for everything.

Question - Councillor Naughton

In the recent flooding which affected parts of Pentwyn, how many properties were affected and what is the council response in supporting those affected?

Reply - Councillor Michael

Storm Miguel hit Cardiff on the 7th June 2019, which caused flooding across the east of the city, the flash flooding experienced, was attributed predominantly to the intensity and the volume of the rainfall event, which exceeded capacity within the sewers rather than the drains being blocked. Our ongoing investigations to date have identified 27 properties nearest to the city that are reported experiencing internal flooding and 6 properties that reported having their gardens flooded.

The responsibility for contents replacement rests with the occupants and the Council has directed residents to their insurance company who are the best place to provide the process of recovery. For those residents without insurance the Council has directed them to the Welsh Government's Discretionary Systems Fund. We have also attempted to provide practical advice where possible and referred residents the National Flood Forum which offers support and advice to residents impacted by flooding.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Naughton

Can you also update myself and ward members on any actions the Council is going to undertake to make sure floods of this scale do not happen again in Pentwyn?

Reply - Councillor Michael

I am not sure what the Council can do to stop flash floods. What we can do is keep the drainage as free as possible and hopefully work with partners, such as Welsh Water, so if this event happens again we clear the way to make sure we can

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dissipate the water as quick as possible. However, I am not sure there is a lot that the Council can do about incidences like this.

Question - Councillor Gordon

How is the Council encouraging bio-diversity in our parks and verges in relation to grass cutting and weed control?

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

Thank you for your question Councillor Gordon.

By way of an example, many Members will recall the Pollinator Project that was implemented in the spring of 2015 by my colleague, Councillor Derbyshire. This saw the careful selection of grassland sites, taking into account individual characteristics, purpose and use, and resulted in the conversion from cyclical mowing to a 1 cut per year regime of an area equivalent to an estimated 40 senior football pitches. This has helped to create interesting habitats that are rich in wildlife.

In terms of grass cutting, the Council has, over time, adopted alternative grassland management regimes aimed at enhancing biodiversity.

With regard to weed control, the Council implements cultural methods and only applies herbicides where there is no economic alternative.

Where pesticides are used, only those approved by the Health & Safety Executive for use in the public realm are applied. The herbicides also carry a no hazard warning label and are not harmful to people or wildlife.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Gordon

Chemistry is not my strong point but could you possibly make enquiries about Glyco-sulphate because this is the chemical weed killer that residents are particularly concerned about, the use of on our verges and on the pavements, thank you.

Reply - Councillor Bradbury

I have already started making those enquiries before today's meeting based on correspondence that we have had from residents across Cardiff concerned with the use of that very substance. We will therefore we will therefore review that in line with EU legislation and guidance.

Question – Councillor Robson

Does the Welsh Government's decision to cancel the M4 relief road threaten the possibility of other key roads being built in Cardiff?

Reply – Leader

Thank you Councillor Robson we have already discussed this in Council statements - the desire that I now have the money previously allocated for the M4 is invested into transport solutions both roads and public transport in Newport and Cardiff and the wider region. Interesting, I was reading the history of the Cardiff's peripheral distribution roads recently, and it turns out that the decision was taken I think, in the early 80's, to build the less economically viable section first, that is the western section. By the time they got to building the eastern section, which includes the part running through my own ward the money had run out, and indeed I think it is only a single mile of road has been built in Cardiff in the last 20 years. Therefore, there is a clear case for investment in road infrastructure as well as public transport infrastructure and as I said that was the clear link we made in this administration's support for the M4 that it had to be coupled with wider investment.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Robson

I am pleased to hear your answer in terms of the support ongoing support for M4 relief road and obviously, it has not happened.

My slight concern is that the environmental aspects that led to the determination of that could scupper the continuation of the Eastern Bay Link, and bearing in mind some of the grand projects that this Council has and ambition – I am thinking of particularly the arena, not far from County Hall, on that site one of the key linchpins. I believe getting people in and out of that would be a completed Eastern Bay Link road. So not to get that distributor completed could jeopardise what would be a fantastic economic benefit to the city if it were to prevent the construction of the indoor arena at that location.

Reply - Councillor Thomas

I am conscious, as I think we should all be, about the fact that we have declared a climate emergency and Welsh Government has also declared a climate emergency and so we need to act consistent with that so I think where we do favour road-building schemes I think that has to be a strong case for that.

The example that you were discussing particularly on Eastern Bay Link in support of further economic development in the bay I think is exactly an example of somewhere that would fit that case. However, let me be clear also that our thinking around the transport interventions required in this city, which we will be bringing forward further plans through the Transport White paper, now stretches to a billion pounds worth of investment primarily I have to say in public transport interventions. However, I am also not averse to the need for specific road interventions as well.

Question - Councillor Berman

There are increasing signs of neglect in Roath Park and Roath Park Rec. Many paths are becoming waterlogged in heavy rain, particularly those without tarmac surfacing running along either side of the Rec. There are also places where repairs are needed

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that have been taped off for some time, nettles and other shrubbery are overgrowing pathways in some areas, and the lake is beginning to silt up again at the top end. Will the council take action to restore the park back to the level of quality that residents expect?

Reply - Councillor Bradbury

I am pleased to say that Roath Park has held Green Flag status for 16 years. This is an award, which recognises the quality of the park following a thorough and independent assessment against a wide range of criteria.

In terms of reviews by park users, Roath Park also currently scores 4.7 out of 5 on Google and 4.5 out of 5 on TripAdvisor, of which two-thirds of the reviews rate it as 'Excellent'.

So, Councillor Berman, I really do not accept the premise of your question.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Berman

As somebody who regularly jogs around it these days, I think I probably am in a position to pass judgment and I can assure you it is getting in an increasingly neglected state.

But I wanted to pick up particularly on the issue of the lake that is silting up at the top end now because there was a major operation I think back in the mid 2000's to dredge the lake and following that when I was Council Leader an annual sum was built into the budget to make sure that regular maintenance would be carried out to avoid that situation coming again.

So it is very disappointing to see that we are now getting the lake silted up so it is that budget still there and what is the Council going to now do to address the silting up?

Reply - Councillor Bradbury

Sadly, that budget is not still there because it was cut by the previous Liberal Democrat Council. I cannot help but be unbelievably baffled by the Liberal Democrats and Tories today when it comes to Cyncoed's crown jewel and the negative stuff they are saying about it, most people in Cardiff think Roath Park is fantastic. What we need in Cyncoed is optimism and hope and the only way we're going to get that, I think, is in this by-election is the election of Madhu Khanna-Davies who obviously does think Roath Park is a jewel in the crown of Cyncoed.

I am happy to meet on individual issues around Roath Park. It is interesting to say that Natural Resources Wales, as I said in an answer to a written question to your colleague sat next to you, have not said that the water levels are unsafe and have not said that there was any problems with the lake, now they are the experts on this, I take their views much more on board than I do the former Leader of the Lib Dem Council who has just asked me a question on the thing that he cut.

Question - Councillor McGarry

How is the Council deterring people from littering?

Reply - Councillor Michael

The Council has a range of controls and sanctions to help deter littering in Cardiff, which focus on education, and enforcement these include provision of litterbins in public areas working in partnership with businesses and event organisers and the enforcement of littering and fly tipping through the issuing of fixed penalties and potential prosecution.

The Council always works to engage with and educate citizens to promote the detrimental impact of littering on the local environment a good example of this is a partnership work we do with Keep Wales Tidy, Cardiff Rivers Group and keep tidy groups across the city.

Supplementary Question- Councillor McGarry

The key is in enforcement I think but the volunteers Keep Wales Tidy, Keep Roath Tidy they pick up. On a Saturday and by Sunday morning when I cycle down to church, there is litter everywhere again, so I think maybe would you consider having enforcement officers going to these shopping places on a regular basis at weekends and issuing on-the-spot fines so the word goes around that you are going to be fined if you dropped litter because people just ignore it and it's just dropping it all the time.

Reply - Councillor Michael

We are about, in the next few months, to start a seriously large campaign in recycling, enforcement and that will be at the forefront - fining people for not actually doing, what they are supposed to do, and littering and not recycling in a proper way will be at the forefront of that campaign.

Question - Councillor Cowan

Will the Cabinet Member advise if grass-cutting rotas are being followed?

Reply - Councillor Bradbury

We prioritise grass cutting in order to facilitate biodiversity. Furthermore, grass cutting rotas and specifically the frequency of cutting cannot be set precisely from the outset of the growing season. Although the targeted frequency of mowing is consistent, regardless of which ward, there are a range of factors that influence the actual timing and delivery of operations that in turn will result in a variation from season to season.

Owing to operational issues are a number of rounds that are behind schedule and measures are being taken to address this, including in your ward.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Cowan

I know my fellow Ward Councillors and myself have had numerous complaints from residents regarding the lack of grass cutting and how long they have had to wait - they have contacted the Council and do not always get a response. I have to say there are so many people using the term operational issues, when we ask about waste management, operational issues and when you have said operational issues you don't share the detail with us whether or not it is staff sickness or whether its machinery not working and I think it would help us to articulate to our residents what is going on if we actually knew what the position was.

So bearing that in mind can you give us a bit more details and going forward are we going to see an improvement particularly now over the summer months.

Reply - Councillor Bradbury

I have some details for you - a lot of it is down to ground or weather conditions; break down of machinery; downtime; and availability of staff resources. But if you want to sit with me to discuss this properly with officers present I would be very happy to sit down with yourself, and your Ward colleagues to discuss any myriad of issues you have got around this so that you are fully armed to update your residents, because I have to be honest, before I saw this question today, evidence from social media stuff, I haven't heard the detail of what was going on in Rhiwbina on this issue and I'm very happy to learn about that and see what I can do to help you and your ward colleagues.

Question - Councillor Boyle

The Council has stopped placing memorial plaques by trees in the parks that run from Waterloo Gardens to Roath Pleasure Gardens. Doesn't that seem to be a bit of a pity?

Reply - Councillor Bradbury

The provision of new trees planted through the Council's memorial tree scheme at locations subject to the Natural Resources Wales road flood scheme, which are either inaccessible or where further works are planned, have been suspended until a scheme has been completed.

However, the Council is accepting requests for memorial trees in the areas affected by the scheme prior to its completion as well as in those areas unaffected by the scheme so we will take them and although we are not doing it at the minute we are willing to look at it in the future.

Our Parks memorials schemes or which also includes park benches are continuously under review in order to reflect customer needs, however we are also currently reviewing the provision of plaques as part of the Memorial tree scheme, I have asked for this to be looked into fully to try and see what we can do on that.

Question - Councillor Wong

Now that pupils in Cardiff have just completed their GCSE's, can the Cabinet Member comment on level 2+ achievements in Cardiff over the last 5 years?

Reply - Councillor Merry

GCSE results for the 2018/19 academic year are not released until August.

However, in the 2017/18 academic year, 60.4% of Year 11 learners achieved the level 2+ threshold, which was a 1.9 percentage point increase compared to 2016/17 which compared to 55.1% across Wales and meant that Cardiff was ranked third in Wales in terms of performance.

Due to changes in the assessment framework, results are not directly comparable prior to 2016/17. However, in 2013/14, it is worth noting that 54% of pupils achieved the level 2+ threshold and Cardiff was ranked 13th in Wales. We have therefore gone up 10 places in the Welsh rankings in just four years.

Supplementary Question- Councillor Wong

Can I congratulate the Cabinet Member and her Officers and all the schools involved in the excellent progress shown in meeting the goals of Cardiff 2020? Cardiff is already one of the UK's most highly skilled cities with a high number of graduates per head of population and high levels of residents for a good number of Key Stage 4 qualifications, so how important will Cardiff 2030 educational vision be in continuing to meet the educational needs of our city and our communities.

Reply - Councillor Merry

I want us to make sure that we offer the very best for every child in Cardiff that is through academic subjects or vocational subjects. We have huge challenges and we know them in terms of equality within the City but it is a case of both social justice but also pure economic common sense that we have to actually go further and try harder.

One of the frightening facts is the thought that a child born this year apparently could potentially live until the 22nd century and we have to be prepared to prepare them for the world that they will find themselves in and jobs that we cannot even imagine at the moment.

Question Councillor Hudson

How much has been spent on recruitment and specialist advice in the past from May 2017 to date and, whilst we have recruited Assistant Directors to provide advice and assistance to the various portfolios, what has been the effect in financial terms?

Has it been more or less of the total cost of replacing outside experts with Assistant Directors in comparison to other years before the implementation of those posts?

Reply – Councillor Weaver

The question was a little unclear on the specific information you wanted, but what I am very happy to do is to meet with you now and will discuss it and I can send this information in writing because we'd very much like to get this specific information you want to use so if that's acceptable we can have a chat about that now.

35 : URGENT BUSINESS

No notification of urgent business had been received for this meeting.

36 : APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Council was requested to approve the recommendations of the Local Authority Governor Panel 10 June 2019

RESOLVED – That

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

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Appointment Approved
Lakeside Primary School	Cyncoed	25/02/2019	Tayyeba Roula
The Court School	Llanishen	17/04/2019	Emma Cousins
Thornhill Primary School	Llanishen	06/02/2019	Catarina Lampreia
Willowbrook Primary School	Trowbridge	30/01/2018	Bethan Wilson
Windsor Clive Primary School	Ely	09/03/2018	Susan Schelewa
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf	Llandaff North	15/01/2019	Sara Vaughan
Ysgol Gymraeg Melin Gruffydd	Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	17/02/2017	Dylan Owen
Ysgol Gymraeg Treganna	Treganna	04/03/2019	Tracey Jones

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

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Appointment Approved
Ffederasiwn y Ddraig (New Federation)	Llanrumney & Trowbridge	02/09/2019 02/09/2019 02/09/2019	Glyn Conolly Sian Edwards-Poole Michael Jones

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Appointment Approved
of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Eirwg & Ysgol Pen Y Pil)		02/09/2019	Rachel Robjohn
Bryn Hafod Primary School	Llanrumney	25/09/2019	Jonathan Jones
Cathays High School	Gabalfa	25/09/2019	Cllr Norma Mackie
Creigiau Primary School	Creigiau & St Fagans	25/09/2019	Amanda Bouadana
Fairwater Primary School	Fairwater	24/07/2019	Robert Larkins
Glyncoed Primary School	Pentwyn	24/07/2019	Ceri Veysey
Holy Family R.C Primary School	Fairwater	24/07/2019	Carol Cobert
Howardian Primary School	Penylan	25/09/2019 25/09/2019	Cllr Joe Boyle Cllr Sue Lent
Kitchener Primary School	Riverside	24/07/2019	Gareth Thomas
Lansdowne Primary School	Canton	24/07/2019	Sacha Davies
Llanedeyrn Primary School	Pentwyn	17/09/2019	Cllr Joe Carter
Llysfaen Primary School	Lisvane	25/09/2019	Caroline Du Cann
Millbank Primary School	Caerau	25/09/2019	Gillian James
Mount Stuart Primary School	Butetown	24/07/2019	Ruth Williams
Stacey Primary School x 2	Adamsdown	17/09/2019 23/09/2019	Cllr Nigel Howells
Tredegaville C.W Primary School	Adamsdown	24/07/2019	Natalie Kendrick-Doyle
Ysgol Y Wern	Llanishen	24/07/2019	Nicholas Brown

37 : APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

The Council was requested to approve nominations to vacancies in accordance with political group wishes and as reported on the amendment sheet for Council.

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RESOLVED – That the following appointments to Committee vacancies be approved in accordance with Party Group wishes:

Committee	Appointment
Licensing Committee	Councillor Ashgar Ali
Public Protection Committee	Councillor Ashgar Ali
Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Philippa Hill-John
* Children & Young People	Dan Naughton
* Community & Adult	Saeed Ebrahim

*To address political balance.

38 : APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

There was no notification from Party Group Whips of any appointments to vacancies.

39 : PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL, CABINET AND ORDINARY MEETINGS 2019 - 2020

The Council received the finalised programme of Full Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for the period June 2019 – August 2020 following any changes made or in consultation with the elected Chairs of Committees for the Municipal Year 2018-2019.

RESOLVED: The Council noted the finalised programme of Council, Cabinet and Committee meeting dates for June 2019 – August 2020 subject to the following amendments –

- the inclusion of Audit Committee on 12 November 2019; and
- removal of Economic Scrutiny Committee 5 March 2020 (duplicated meeting now 12 March 2020) .

40 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

(The meeting closed at 21.40pm)