

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 12 September 2019 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 6 September 2019.

Present: County Councillor De'Ath (Lord Mayor)

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

69 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bale, Burke-Davies and Phillips.

70 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received for this meeting.

71 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

72 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Public Question – *Yvonne Murphy*

I, along with other members of the arts and cultural sector and wider Cardiff population, are concerned about a potential lack of experience of any selected future private business sector company which may result in the decline of the quality of programming, breadth of offer to audiences and reputation of this prestigious Cardiff theatre.

I would therefore like to ask the Council to outline the process being used to select a new management provider for Cardiff's New Theatre. It is my understanding that in February 2017 Council agreed a 3 stage process to find a new management provider who would pay rent to the Council and that the first stage agreed by Council was to

set up a not for profit Independent Trust. It is also my understanding that this has not happened.

Can Council please confirm if this agreed three stage process is being adhered to, that an independent not for profit trust is being set up and that a rigorous and transparent selection process is taking place?

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

First of all, I want to reassure you that this administration remains committed to ensuring the continuation of a vibrant and successful New Theatre for the residents of Cardiff and visitors to the city.

On 15th November 2018, the Cabinet considered a report that sought to secure the future of Cardiff's heritage buildings, which included the New Theatre. Officers were authorised to explore the potential to lease the building to a theatre operator without subsidy and to return to a future meeting of the Cabinet for further consideration and a final decision on the outcome of that process.

That process is ongoing and the outcome is scheduled for consideration by the Council's Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee and by Cabinet in the near future.

Due to the commercial nature of this process, it would not be appropriate for me to pre-empt the outcome.

The previous Cabinet did agree, in February 2017, to explore the potential of a 'not for profit' vehicle, but I can confirm that there has never been any commitment given to setting up a not for profit independent trust or to following a 3-stage process.

A decision will only be made once we are satisfied that we have tested and secured the best solution for the future sustainability of this much valued cultural asset.

Supplementary Question – Yvonne Murphy

Thank you for your answer, it doesn't quite answer my question. I have asked if you can give assurances a three-stage process will be adhered to and given the time frame that we have I would like assurance that this decision is not going to be made before the end of 2019 and that the income from the Christmas pantomime which will be in the region of £350/400,000 can be used by the Council to offset the deficit of the current budget and not be given to a private organisation. Obviously the due process of a three-stage process can't be adhered to by the end of 2019, could you confirm that that won't be the case?

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

Unfortunately due to the commercial nature of the exercise cannot give full assurance of the one that you are seeking, however I can assure you that is not our intention to look to give money to a theatre operator, quite the opposite. It is about making sure that we have a sustained theatre, about wiping out any subsidy towards the Council whilst also looking to maintain the current theatre programme and as part

we never went through a 3 stage process, we had three stages in the February 2017 plan about looking at an enhanced in house option which we did do. We did that, the third option was to look at a not-for-profit option which we have deemed it would not would not eliminate the risk to the Council of the New Theatre. All of this is about us sustaining the quality of the New Theatre's offer and ensuring that the New Theatre remains open for many years to come. I'm quite happy to meet with you to discuss it further once we are in a position to open up, to elaborate on some of the discussions that we are having. I'm not in that position now but I am happy to discuss with you or any of the arts community what we're trying to do.

73 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were received:

Councillor	No. of signatures	Request
Councillor Driscoll	256	Calling on the Council to bring forwarded proposals for Gated Lanes at the rear of 1 – 137 (odds) Fairwater Grove West (adjacent to the railway); to include in the Future Programme of Works the gating of the lane between 2 -110 (evens) Fairwater Grove East and 1 – 105 (odds) Fairwater Grove East; and to include in the Future Programme of Works the gating of the lane between 40-132 (evens) Fairwater Grove East that backs onto 17-77 Bishops Walk, up to the rear of 9-11 & 10 Bishops Close (At a position to be agreed with the occupants of homes as frontage are in this late).
Councillor Kelloway	221	Calling on the Council to work with Cardiff Bus to provide a frequent bus service for Cyncoed which is fit for purpose and connects with local shopping centres, post offices, library and the University Hospital for Wales.
Councillor Walker	50	Calling on the Council not to cease their support of the 801 Bus Service which takes children to the Bishop of Llandaff Church in Wales High School.
Councillor Gibson	92	Petitioning the Council to place bollards on the corner of Hillsnook Road with Cowbridge Road West to prevent parking problems which in turn makes the corner dangerous.

74 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor congratulated the Leader and his wife Charlotte on behalf of the Council on the birth of their son Daniel Richard Thomas.

The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor Rhys Taylor and Guto on their marriage in Chepstow on the 20 July 2019.

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that a sponsor form was being circulated around the chamber for Councillor Stubbs who was running the Cardiff Half Marathon to raise money for the NSPCC.

75 : NOTICE OF VACANCY

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

RESOLVED – That the Council noted the vacancy for the Office of Councillor in the Electoral Division of Whitchurch & Tongwynlais and the arrangements for an election to fill the vacancy.

76 : AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

The Chair of the Audit Committee Mr Ian Arundale was pleased to present the Audit Committee Annual Report for 2018/19, 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 and views made by the Committee which included:

- Thanked officers and sent best wishes to Christine Salter, who had left the Council after many years of consistent and valued service.
- Areas of concern, were budget management, particularly in schools and social services.
- Financial resilience in general, continued to express concern about significant overspends and unrealised savings targets in the Social Services Directorate.
- School Governance and compliance was an area of concern, where the Audit Committee may have to escalate their involvement.
- Concerns could be seen in internal controls in general and there had been gaps in the areas of waste management and with schools but particularly Traded Services.
- The Audit Committee advised that management must maintain sound systems of internal control and identify weakness areas.
- Cyber security was another area where there was potential areas for development.
- The Audit Committee highlighted the coastal-erosion risk-management programme to mitigate the flood risk from the coastline along Rover Way.
- BREXIT was an area which the Audit Committee was interested in, even though the Committee didn't have a lead to oversee this, Policy Review &

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Performance Scrutiny Committee did, but because the Audit Committee had escalated the issue of BREXIT to a corporate risk, more information is being made available than previously.

- Key observations for 2018/19 was that the Audit Committee had achieved an overview of the Council's priorities, risks and controls through many items received through its work programme. It was the opinion of the Audit Committee on the evidence presented to it during the year in review that the Council does have for the most part sound internal controls and governance arrangements in place and there were development areas that have been identified.

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

- School governance and compliance, were the Council doing enough to support schools to carry out duties.
- Waste Management issues and what was being progressed where gaps had been recognised.
- Welcomed the self-evaluation and were all member attending the training and evaluating it.
- Skills amongst School Governors and the sharing of models and policies.

RESOLVED: Subject to an amendment to read " Audit Committee has raised concerns about governance and compliance matters in schools for some time, which are regularly responsible for a greater proportion of audit reports giving concern. This year whilst we have received assurances given through school governance themed audit work, we remain concerned certain schools have not achieved a satisfactory level of stewardship and internal control" That the Audit Committee Annual Report for 2018/19 be noted.

77 : COMPLIANCE REPORTS 2018/19 - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT.

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance, Councillor Weaver proposed the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Treasury Management Report, a statutory report and retrospective look at the financial year accounts for 2018/19.

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance thanked the Audit Committee and the Wales Audit Office for their work. There were two matters discussed and corresponded upon with management, firstly impact on the Pension Fund liability in respect to a legal judgement impacting on the National Local Government Pension Scheme after the accounts were prepared and also to seek updates on the continuing discussions with HMRC in relation to Landfill Tax.

The report required Council to approve:

- the audited Statement of Accounts 2018/19 – County Council of the City and County of Cardiff as well as Cardiff Harbour Authority.
- the Statement of Accounts 2018/19 – Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund
- the Annual governance Statement 2018/19
- to note the Audit reports of the Wales Audit Office on the Statement of Accounts of County Council of the City and County of Cardiff, Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund, Cardiff Harbour Authority and Cardiff Port Health Authority for the year ending 31 March 2019
- to note the final Letters of Representation for the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff, Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund and Harbour Authority
- to note that formal documents will be signed at the conclusion of the meeting.

The Leader formally seconded the report and its recommendations and thanked Councillor Weaver, Officers and Staff at the Wales Audit Office.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the item during which the following comments and observations were made.

Concerns with liability and the rise in debt whilst cash was diminishing.

Concerns around the figure of last year's debt alongside the concerns about the rise in this year's debt with the figure continuing to rise in Cardiff

The Cabinet Member responded to all matters raised and welcomed comments from members. Long term financial challenges with local government being underfunded required a change in direction. The Council borrowed to invest in assets such as school and roads. The Council balanced its budget every year and was very mindful of what was borrowed in order to invest in the provisions required by the people of Cardiff.

RESOLVED: Subject to an amendment which read:

“Audit Committee has raised concerns about governance and compliance matters in schools for some time, which are regularly responsible for a greater proportion of audit reports giving concern. This year whilst we have received assurances given through school governance themed audit work, we remain concerned certain schools have not achieved a satisfactory level of stewardship and internal control”

- That the audited Statement of Accounts 2018/19 – County Council of the City and County of Cardiff as well as Cardiff Harbour Authority were approved.
- The Statement of Accounts 2018/19 – Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund were approved.
- The Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 were approved

- The Audit reports of the Wales Audit Office on the Statement of Accounts of County Council of the City and County of Cardiff, Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund, Cardiff Harbour Authority and Cardiff Port Health Authority for the year ending 31 March 2019 be noted.
- The final Letters of Representation for the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff, Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund and Cardiff Harbour Authority be noted.
- Note that the following documents would be formally signed at the conclusion of the meeting:
 - Statement of Accounts for County Council of the City and County of Cardiff – Lord Mayor and Corporate Director Resources
 - Statement of Accounts for Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund – Lord Mayor and Corporate Director Resources
 - Statement of Accounts for Cardiff Harbour Authority – Corporate Director Resources
 - Annual Return of Cardiff Port Health Authority – Lord Mayor and Corporate Director Resources
 - Annual Governance Statement – Leader of the Council and Chief Executive
 - Audit Certificate for the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff, Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund and Cardiff Harbour Authority – Appointed Auditor, Wales Audit Office. To be signed at a later date
 - Letters of Representation for the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff – Corporate Director Resources and Lord Mayor
 - Letter of Representation for Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund – Corporate Director Resources and Lord Mayor
 - Letters of Representation for Cardiff Harbour Authority – Corporate Director Resources and Lord Mayor.
 - Note the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2018/19 (Appendix 9).

78 : LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER STATEMENTS

1. [Leader's Statement](#)

The Leader responded to questions raised on Brexit update and the EU Settlement Scheme. The Leader advised that he had given a commitment to
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attend Audit Committee and was happy to attend a future meeting. The EU Settlement Scheme and the number of Cardiff residents effected.

2. [Cabinet Member for Social care, Health & Well-Being Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on the +50 Active Body and Mind Festival and explained that a similar festival had taken place in St Mellons and all wards were being explored for possible venues. It was essential to support voluntary community organisations and more detail would be provided.

3. [Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on Clean Air Plans, Welsh Governments main response was positive, the plan was accepted, but further information was required. Green Infrastructure, a new duty was being placed on local authorities and a report was being brought back to next Cabinet meeting. Public transport proposals were included in the LDP sites with infrastructure being developed. Peddle power were on board and repairing Nextbikes and a change to technology of the bikes was being proposed. Green roof bus shelters were being considered and 14 bus stops at the new bus station was sufficient.

4. [Cabinet Member for Investment & Development Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on Major Projects in the city including the Indoor Arena meeting the December deadline and the benefits of the arena, along with the Metro Transport project. Callaghan Square would possibly be considered in November. There was currently no data on jobs growth but the information would be provided.

5. [Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on Parc Cefn Onn. The Council had passed a public space protection order and would monitor the park and its access. Was happy to meet with councillors about the algae in Roath Park Lake. Thanked all those involved with the Homeless World cup and how the tournament had raised awareness of global homelessness.

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

The Deputy Leader congratulated all pupils and staff across Cardiff for their exceptional exam results. The School Uniform scheme encouraged selling or donating uniforms and it was vital that this practice was shared. Libraries were also in a position to accept donations.

7. [Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on the Council's support for Pride Cymru. The Cardiff App and how information was being reported. The Council currently hosts WITS but further information was required on specific cases. The CRM system was part of the Digital Change programme going forward. Provision for HRWC across the city. Welsh Government Toolkit for the Blue Badge scheme. How the Council dealt with the Extinction Rebellion protest, in order to keep the city moving.

8. [Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on what was learned from a visit to Glasgow and Helsinki and was happy to provide briefing for all members. In relation to void properties, it was disappointing that an increase was reported and this was discussed at Scrutiny Committee.

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

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on accidents near Thornhill Cemetery and changes being proposed to make the road area safer. Fly tipping and the surveillance in place to support this. The Registration Trial in three Hub's, would be rolled out to other Hubs. Fly tipping was an issue across the whole of the city and action would be taken if caught.

10. [Cabinet Member for Children & Families Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions reporting to CPAC about the management restructure in Children Services including working alongside the trade unions. Area based locality working ensured social working staff were closer to partners. Attended Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee and reported on the restructure.

79 : NOTICE OF MOTION

The Lord Mayor advised that the notice of motion proposed by Councillor Joel Williams and seconded by Councillor Jayne Cowan had been received for consideration and was included on the Summons for the meeting. No amendments had been received.

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

Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Jayne Cowan.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion as proposed.

A recorded vote on this items was requested:

FOR:

COUNTY COUNCILLORS, AHMED, ASGAR ALI, DILWAR ALI, BERMAN, BOWDEN, BOWEN-THOMSON, BOYLE, BRADBURY, BRIDGEMAN, CATER, COWAN, CUNNAH, DERBYSHIRE, DRISCOLL, EBRAHIM, ELSMORE, FORD, GIBSON, GODDARD, GOODWAY, GORDON, HENSHAW, GAVIN HILL-JOHN, PIPPA HILL-JOHN, HINCHEY, HOWELLS, HOPKINS, HUDSON, JACOBSON, JENKINS, KEITH JONES, OWEN JONES, JONES-PRITCHARD, JOYCE, KELLOWAY, LANCASTER, LAY, LENT, LISTER, MACKIE, MCGARRY, MCKERLICH, MERRY, MICHAEL, MOLIK, MORGAN, NAUGHTON, OWEN, PARKHILL, JACKIE PARRY, KEITH PARRY, PATEL, REES, ROBSON, SANDREY, SATTAR, SIMMONS, SINGH, STUBBS, TAYLOR, GRAHAM THOMAS, HUW THOMAS, THORNE, WALKER, WEAVER, WILD, WILLIAMS, WONG AND WOOD.

The Motion was CARRIED unanimously.

80 : ORAL QUESTIONS

Question – *Councillor Hudson*

What progress has been made to date on the proposed new bus hub at UHW?

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

I would refer you to the answer provided to your Written Question on this same issue.

Supplementary Question – *Councillor Hudson*

Do you think that the Hub at the UHW will be operational before the City Centre bus station?

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

Given the timescales I wouldn't have thought that was likely, we are working with the UHW to try to get that done as soon as possible but its early stages. It has received planning permission but it's still very early stages and given the building timescales I wouldn't imagine it would be before the bus station.

Question – *Councillor Berman*

Can you outline what potential funding the council has identified or allocated to date towards its proposed new transport plan, including by providing details of any approaches has it made to date to Welsh Government for possible funding?

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

You asked me about funding for our transport vision, a White paper will be published shortly and will have more detail in there about the things that we will bring forward but obviously we're not waiting around as you will have seen in terms of funding that's been allocated and bid for by this Council. Recently we received 11 million from the LTF which is a record figure ever for this Council, including huge amounts for active travel which the Welsh government really backing our proposals there. We've

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also received funding towards a bus station of 15 million in terms of the deal that we've managed to do there and you will see that we have managed to put in an application for clean air fund which is very much to do with transport changes and 15 to 20 million so very much getting on with the job of change in this city.

Supplementary Question – *Councillor Berman*

Quickly totting up I think what you said you were talking about something like 40 to 45 million altogether but you've talked about or the administration has talked about this transport vision costing about a billion pounds and I have previously raised issues too, so can you reassure us you're not just putting forward a pipe-dream? When do you think you are going to be in a position to tell us that you think you could have the substantial sums that could deliver such a visionary plan to prove to us that this is something that could actually be delivered.

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

Absolutely, I recognise that and will bring that forward in the White paper very soon and it will outline some of the radical ideas we've got around the transport we are looking to bring. It isn't going to be easy and we know a billion pounds isn't just swirling round but we're going to bring forward those plans very shortly.

Question – *Councillor Ford*

How many houses will be demolished to re-open the former Llantrisant to Waterhall Junction railway?

What is the council doing to notify people affected?

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

Thank you Councillor Ford for your question in relation to new metro lines. Transport for Wales are examining a number of possibilities for new rail lines as part of the South Wales Metro including the lines of the north-west which we also desperately want to see. Any proposals that may emerge from them we would seek to fully engage the public.

Supplementary Question – *Councillor Ford*

With regard to your question have you got a timescale with regards the rail?

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

I don't have a direct timescale for that but the Well TAG Stage 1 process has started we're pleased to say with our colleagues in RCT and Transport for Wales which is the first thing that needs to happen and that's where you get all the different options appraised. The important thing is that piece of work has started the spending for that work has been put forward so we're on the tracks we don't know the exact timelines in such different bits of it but will try and map that out a bit clearer over the coming months.

Question – *Councillor Mackie*

Can you clarify when the bus station is likely to be completed?

Reply – Councillor Goodway

I can confirm that a contractual agreement to deliver the project was finally reached between Rightacres Property Company Ltd (the developer), Legal & General (the funder) and Welsh Government/Transport for Wales (the operator) in July.

Preparatory works have been ongoing for some week to allow Construction to commence on site next week, beginning with groundworks and sewer diversions. The main contractor will start on site on 2 December 2019.

The construction of the bus station component of the building will be completed by May 2022 with the whole development fully completed and ready for final handover by October 2022.

The bus station fit-out is expected to take approximately 6 months to complete. The Council has recently held discussions with Welsh Government and the developer to explore whether the fit-out of the bus station can begin immediately following completion of the bus station component of the development with a view to enabling the bus station to be operational concurrent with final handover of the whole building. However, I am advised that there are significant contractual issues to be resolved to enable fit-out to commence before practical completion but I am pleased to report all parties are working to try to make this happen.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Mackie

With these difficulties to be resolved when do you think these matters might be reasonably resolved?

Reply – Councillor Goodway

I think it is important that their resolved before the main contractor gets on site on the 2nd of December and it is my intention to work to that timetable.

Question – Councillor Owen

Following a spate of road accidents on Heol y Deri, Rhiwbina, in the early hours of 6th July there was another serious traffic accident. What measures have the Council put in place since this accident to help prevent another similar incident?

Reply – Councillor Wild

I was very sorry to hear about the incident on Heol y Deri. We've not yet received the formal report of the collision from the police which they do after any of these kind of collisions and really we need to wait see that before we know what, if any changes we would look to make there.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Owen

There is indeed a lot of concern in the area about the safety of that road, there have been a number of accidents over the years not just the one I mentioned on 6th July, I appreciate you haven't yet received the report. There is a faulty speed sign on Rhiwbina Hill which actually records only half the speed travelled which I know is due to be resolved in a few months' time but I did actually first raise that on 8th March so anything you can do to speed that up I would be very very grateful and I look forward to some action in the area thank you.

Reply – Councillor Wild

Thank you I'll certainly chase that up in terms of that faulty speed sign.

Question – Councillor Howells

What discussions does GLL carry out with Cardiff Council prior to implementing changes to its programmes in our leisure centres and how are these changes communicated to residents and ward members?

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

As you may be aware as Chair of the appropriate Scrutiny Committee, we do have robust monitoring and partnership development arrangements in place between the Council and GLL, with regular discussions taking place in relation to all aspects of the contract and service delivery.

The Council's Leisure Client Team meet with GLL representatives on a monthly basis in order to discuss and monitor the contract. Senior management meet quarterly to discuss progress on the Annual Service Plan and the Project Liaison Board also meets quarterly and is attended and Chaired by myself and the Cabinet Member for Finance, as well as senior managers from both parties.

The Council's Scrutiny function, which you play a leading role in, also has a role in reviewing the progress of the partnership. As part of changes made to facility programmes, GLL communicates changes to customers through a range of notices and posters within the facilities, as well as website notices, social media campaigns and directly through the membership.

This is within the contract and I would say that this is similar to the way we dealt with programming when the service was in-house.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Howells

You will be aware that GLL has introduced new pool programmes in our leisure centres which came into effect on the 2nd September and this has dramatically reduced the daytime swimming hours in particular at the swimming pool at the Star Hub. Many of the residents I have spoken to who regularly use the pool feel that this is short-sighted and does nothing to encourage local people to use the pool in order to improve their health and fitness. Can I ask whether you were aware of the details of these changes and is there any scope for asking GLL to review this decision to allow more daytime swimming?

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

GLL did come forward with an aquatics plan which is aimed to get more children swimming and having more swimming lessons and we were made aware of that. However, as I've said to you privately before and I said to your Ward colleague, Councillor Owen Jones, and other colleagues have raised it within the Star area, I am very happy to look at individual cases. The aquatic plan is not meant to close a pool off for six days if there's no one using it, it's quite the opposite it's meant to be encouraging more use of the pool and particularly younger use of the pool, so I'm happy to discuss those individual instances which I have been made aware of on social media and with yourself and other Councillors within the Star area.

Question – *Councillor Owen Jones*

Can you provide an update on the solar farm?

Reply – *Councillor Michael*

Design and build contracts for the Solar Farm have been signed and the contractor is in the process of addressing pre-commencement planning conditions.

Site mobilisation and early construction works will commence later this month, with the early work focusing on those parts of the site that are not constrained by measures in place to protect overwintering birds.

The Solar Farm is expected to start generating energy in the spring of next year. The scheme forms an important part of our response to climate emergency issues, alongside other major energy schemes including the proposed Heat Network and our Low Emission Transportation strategy.

Supplementary Question – *Councillor Owen Jones*

It's really heartening to hear that it's going to be up and running so soon. I would just try to encourage because renewable energy is going to be such an important aspect of our climate change emergency that we don't rest on our laurels as soon as this is set up and go right that's our bit, I would encourage us already looking at further plans and further plans of how we can keep going on this and keep the momentum going.

Reply – *Councillor Michael*

I agree wholeheartedly with you, can I just take the opportunity to thank the officers concerned, Gareth and his team, for the incredible amount of work they did to bring this to fruition in such a short time. We can now I think once it's actually gets itself embedded in and starts producing, we can start concentrating on the heat network which is another worthwhile scheme which will actually make a huge difference in the carbon emissions produced by this Council.

Question – *Councillor Robson*

In view of the recent incidents affecting two members of my group, can you ensure that every Cardiff Councillor is aware of the security measures which can be taken and offered any security equipment which the Council recommends?

Reply – *Councillor Huw Thomas*

We've touched on this during the debate on the motion clearly but I know that every Member in this Chamber will join me in condemning the recent incidents involving elected colleagues, not just in your party but across the political Chamber. All Councillors have been informed of a member's personal safety security guidance and have been offered the opportunity to discuss any personal safety concerns they may have with the Council's corporate security manager. I understand that to date eight councillors have requested and completed personal safety assessments to determine what proactive measures they could take to maintain their personal safety and to identify any additional support that was needed from the Council.

Councillors have also been advised that the corporate security manager is available to come and collectively brief political group meetings should they think that to be appropriate.

Supplementary Question – *Councillor Robson*

I'm sure we are going to have the corporate security manager to come to our group meeting and I am working to arrange that. I should also add the incidents referred to are not all religious someone, one group members had instances because he's Conservative, I'm sure other Councillors in different parties have been criticised, more than criticised, had things done unfortunately because of their political beliefs. So really I just wanted to reiterate that taking seriously is as you suggest which is excellent, thanks also to the teams, the security team and Democratic Services who are also taking this seriously. I want to obviously discuss with Group leaders ways forward so that we can try to address this and where we possibly can root it out but also then to ensure that the Council have those strong links with the police who in some cases it might have been excellent but I need to make sure that the police are working across Cardiff and not just dealing with the different incidents of individual Councillors in case there is a pattern across Cardiff so that pattern isn't missed so I welcome the support for that.

Question – *Councillor Sandrey*

What is the council doing to ensure buses can access the St Edeyrn's housing development?

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

Thank you for your question about St Edeyrn's and the development of the bus lanes. Like many of the strategic development sites public transport is going to be vital isn't it to making them sustainable, but we're really pleased especially with this development we're seeing first fully funded bus service funded by the developers themselves the X95 operating to St Edeyrn's but also as part of the scheme a bus lane has been provided on the approach to the main site access at the junction with Heol Pontprennau and this enables buses to bypass any queuing traffic on the approach to the junction from within the site.

Supplementary Question – *Councillor Sandrey*

My question wasn't actually in relation to the bus lanes it's to do with the issue with cars and contractor vehicles blocking access to the estate on a regular basis. I see messages from NAT and Cardiff Bus on social media saying they can't service the estate because they can't get in because of vehicles and that's a big issue in terms of encouraging these new residents to use buses.

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

Absolutely and with any kind of new development there's problems aren't there as you go along and contractors trying to work and all sorts. I think on this occasion the contractors need to improve where they are leaving some of the vehicles and I understand they've had that message and I'll make sure it continues to go on, please let me know if you think it continues to be a problem for that service.

Question – Councillor Gordon

How much support and advice can the planning officers give to Conservation Groups and residents living in the Conservation Areas of the city?

Reply – Councillor Wild

Thank you Councillor Gordon for your question to do Conservation areas and what support we can give to Conservation Area groups. Our excellent council officers provide advice on general Conservation Area matters and I know where contact has been made in the past and also recently there's a really excellent relationship of those officers between volunteers and staff. There is also a great deal of information on the website with links to leaflets, appraisals for each different conservation area describing the differences of those and the special settings and any framework to manage change effectively whilst preserving each area's character and appearance. Lots of information there and like say our officers really do a good job and they've got good relationships there.

Question – Councillor Williams

What is the Council doing to prevent damp and lack of insulation affecting residents' flats following the removal of the cladding at Lydstep flats?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

As Members will be aware, the cladding was removed from Council high-rise blocks in response to safety concerns following the Grenfell Tower tragedy. Options for re-cladding the buildings are currently being explored. We need to give careful consideration to any future cladding systems to ensure the safety of our tenants. We hope that work will start on site to replace the cladding in the summer of 2020.

I appreciate that some tenants have suffered with damp and mould since the cladding was removed. We are putting in place a number of measures to mitigate this issue over the coming winter. Our repairs service will attend properties to remove and treat any mould that does occur. We will also be piloting an internal insulation product to provide some short term protection against damp. Checks of the temporary repairs are being carried out, particularly around the windows, to ensure that these are effective.

Where the tenant has any underlying health condition that may be made worse by the conditions in the blocks, officers are offering to arrange for the tenant to move. Residents will also be given £200 in compensation to ensure that there are able to maintain regular heating within their flats over the winter period.

I appreciate the distress that this is causing to tenants and we will take forward a permanent cladding solution as soon as possible. I can inform you that the Ward Councillors and Tenants are being kept updated on progress and will be consulted before any new cladding system is agreed.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Williams

The comprehensive response is reassuring. It's so important that as a Ward Member for Pontprennau and Old St Mellons, I do not represent Llandaff North, but I am a Cardiff Councillor but the safety and security of citizens in our properties is a priority and that extends beyond Pontprennau and Old St Mellons. Can you continue to keep all Councillors updated because this is a concern for a number of families who may in

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fact actually live outside of Llandaff North perhaps in my ward of Pontprennau and Old St Mellons who do want to see some progress on this to reassure their friends and families living at the location thank you.

Reply – Councillor Thorne

I am quite happy to keep every Member informed if that's what Members truly wish and I completely agree with you about the safety of all of our tenants and in fact that is the point that these flats didn't contain the same cladding as Grenfell and we actually took the initiative to get it checked so yes we will keep you informed if that is what you wish.

Question – Councillor Sandrey

Is the council aware that the Cardiff Met Cyncoed campus is being used by some as an ad hoc park and ride facility for the Llandaff campus?

Reply – Councillor Wild

With reference to Cardiff Met Campus been used an ad-hoc Park and Ride at Llandaff campus it's not something we're completely fully aware of or that has caused us major problems and in honesty is really a matter for Cardiff University

Supplementary Question – Councillor Sandrey

I do appreciate I just wanted to raise it as an issue because it's something that's been circulated on Facebook people advising each other to park on the Cyncoed campus in order to get the bus to the Llandaff one and obviously that facility isn't designed to be a park and ride and there were concerns that there would then be too much demand for the car parking and that would spill into Cyncoed and Llanedeyrn and I just wanted to make you aware of them.

Question – Councillor Gordon

As you know, each Autumn for the last few years, residents in Riverside have cleared the autumn leaf fall from the roadsides and pavements in partnership with the street cleansing teams. It makes a huge difference to our area in terms of safety, avoiding trips and slips on leaves and appearance of the streets. Are the cleansing teams going to be able to help again with weekend collections as in the past few years?

Reply – Councillor Michael

Yes, 'The Big Sweep' will be happening where cleansing staff will support resident groups to remove leaf fall across the city. As the usual autumn rugby internationals are not taking place this year, except for the Barbarians game it means we will have more operatives that can actually work with groups. If any member is aware of any resident groups that and to get involved, contact The Love Where You Live Group, contact Officers or contact me and we will get them involved in doing what we always do with the help of the citizens of the City.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Gordon

I just want to just make a request that about 7 streets in Pontcanna and South Riverside are have had lots and lots of debris from trees through the summer and there's been a huge build-up. I did let clean streets know that we needed urgent action to clear the debris that's in the gutters at the moment but I'm afraid to say there's been no action and its unusual, you know usually we get a very good

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response. I let them know in the summer that in these streets lots of cars were away because people had gone away on holiday and there was space to come in and actually clear them but these 7 streets - do you think you could possibly before we start getting residents out using their energy and helping the Council to get the streets clean for their benefits of course as well, could we have a pre clean of these particular 7 streets?

Reply – Councillor Michael

If kindly sent me the names of the streets happy to get involved and see what we do.

Question – Councillor Boyle

In February, the cabinet member for education asked officers to contact Cardiff Bus regarding my “very sensible suggestion” that a bus service to Cardiff High should run up Cyncoed Road to cater for the large number of pupils who travel to the school from that side of Penylan. Unless, the cabinet member can tell me otherwise, those enquiries appear to have yielded little success thus far.

What steps will the administration now take to support our efforts to see such a service introduced, thereby encouraging active travel, taking cars off the road and reducing levels of congestion around Cardiff High at the start and end of the school day?

Reply – Councillor Merry

The provision of such a bus service would be a matter for Cardiff Bus, which – as you know – operates at arms-length from the Council. The Council cannot direct the bus company to provide particular services and it is for the bus company to determine whether or not this change would be commercially viable. I do however understand your concern, I’ve not had an update so far and I have asked for this to be chased as a matter of urgency.

We are of course currently developing a programme for engaging with existing schools to development their Active Travel Plans which will also look at walking cycling and scooting.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Boyle

So that first part is useful that Officers haven't yet had a reply but they will seek a reply. I appreciate the difficulty you have in relation with the bus company, the aim of the question really was just simply to identify whether there are any steps the Council can practically take or whether we are left to fight the case locally as best we can, which of course will continue to do but understanding if there is help the Council can provide, would be helpful and encouraging for residents. My suspicion therefore though is that there isn't.

Reply – Councillor Merry

I will chase for a response from Cardiff Bus and I will also keep you up to date with any active travel plans.

Question – Councillor Lister

Can the Cabinet Member advise how many electric charging points there are in the city for electric and hybrid vehicles?

Reply – *Councillor Michael*

The Council has recently installed 18 ‘fast’ public charge points across 10 locations supported by a grant from the OLEV residential charge point scheme. These charge points are expected to be officially launched later this month.

The Council has recently announced a partnership with Eugenie to install 12 ‘rapid’ charging points at 6 on-street locations in the city. Other charge points are available to the public, which are provided by private suppliers, and these can be found by looking at the ZapMap.

The Council is actively seeking to develop a solution that will provide a wider network in the city, working with industry and partners to procure a charging network that is fit for the future.

Question – *Councillor Cowan*

How much does it cost to fill a standard pothole using:-

- Council Staff
- Agency Staff
- External Company Staff

How many potholes need replacing within 8 weeks of the initial repairs (as a percentage)?

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

The Council does not use external staff to fill potholes and the approximate cost to fill a standard pothole is £15 pounds, £2 of these repairs will need replacing within eight weeks but as you know we now focus a lot more on patching a really prudent way and those who have seen patching undertaken in their wards I think will agree that it gives a really good finish including some excellent patching work on Rhiwbina Hill and Wenaukt Road.

Supplementary Question – *Councillor Cowan*

Can you elaborate a little bit on the £15 does that obviously incur any costs of materials and also officer time which is obviously the bigger cost?

Reply – *Councillor Wild*

I cannot elaborate in particular on the cost I was asked get the cost which I have done if you want more detail about exactly how that's broken down I will endeavour to get that for you Councillor Cowan.

Question – *Councillor Lister*

What work is being done by the Council to develop the School Holiday Enrichment Programme?

Reply – *Councillor Merry*

This year, the ‘Food and Fun’ School Holiday Enrichment Programme was delivered in 16 schools in Cardiff, details of which were outlined in my earlier statement. A video of this year’s programme has been produced, which will be shown at the Cardiff Headteachers Conference on 3rd October 2019. The video details the impacts

that the programme has on both children and families, as well as the benefits to the schools involved.

This will help promote SHEP to schools and increase uptake in order to enable us to meet our target of having 20 schools delivering the programme in 2020. We are also exploring how Councillors can contribute to increasing take up of the programme.

We continue to engage with external organisations, agencies and supporters to further build on the relationships that have been developed year-on-year and to enable new enrichment activities and experiences to be developed. And I would like to give my personal thanks to all those organisations who helped out in our schools across the City in the holiday and of course to the staff many of whom are giving up their holiday time to help our children.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Lister

As you know I've been visiting schools within Cardiff South with Vaughan Gethin, the Assembly Member, for the last three years and seeing the SHEP Programme in action and I've seen it grow from strength to strength so I would like to join you in thanking all the staff that actually make that happen to make sure that our children do get hot meals and physical activity throughout the summer. As you've already mentioned that be great to see Councillors get more involved so will you just join with me and work with me to encourage other Councillors that are on governing bodies to work with their local schools to actually see if we can expand that programme further.

Reply – Councillor Merry

I think they are obviously two roles for us as Councillors here, there are those of us who had a lucky enough to currently have SHEP operating within their wards and there is a role for us in actually encouraging parents to take advantage of the scheme sometimes the most vulnerable families are actually the hardest to reach in terms of schemes like SHEP so there's role for us there and of course we are, or many of us are, governors of local schools. In terms of expanding the scheme we obviously seeking to prioritise those schools with the highest levels of children with free school meals for understandable reasons I hope by the Council.

Question – Councillor Graham Thomas

Is the Cabinet Member aware of and in agreement with the various changes to leisure centre facility timetables which further restrict opening times? If these changes are being made for cost saving reasons, this goes against the Welsh Assembly's attempt to get more people active.

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

I refer you to the answer I gave to Councillor Howells, the programme is part of the new Aquatics Plan for Cardiff and aligns with our objectives to specifically improve activity levels. It will provide a more focused, session-based programme, which is targeted to improve options for disability, children's, mother & toddler and schools swimming. So therefore it was not driven by cost cutting.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Graham Thomas

I appreciate that you've been asked this question once already and I did listen very carefully to your discussion with Councillor Howells the feedback that I am getting from residents which suggests that they need to communicate these changes more

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in advance because I know that a lot of residents have turned up to access their normal swimming times and find all of a sudden they can't get in and they are regular users so just for the sake of missing a week or two they weren't aware that the pool was going to be closed, so perhaps you could pass that on to them. I do fully accept that they must have a certain amount of leeway to run the centres in their own way and to look for efficiencies but can you assure me that these efficiencies will not extend to endlessly cutting back of services such as closing of swimming pools at certain times of the day to save on staff costs obviously that does seem an inefficient use of our Council resources and the objective needs to be to keep our residents young and old as active as possible.

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

I can assure you of that because the discussions we've been having with GLL is actually about improving services and catering the service to meet demand. Just to let you know as part of this Aquatics plan I've asked for a bit of information on this because as part of this they have increased swimming teachers' pay by 50%, pools are being paired Eastern/Pentwyn Maindy/Llanishen Western/Fairwater to provide a balanced programme so if one service is on offer in Western they will offer a different service in Fairwater for instance. Schools are directed to specific times as opposed to random requirements, Pentwyn evenings and weekends for casual swimming, plume inflatables are being put in place, holiday and over 8's focus, Llanishen are looking at under-fives and family focus equalities, specific sessions for people with disabilities so this is all part of the plan. In the Star and Maindy we're looking at areas will look an inclusive focus for BME females because it has been requested by Councillor Molik and other Councillors here. Additional swim school spaces between to be identified extended Ladies only swimming sessions I accept it's the communicating this on social media and notice boards doesn't always hit everybody in this coming in on the 1 September has been a bit of a culture change, however I do feel that the plan as a whole will be beneficial but I am always happy as he knows to hear any individual case or feedback that I can give it back to GLL that goes for any Member in this Chamber.

Question – Councillor Jones-Pritchard

This Council is rightly proud of developing temporary accommodation through an innovative scheme using shipping containers to provide quality temporary accommodation for homeless families. Yet, the leader of the Labour Party has spoken out against this form of accommodation, criticising, in strong terms, the use of shipping containers for the housing of children. What advice would the cabinet member give their leader on the benefits of this innovative way of providing much needed temporary housing for the homeless?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

We would, of course, prefer to provide permanent housing solutions in response to the dire increase in homelessness since the introduction of austerity policies by the UK Government in 2010.

The repurposing of shipping containers for temporary housing provides a quick and cost-effective solution to delivering good quality, new homes to help tackle homelessness in the city. This temporary housing solution is also helping to keep people out of hostels and off the streets.

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They will be a valuable addition to the range of good quality temporary accommodation that is available for homeless families in Cardiff and will provide residents with a comfortable, warm and safe place to live whilst a longer-term housing solution is found. They will also help us to continue our excellent track record of not housing families in bed and breakfast accommodation, a practice that is still common place in some other local authorities.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Jones-Pritchard

I think that's excellent advice to give. I think it's an excellent initiative I am pleased to say that you're saying it's temporary accommodation would be moving people into more permanent accommodation as soon as possible one of the principles of the initiative of course is its views on temporary sites so can we have a commitment as well that when this site needs development those units will be moved onto another temporary site and provide equivalents of much needed accommodation.

Reply – Councillor Thorne

Absolutely, we are only using meanwhile use sites that are waiting development but I can also add that these new homes achieve the same quality sound building standards as our traditionally constructed homes and both schemes have been through technical approval process by the Welsh Government and through our own building control and planning process and they will actually surpass the Welsh Government's temporary accommodation space standards so they will be excellent and once we've got them completed if any members would like to visit I'd be more than happy to arrange that.

81 : URGENT BUSINESS

None

82 : APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

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

RESOLVED – That

1. The following appointments be approved to existing vacancies

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Appointment Approved
Allensbank Primary School	Gabalfa	09/07/2019 09/07/2019	Nirushan Sudarsan Sergey Popov
Gladstone Primary School	Cathays	08/07/2019	Cllr Norma Mackie
Lakeside Primary School	Cyncoed	10/08/2019	Cllr Robert Hopkins
Llanishen High School	Llanishen	03/07/2019	Ruth Crowder
Mount Stuart Primary	Butetown	24/07/2019	Kerry Wilcox

School			
Pen-Y-Bryn Primary School	Llanrumney	27/03/2019	David Simpson
Pontprennau Primary School	Pontprennau & Old St Mellons	13/08/2019	Joanne Nicholas
Radnor Primary School	Canton	24/07/2019	Meriel Ansell
Rhydypenau Primary School	Cyncoed	15/05/2019	Cllr Bablin Molik
Trelai Primary School	Caerau	12/09/2018	Lois Robinson
Tremorfa Nursery School	Splott	06/02/2018	Hannah Chivers
Ysgol Glan Ceubal	Llandaff North	26/06/2019	Nicola Stephens
Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Caerau	Caerau	22/03/2019	Rebecca Anderson

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

School Name	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Re-appointment Requested
Adamsdown Primary School	Adamsdown	29/10/2019	John Dixon
Albany Primary School	Plasnewydd	23/10/2019	Cllr Mary McGarry
All Saints C.W.Primary School	Pentwyn	23/10/2019	Stephen Hendrickson
Pentyrch Primary School	Pentyrch	23/10/2019	Sarah Maunder
Stacey Primary School x 2 vacancies	Adamsdown	23/09/2019 23/09/2019	John Dixon
Thornhill Primary School	Llanishen	29/10/2019	Mike Imperato

83 : COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

To receive nominations and make appointments to current committee vacancies as set out in the report and in accordance with the approved allocation of seats and political group wishes

RESOLVED: The Council agreed to appoint to the vacancies on Committee in accordance with the approved allocation of seats and Party Groups wishes as set out on the Amendment Sheet.

Committee	Vacancy	Group	Nomination Received
Appointment Committee	3 Members	1 x Labour 1 x Conservative	Cllr Joel Williams

		1 x Lib Dem	
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	2 vacancies	1 x Conservative 1 x Lib Dem	Cllr Robert Hopkins
Local Authority Governor Panel	1 vacancy	1 x Lib Dem	Cllr Robert Hopkins

84 : APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive nominations and make appointments of Council representatives to statutory and non-statutory outside bodies.

RESOLVED: The Council approved appointments as set out on the amendment sheet to the following bodies.

Committee	No vacancies	Nomination
Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Community Health Council	1 vacancy	Councillor Goddard.

85 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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