

## THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 21 October 2021 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 15 October 2021.

Present: County Councillor McKerlich (Lord Mayor)

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

### 72 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gavin Hill-John, Phillipa Hill-John, Graham Thomas and Molik. Councillors McEvoy and Howells had indicated that they would be late in attending the meeting.

### 73 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

COUNCILLOR	ITEM NO:	NATURE OF INTEREST
Cllr Naughton	Item 8	Personal Interest – Family Member in receipt of a pension from Cardiff Bus
Cllr Bowen-Thomas	Item 12	Personal Interest – CEO, Safer Wales, Cardiff

### 74 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on the 30 September were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

### 75 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

It was noted that no public questions had been received for this meeting.

76 : PETITIONS

Councillor Driscoll presented a petition on behalf of Councillor McKerlich. The petition contained 338 valid signatures asking the Council to review the layout of the Llantrisant Road/Radyr junction.

77 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor updated the Council on events he had attended recently, to include:

- Chief Guest at the celebration of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at the Hindu Council of Wales;
- The official red-dedication of HMS Cambria;
- The Opening of the Staybridge Suites, extension of the Holiday Inn Express, Cardiff Bay where he had delivered a speech;
- The Opening of the new Military Preparation College in Cardiff, the college has helped over 4,900 young people progress into careers in the Armed Forces; and
- Welcomed Her Majesty, the Queen to Cardiff at Central Station

Donations to the Lord Mayors Charity have recently been made by the Rabbaniah Mosque in Grangetown and The Staybridge Suites Hotel.

Finally the Lord Mayor thanked Professor James Downe for his contribution to the Council having become an Independent Member of the Standards & Ethics Committee in November 2013, and later on becoming the Vice Chair and Chair of that Committee.

78 : FIFTH CARDIFF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT

The reason for the report was to outline the purpose of the Local Development Plan (LDP) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) process and to seek the endorsement of the fifth Cardiff LDP AMR for submission to the Welsh Government by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

RESOLVED:

Council was recommended to endorse the fifth AMR for submission to the Welsh Government by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

79 : COMPLIANCE REPORTS 2020/21 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Statement of Accounts for 2020/21 were presented in order to meet the requirement of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended). This provides that the Statement of Accounts be approved by a relevant committee or by the Council meeting as a corporate body. Due to Covid-19, national timescales in  
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respect to the signing of accounts continue to be extended from 31 May to 31 August and those for publication, extended from 31 July to 30 November. The report also includes the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) which is required to be approved by Council.

RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to:

1. Approve the audited Statement of Accounts 2020/21 – The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff and Cardiff Harbour Authority (Appendix 1).
2. Approve the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 (Appendix 2)
3. Note the Audit of Accounts Reports (ISA 260) from Audit Wales on the Statement of Accounts of County Council of the City and County of Cardiff and Cardiff Harbour Authority for the year ending 31 March 2021 (Appendices 4 and 5).
4. Approve the Cardiff Port Health Authority Annual Return 2020/21 (Appendix 6)
5. Note the final Letters of Representation for the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff and Cardiff Harbour Authority included within Appendices 4 and 5.
6. Note that the following documents will be signed following 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 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 and Cardiff Harbour Authority – Appointed Auditor, Audit Wales.
  - Letter of Representation for the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff - Lord Mayor and Chief Executive.
  - Letter of Representation for Cardiff Harbour Authority – Lord Mayor and Chief Executive.
7. Note the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2020/21 (Appendix 7).

80 : STANDARDS & ETHICS ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The Council received the report which covered a year for the Standards and Ethics Committee. This was outlined by the Chairperson Professor James Downe who was standing down as Chairperson in October 2021.

81 : SOCIAL MEDIA CODES

The report was to enable the Council to consider draft social media codes for (i) Elected Members and (ii) Partner organisations, developed in accordance with the Motion carried at the Council meeting in March 2021 ('the Social Media Codes').

RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to:

1. Approve and adopt: (i) the draft Members' Code of Principles on Social Media Use (**Appendix A**); and (ii) the draft Partner Organisations' Code of Practice on Social Media (**Appendix B**);
2. Agree that the Members' Code of Conduct should be amended as shown in **Appendix C**, to incorporate the approved Members' Code of Principles on Social Media Use (**Appendix A**); the Monitoring Officer be authorised to issue the required public notice and send notification to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; and the Constitution updated accordingly; and
3. Agree that the Partner Organisations Code of Practice on Social Media (**Appendix B**) should be published on the Council's website.

82 : CABINET MEMBER STATEMENTS

[Leaders Statement](#) – Councillor Huw Thomas

The Leader responded to questions in relation to:

- Western Gateway

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

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- National Launch of Foster Wales

[Cabinet Member, Social Care, Health & Well-being](#) – Councillor Elsmore The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme
- Older Persons Day Centres and Community Hubs

[Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member, Education, Employment & Skills](#) – Councillor Merry

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- COVID-19 Update for Schools
- The Queen's Green Canopy

- Edible Playgrounds

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

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Active Travel Schools Programme
- Bus Strategy Consultation
- New Car Club
- LED Street Lighting

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

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Property Strategy and Annual Property Plan
- City Centre Recovery

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

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Green Flag Awards
- New BMX Facility
- Skateboard Park Consultation

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

There were no questions to the Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance

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

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Welsh Housing Awards 2021
- Hubs and Libraries

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

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Thornhill Crematorium
- RSPCA PawPrints Awards 2021
- Garden Waste Collections

83 : NOTICE OF MOTION 1

The Lord Mayor noted that a Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Carter and seconded by Councillor Wood had been received for consideration. One Amendment had been received from the Conservative Group.

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

The Council notes that:

- Since 2017, Cardiff has seen increasing rates of anti-social behaviour, public order, knife and drug related crimes.

- A recent poll of residents across 15 major UK cities, Cardiff was rated the least safe place to live
- 38% of people said that didn't feel safe at all on the streets at night, while another 31% worry about their safety during the daytime.
- 26% of adults in the poll had witnessed a crime
- In 2020, the most common crimes were anti-social behaviour, followed by violence and sexual assault.
- Interventions to reduce crime, or the fear of crime, are linked to improved health and well-being within communities.

The Council calls on the Cabinet to:

- Expand the number of anti-social behaviour officers working for the council and improve links with the police
- Commission a review of youth provision to engage children and young people in what they need. Youth clubs are recognised as important ways to prevent vulnerable young people from joining gangs and engaging in crime
- Increase the support available to community organisations and sports clubs to expand services in areas of high anti-social behaviour
- To better use planning and design to build out crime through lighting and minimising dangerous locations. All public space projects should include a statement on how the design is expected to impact on criminal activity
- Expand the ARC CCTV network into outer Cardiff wards to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Work with bus companies to re-establish night buses to reduce the risk of people becoming victims of crime on their way home.
- Expand the neighbourhood watch network, supporting the development of new groups and recruiting volunteers.
- Develop a trusted tradesperson register of qualified trade people working in the city to avoid rogue traders profiting from vulnerable residents.
- Safeguard funding for specialist services for victims of violence to adequately meet anticipated demand during and after the pandemic.
- Work with South Wales Police to commission a review of crime and community safety and learn from other cities.
- Work with the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner to drive forward harm reduction policy, including the creation of legal drug consumption rooms to take dangerous drugs off our streets.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Elsmore

Amendment One – Conservative

The Lord Mayor called Councillor Mia Rees to move the amendment as follows:

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The Council notes that:

- Since 2017, Cardiff has seen increasing rates of anti social behaviour, public order, knife and drug related crimes.
- A recent poll of residents across 15 major UK cities, Cardiff was rated the least safe place to live
- 38% of people said that didn't feel safe at all on the streets at night, while another 31% worry about their safety during the daytime.
- 26% of adults in the poll had witnessed a crime **(Insert: and 29% had been a victim of a crime)**
- In 2020, the most common crimes were anti-social behaviour, followed by violence and sexual assault.
- Interventions to reduce crime, or the fear of crime, are linked to improved health and well-being within communities.

The Council calls on the cabinet to:

- Expand the number of anti-social behaviour officers working for the council and improve links with the police
- Commission a review of youth provision to engage children and young people in what they need. Youth clubs are recognised as important ways to prevent vulnerable young people from joining gangs and engaging in crime

**Delete:**

- **'Increase the support available to community organisations and sports clubs to expand services in areas of high anti-social behaviour'**
- **'To better use planning and design to build out crime through lighting and minimising dangerous locations. All public space projects should include a statement on how the design is expected to impact on criminal activity'**

**Insert:**

- ***Ensure that youth provision reaches every corner of our city, giving all young people the opportunity to access the support they need by increasing the support available to community organisations and sports clubs in areas of high anti-social behaviour.***
- ***The Council to consider in the ongoing LDP review the use of planning and design to build out crime through lighting and minimising dangerous locations.***
- Expand the ARC CCTV and footpath lighting networks into outer Cardiff wards to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.

- Work with bus companies to re-establish night buses to reduce the risk of people becoming victims of crime on their way home.
- Expand the neighbourhood watch network, supporting the development of new groups and recruiting volunteers.

**Delete:**

- **Develop a trusted tradesperson register of qualified trade people working in the city to avoid rogue traders profiting from vulnerable residents’.**
- Safeguard funding for specialist services for victims of violence to adequately meet anticipated demand during and after the pandemic.
- Work with South Wales Police to commission a review of crime and community safety and learn best practice from other cities.

**Insert**

- ***Formally request that the Community Safety Partnership develops a robust violence prevention strategy and report its progress to the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee within 6 months***

**Delete:**

**Work with the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner to drive forward harm reduction policy, including the creation of legal drug consumption rooms to take dangerous drugs off our streets.**

**Insert**

- ***Bring forward a report regarding these items within three months.***

The Amended Motion to read:

The Council notes that:

- Since 2017, Cardiff has seen increasing rates of anti social behaviour, public order, knife and drug related crimes.
- A recent poll of residents across 15 major UK cities, Cardiff was rated the least safe place to live
- 38% of people said that didn't feel safe at all on the streets at night, while another 31% worry about their safety during the daytime.
- 26% of adults in the poll had witnessed a crime and 29% had been a victim of a crime
- In 2020, the most common crimes were anti-social behaviour, followed by violence and sexual assault.

· Interventions to reduce crime, or the fear of crime, are linked to improved health and well-being within communities.

The Council calls on the cabinet to:

- Expand the number of anti-social behaviour officers working for the council and improve links with the police
- Commission a review of youth provision to engage children and young people in what they need. Youth clubs are recognised as important ways to prevent vulnerable young people from joining gangs and engaging in crime
- Ensure that youth provision reaches every corner of our city, giving all young people the opportunity to access the support they need by increasing the support available to community organisations and sports clubs in areas of high anti-social behaviour.
- The Council to consider in the ongoing LDP review the use of planning and design to build out crime through lighting and minimising dangerous locations.
- Expand the ARC CCTV and footpath lighting networks into outer Cardiff wards to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Work with bus companies to re-establish night buses to reduce the risk of people becoming victims of crime on their way home.
- Expand the neighbourhood watch network, supporting the development of new groups and recruiting volunteers.
- Safeguard funding for specialist services for victims of violence to adequately meet anticipated demand during and after the pandemic.
- Work with South Wales Police to commission a review of crime and community safety and learn best practice from other cities.
- Formally request that the Community Safety Partnership develops a robust violence prevention strategy and report its progress to the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee within 6 months
- Bring forward a report regarding these items within three months.

The amendment was formally seconded by Councillor Parkhill.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion and amendment.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Carter to respond to the issues raised during the debate.

Councillor Carter responded to the issues raised and confirmed the Amendment was accepted.

The Lord Mayor called for a Vote on the Substantive Motion as amended.

The Vote on the Substantive Motion as amended was LOST.

#### 84 : NOTICE OF MOTION 2

The Lord Mayor noted that a Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Councillor Hudson had been received for consideration. Two Amendments had been received from the Labour Group and Liberal Democrat Group.

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

This Council notes that:

1. Cardiff's parks and open spaces are a major feature of the city which are a valuable resource and safe space for residents and visitors.
2. Parks are places where individuals and families should feel safe and during the Coronavirus pandemic, many residents enjoyed and appreciated their local park to be able to get outside.
3. There are a number of volunteer groups, including "Friends" groups, who make a valuable contribution and help to enhance our parks. This Council expresses its thanks to them for their hard work.
4. The work of parks rangers is crucial in both enabling work carried out by Friends groups and ensuring that Cardiff parks are safe and well-managed.

This Council also notes that there has sadly been a spate of incidents in parks over the past few months, ranging from serious crimes to low-level anti-social behaviour.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to bring forward a report which includes:

- Increases the funding available for park rangers. More rangers will both assist with making our parks safer and encouraging friends groups to develop.
- A policy on where and when it is appropriate to introduce lighting in parks, and what consultation would be undertaken to identify any paths that need lighting.
- Consideration of whether when serious vandalism occurs in parks the Council should, after seeking advice from the Police, offer a reward for information which leads to arrests.

Such a report should be brought to Cabinet within four months.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Hudson.

Amendment One – Labour Group

The Lord Mayor called Councillor Bradbury to move the first amendment as follows:

This Council notes that:

1. Cardiff's parks and open spaces are a major feature of the city which are a valuable resource and safe space for residents and visitors.
2. Parks are places where individuals and families should feel safe and during the Coronavirus pandemic, many residents enjoyed and appreciated their local park to be able to get outside.
3. There are a number of volunteer groups, including "Friends" groups, who make a valuable contribution and help to enhance our parks. This Council expresses its thanks to them for their hard work.
4. The work of parks rangers is crucial in both enabling work carried out by Friends groups and ensuring that Cardiff parks are safe and well-managed.

**Insert:**

5. ***That working with the police is vital to keeping Park's safe and well managed, and notes that 21,000 Police Officers in the UK have been cut since 2010.***

This Council also notes that there has sadly been a spate of incidents in parks over the past few months, ranging from serious crimes to low-level anti-social behaviour.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to bring forward a report which includes:

**Delete:**

- **Increases the funding available for park rangers. More rangers will both assist with making our parks safer and encouraging friends groups to develop.**

**Insert:**

- ***Continue to look at ways during the budget process to increase funding in park safety and support staff and Friends Groups going forward***
- A policy on where and when it is appropriate to *continue* to introduce lighting in parks, and what consultation would be undertaken to identify any paths that need lighting.
- Consideration of whether when serious vandalism occurs in parks the Council should, after seeking advice from the Police, offer a reward, *where appropriate* for information which leads to arrests.

**Insert:**

***Such a report should be brought to Cabinet within four months.***

The amended motion would read.

This Council notes that:

1. Cardiff's parks and open spaces are a major feature of the city which are a valuable resource and safe space for residents and visitors.
2. Parks are places where individuals and families should feel safe and during the Coronavirus pandemic, many residents enjoyed and appreciated their local park to be able to get outside.
3. There are a number of volunteer groups, including "Friends" groups, who make a valuable contribution and help to enhance our parks. This Council expresses its thanks to them for their hard work.
4. The work of parks rangers is crucial in both enabling work carried out by Friends groups and ensuring that Cardiff parks are safe and well-managed.
5. That working with the police is vital to keeping Park's safe and well managed, and notes that 21,000 Police Officers in the UK have been cut since 2010.

This Council also notes that there has sadly been a spate of incidents in parks over the past few months, ranging from serious crimes to low-level anti-social behaviour.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to bring forward a report which includes:

- Continue to look at ways during the budget process to increase funding in park safety and support staff and Friends Groups going forward
- A policy on where and when it is appropriate to continue to introduce lighting in parks, and what consultation would be undertaken to identify any paths that need lighting.
- Consideration of whether when serious vandalism occurs in parks the Council should, after seeking advice from the Police, offer a reward, where appropriate for information which leads to arrests.

Such a report should be brought to Cabinet within four months.

The first amendment was formally seconded by Councillor Bradbury.

Amendment Two – Liberal Democrat Group

The Lord Mayor called on Councillor Berman to move the second amendment as follows:

In the section headed "*This Council calls on the Cabinet to bring forward a report which includes:*", after the third bullet point add the following additional fourth bullet point:

- ***Proposals to undertake a meaningful consultation with local communities on whether or not to return to locking local parks at night.***

Amended Motion would read:

This Council notes that:

5. Cardiff's parks and open spaces are a major feature of the city which are a valuable resource and safe space for residents and visitors.
6. Parks are places where individuals and families should feel safe and during the Coronavirus pandemic, many residents enjoyed and appreciated their local park to be able to get outside.
7. There are a number of volunteer groups, including "Friends" groups, who make a valuable contribution and help to enhance our parks. This Council expresses its thanks to them for their hard work.
8. The work of parks rangers is crucial in both enabling work carried out by Friends groups and ensuring that Cardiff parks are safe and well-managed.

This Council also notes that there has sadly been a spate of incidents in parks over the past few months, ranging from serious crimes to low-level anti-social behaviour.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to bring forward a report which includes:

- Increases the funding available for park rangers. More rangers will both assist with making our parks safer and encouraging friends groups to develop.
- A policy on where and when it is appropriate to introduce lighting in parks, and what consultation would be undertaken to identify any paths that need lighting.
- Consideration of whether when serious vandalism occurs in parks the Council should, after seeking advice from the Police, offer a reward for information which leads to arrests.
- Proposals to undertake a meaningful consultation with local communities on whether or not to return to locking local parks at night.

Such a report should be brought to Cabinet within four months.

The second amendment was formally seconded by Councillor Hopkins.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion and amendments.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Robson to respond to the issues raised and confirmed that the Liberal Democrat Amendment was accepted.

The Lord Mayor called for a Vote on Amendment One.

The Vote on Amendment One move by Councillor Bradbury and seconded by Councillor Derbyshire was CARRIED.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Bradbury to speak before a vote on the substantive motion was taken.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the Substantive Motion as amended by the Labour Group.

The Vote on the Substantive Motion as amended was CARRIED.

## 85 : ORAL QUESTIONS

### Question - Councillor Robson

£64.89m of the Non-Domestic Rates collected by Cardiff was redistributed by Welsh Government, whilst Cardiff's NDR collection rate dropped by 10.54%. What actions do you propose to improve collection rates for the remainder of the 2021/22 financial year?

### Reply – Cllr Weaver

Thanks for the question, Councillor Robson.

The 10.54% you refer to is of course for the 2020/21 financial year, which we all know was an extremely challenging year for businesses due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

You will be pleased to know that information for the first six months of the current financial year – 2021/22 – shows that we have already collected 55.69% of the Non-Domestic Rates so far for this year, which is virtually identical to the 55.8% we collected in the first six months of 2019/20, so this year collection rates are comparing really well to pre-pandemic levels.

This is obviously very positive news, but please be assured that officers will continue to take appropriate action during the rest of the year in order to maintain this position, and will continue to monitor the situation closely.

### Supplementary Question – Cllr Robson

This is good to hear that the collection rate is getting back to back to normal. In relation to the distribution of the NNDR collected by Cardiff, what discussions do you plan to have with your counterparts in Welsh government to lobby to ensure that Cardiff keeps more of the rates that it collects?

### Reply – Cllr Weaver

The Council's always in discussion with Welsh government about ensuring that there is fair funding across Wales for all local authorities and the redistribution of business rates is something that allows the Welsh government to fund all local authorities in the area we do not want to see any authority in Wales go without funding. Of course what this drop in the collection rates in the pandemic year do show is that if we were entirely reliant on business rates as has been asked for before in this Chamber we

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would in fact have had to take that hit ourselves as an authority and so whilst we'll discuss with Welsh government the way to ensure there's a fair funding settlement for every local authority, we understand that the business rates collection is going to continue as is at the moment.

Question -Councillor Berman

What proportion of the council's waste collection fleet had the in-cab technology (which makes it harder for crews to miss assisted lifts and blocks of flats with communal bins) when waste collection rounds were changed in February, what proportion has since been provided with it, and what proportion has still to be fitted with it?

Reply – Cllr Michael

At the time of implementation of 4-day collection model, 61% (36) of our 59 Refuse Collection Vehicles had in-cab technology installed.

This was due to the delivery of new collection vehicles and the ability of our contractor to facilitate the hardwire installations during the pandemic. The contractor also advised us that there was a delay in the delivery of the in-cab technology screens due to the impact of Brexit on the manufacturing process.

We currently have 97% of collection vehicles (57) with in-cab technology installed and, therefore, 3% of vehicles (2) do not yet have this technology.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Berman

Thank you I mean given now that we only have a couple of vehicles that don't have the technology and given that I have previously asked when I have had these kind of missed collections if steps can be taken to avoid them happening again, I have been told that the in-cab technology was going to sort it out. Can you explain why I have had a spate of complaints from Penylan in the last week or two of a more missed collections they seem to be happening with increasing frequency at the moment and are we going to be able to sort it out by getting the in-cab technology to the remaining vehicles?

Reply – Cllr Michael

The answer is yes, we'll be getting in-cab technology to the remaining vehicles but interestingly the biggest problem we have is not collecting waste and missed collections but the sheer amount that are wrong collections shall we say, there is an increasing amount of waste that is incorrectly put out. So one of the problems we are having is looking at this and we are addressing this in the new recycling plan which is coming on soon. Interestingly enough I was looking at some statistics earlier on and in your last year as Leader you still hold the record of 19500 missed collections and the point I am trying to make is that you did the right thing then by going to bi-weekly collections so you are took the appropriate steps which is exactly what we are trying to do. So I believe the new technology and changes we are making will see a drop in those missed collections and less contamination to go with it.

Question -Councillor Keith Parry

How many houses and flats are rented out as Holiday Lets by AirBnB and other means in Cardiff?

Reply- Cllr Thorne

As of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, the Council Tax Team in the Resources Directorate held records of 3,590 properties that were considered to be furnished dwellings in which no-one is resident.

Unfortunately, this figure can't be broken down further to determine if these are second homes, holiday lets, service lets and furnished properties that are unoccupied between lets.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Keith Parry

Yes thank you Lord Mayor what actions can the Council take to either reduce or control the number of these lets as they have a substantial effect on hotels and other accommodation in the holiday trade and also an effect on private rented accommodation in taking buildings out of use for private rented accommodation.

Reply – Cllr Thorne

Absolutely I agree with you but at the moment we have no powers that we can use to curtail that, people can let their properties and in whichever way they choose.

Question -Councillor Mackie

Could you update us on what the Council is doing to support the businesses at the Castle Emporium to relocate?

Reply – Cllr Goodway

I can confirm that Economic Development Officers met with representatives of Castle Emporium when the Council was informed that their lease was about to expire. Officers offered support in identifying potential new locations for the business, sites within the Council's control, as well as those that are privately available.

The Council will continue to provide support in looking at both temporary and permanent solutions for Castle Emporium.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Mackie

More generally, what is the Council doing to foster, encourage and support independent retailers who bring so much differentiation to Cardiff's retail offer?

Reply – Cllr Goodway

The Council recognises the role that local, independent retailers bring to the city – both in developing our own businesses, but also the role that such businesses play in attracting people to Cardiff.

The Council has submitted a Levelling Up Fund application to the UK Government for investment in Cardiff Market to provide a world-class home at the heart of the city centre for independent businesses.

The Council is exploring proposals with FOR Cardiff for a ‘meanwhile use’ programme for empty and underutilised properties and places to provide space for emerging independent businesses.

The Council is also actively working with property owners and developers to make sure that current and future developments support independent retailers, so there's a wide range of activities that were undertaking at the moment designed to do precisely what you're asking for I have to say it will take some time to evaluate how successful we have been.

Question -Councillor Driscoll

Will the council be facilitating or holding bonfire/firework celebrations in Coopers Field this year?

Reply – Cllr Bradbury

The Council did receive and facilitate a booking from Cardiff Round Table for their popular annual “Sparks in the Park” fireworks and fundraising night that was scheduled for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November in Bute Park.

Sadly, the event organisers cancelled their booking in August after failing to secure a principal sponsor. This, coupled with Covid impacts and uncertainties, led the organisers to conclude that the event was unviable in 2021.

We are looking forward to receiving an application for the event from Cardiff Round Table in 2022 and the Council stands ready to provide support the in the usual way.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Driscoll

Thank you for your answer, this is very disappointing because obviously it is a popular event organised by the Cardiff Round Table with well over 4000 people attending past celebrations and I see that Swansea Council are going ahead with an event so can you just clarify is it cancelled because of the climate emergency or Environmental impact of air pollution is that maybe some of the reasons behind it or is it concerns around effects on pets and animals or purely because though they couldn't find a sponsor for the event?

Reply – Cllr Bradbury

Thank you Councillor I have been told it's because they could not secure a principal sponsor and they had Covid impacts and uncertainties about the pandemic. As I've said we have supported this event for decades, the event was also cancelled last year which would have been the 40th anniversary year it is a massively important event for us we want to see it back and we want to see it enjoyed in what is a fantastic city centre location so I mean it has never been from the Council stopping it from happening it was a decision that was taken by the event organisers themselves.

Question -Councillor Sandrey

What steps are the council taking to ensure blue badge parking in the city centre is not only retained but improved?

Reply – Cllr Wild

The Council is working with the Access Focus Group to consult on transport schemes and take advice on disabled parking numbers. At present, we are not aware of a shortage of spaces and any new transport schemes will always seek to strategically relocate and not displace disabled parking spaces.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Sandrey

The reason I raise this point is because and I'm not sure if you're aware of it, there has been some controversy in York City Centre with regards to Blue badge parking and access being taken away and I just wanted to raise this issue because I think it's really important that we work with people and not just do things to them without working with them so I guess can you just reassure Council that we won't be repeating what York has done?

Reply – Cllr Wild

Thank you Councillor Sandrey I wasn't on the ball enough to know what's going on in York but yes I can reassure you that we've got 109 dedicated disabled spaces in Cardiff, all sorts of other spaces where we allow people with blue badges to park for free in a lot of our pay and display parking bays. I can assure you this is absolutely top of our priority to make sure that people with a disability, people with blue badges can get around and get around their lives in a good way.

Question - Councillor Keith Parry

How many Second Homes are there in Cardiff?

Reply – Cllr Thorne

I would refer you to the figure provided in my reply to your earlier Oral Question.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Keith Parry

Do you have any plans to increase council tax on second homes as some Council's have done in various part of the country?

Reply – Cllr Thorne

We've increased council tax on vacant properties but I'm sure I can ask my colleague Councillor Weaver to look at that.

Question - Councillor Henshaw

I was delighted to hear that Waterloo Gardens was awarded a Green Flag for excellence last week. These parks really are jewels in the city's crown, and I know people travel, not just from all over Cardiff, but from across the city-region to visit them. Could the Cabinet member outline the plans to sustain this level of achievement, and secure further Green Flag awards? I am particularly keen for my local park in Splott to secure this award in the future.

Reply – Cllr Bradbury

The Council is really proud to have achieved a record number of Green Flag awards for the city's parks and green spaces.

In terms of sustaining our Green Flag status, we have, through the life of the Capital Programme, committed to investing £400,000 in infrastructure improvements, ensuring that key actions within management plans are delivered.

During the summer, I requested that officers undertake a self-assessment exercise in order to inform our forward plan of new award submissions.

This exercise was supported by Keep Wales Tidy and it has been determined that Hendre Lake in the Trowbridge ward should be submitted for a Green Flag in 2022.

Consideration will also be given to include a future submission for Splott Park within the forward plan.

Question -Councillor Hudson

In line with the commitment for an age-friendly city for the people of Cardiff, will the Council also commit to more accessible disabled spaces in the city centre?

Reply – Cllr Wild

I can reassure you that disabled parking is – and will be – given due consideration during the planning of the city centre. This will be part of the work to design these schemes, and officers will meet to discuss where we could review existing bays for taxi ranks, loading etc. with the intention of creating more bays for disabled drivers if possible and if necessary.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Hudson

Please could bays be placed around the City for social events such as the Hayes, St David Centre because there's usually a Christmas Fayre, the Millennium Centre as they are really sparse in these areas and not easily accessible.

Reply – Cllr Wild

We will have to check that and as I said my previous answer my understanding is St David's is entirely suitable for blue badge holders lots of lots of accessible parking there so if there's a problem area or if you think of it then please send them through to me so I can check as it wasn't something I was aware of.

Question -Councillor Berman

Has the council consulted the citizens of Cardiff as a whole on the principle of replacing road space which can be used by both buses and cycles but not private cars with road space that can only be used for cycling (thereby giving cyclists priority over bus users) and, if so, how was this done, what was the outcome and was the principle subject to an equality impact assessment?

Reply- Cllr Wild

The Council's Transport White Paper provides a clear commitment to the re-prioritisation of Cardiff's streets to give more space to people walking and cycling and investment in a network of segregated cycleways across the city.

The White Paper was produced following an extensive process of public and stakeholder engagement and consultation, which began with work on the previous Transport and Clean Air Green Paper that helped to inform the priorities contained in the White Paper. An Equality Impact Assessment was also produced in support of the Transport White Paper.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Berman

Thank you for that but what you've said there didn't contain the idea of basically replacing bus lanes with lanes that buses and cyclists can use where both key priority over cars, with space that only cyclists can use so that cyclists effectively are getting priority over buses and this has recently been done on Newport Road with a new segregated cycle way and it has been done at the expense of bus lane which means the buses now have to share the same single track that that the car use and this is going to slow down buses going out to the east of the city and I'm really worried about the impact on this because obviously bus users are going to find that their bus journeys home from town will be slower, so have we actually consulted on seeing how we can actually make cyclists have more priority than buses. I don't have a problem with cyclists having more priority than cars but I think there is an issue when cyclists are getting more priority than buses.

Reply – Cllr Wild

I don't fully understand the work around on that, a bus Lane is not a cycle lane and cyclists especially on busy roads need to have segregated space for them to feel safe to cycle and that you know that has been well documented and well agreed within this Chamber by nearly all sides. There are some instances across the city we know that there is not sufficient space to provide every form of transport with their own dedicated lane and we're having to make decisions on what is the right form of transport to prioritise but with a re-prioritisation to pedestrians, to cycling, people using public transport which is what we're doing. In terms of Newport Road bus lane I didn't know you were opposed to the cycleway on Newport Road we are aware of some issues in terms of the timings of the junctions and were working hard with bus providers to make sure they can get through. I think because of those some of those issues we will probably hold back some of the extensions on those junctions to make sure buses can get through, this is not easy stuff Councillor Berman but the reprioritisation and how we're consulting on it has been absolutely clear but we're making the changes that are needed for the health of this city and to do all the things we want to do in terms of a positive progressive city centre.

Question - Councillor Keith Parry

How many sewerage outfalls are there that discharge untreated sewerage into the River Ely either constantly or at times of heavy rainfall?

Reply- Cllr Michael

Sewerage outfalls and their location and operational information are the responsibility of Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water.

Investigations into any pollution incidents and sewerage discharge events into main rivers are undertaken by Natural Resources Wales, who will then request assistance if there is a requirement to utilise enforcement powers held by the Council.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Keith Parry

I'm sure the building of sewerage outfalls is the responsibility of the Council, where planning permission is given for housing estates.

Reply – Cllr Michael

That is not the question you asked me.

Question - Councillor Patel

It's brilliant to see the building frame of the new Fitzalan High School coming out of the ground in Leckwith. Could the Cabinet Member give an update on how construction is progressing?

Reply – Cllr Merry

I am pleased that the overall project is progressing well and it is good to see certain components now coming to completion, such as the sports pitches and associated facilities.

In terms of the new build of the actual school, that is also progressing well, with the foundations, piling and over 90% of the steelwork completed.

The programme is aiming for the new building to be fully water-tight by early Spring next year, with completion by mid-2023.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Patel

Would you agree that this is the most expensive state of the art school in Wales which will clearly support our young people in the future and especially the children of Canton?

Reply – Cllr Merry

I agree that it's a superb addition to our educational establishments Councillor Patel but I wouldn't like to compare costs.

Question -Councillor Parkhill

In the past the Council Leader has indicated his support for building new roads within the City. How do you view the Welsh government's moratorium on new road building will impact the future plans for Cardiff's road network?

Reply – Cllr Huw Thomas

You are right I have in the past pointed out that only a kilometre of new road has been built in Cardiff since devolution and I think there is a compelling case to be made in particular around the eastern bay link completing from the Queensgate roundabout to the end of Rover Way to be upgraded and I think that is important not just as a gateway to the city and Cardiff Bay but as a way of diverting traffic away from residential areas including not least at my own Ward of Splott. However just to be clear it's not a moratorium it's a nine month review that looks to consider all the high risk schemes across Wales and seeking to reduce the carbon footprint in Wales and protect people and wildlife from the climate emergency and I welcome it and I support it and my hope is that by undertaking this review that unlocks Welsh government capital funding that can then in turn be used on where is the most appropriate and most highly prioritised need for road building and also where projects are excluded is that money could be diverted into much needed public transport infrastructure investment as well which we will certainly be making a case to Welsh government that is needed in Cardiff.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Parkhill

Thank you Lord Mayor and it's good to hear that you'll be making representations to the Welsh government for that supplementary funding for new road building and what

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meetings and discussions will you be specifically having with ministers in the in the next three months?

Reply – Cllr Huw Thomas

I don't know about that Councillor Parker I don't know what my diary looks like for the next few months but rest assured that particularly on the Eastern Bay Link that conversation at an official level have been happening for some years now and with the decent amount of detail I will certainly be making representations when I next meet the climate change minister and the Deputy Minister for Transport of the importance of that road but also crucially and just to be clear I was saying capital spending unlocked by this review should also be used for public transport infrastructure not least the delivery of the Cardiff transport strategy which makes a fundamental contribution at to our drive to be net-zero by 2030.

Question - Councillor Carter

Could the cabinet member investigate ways to partially reopen Pentwyn Leisure Centre in the lead up to the redevelopment of the building?

Reply- Cllr Bradbury

I have requested that officers explore any such opportunities and will provide ward members with an update in due course.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Carter

Can you please give a reassurance that you will continue to engage Councillors throughout the redevelopment obviously times have slipped we were reflecting the other day that it's about a year since we were shown the wonderful proposals and things have taken longer than we might have liked so can you give an assurance that you and officers will continue to engage ward members regularly on this issue?

Reply – Cllr Bradbury

Councillor I will give that commitment, time frames have slipped in a way that the health board are leaving and trying to put the building whilst we put in place the plans of planning but I am confident we'll be able to get something to you with regards to planning in due course in the very near future so very happy to meet with you as you and your ward colleagues as you know my virtual door is open.

Question - Councillor Ford

If a car turns off the road to a car park or into the street from the newly laid pavements layout, who has the right of way the car driver or the pedestrians?

Reply- Cllr Wild

Currently, Rule 170 of the Highway Code advises vehicle drivers to take extra care at junctions and to watch out for pedestrians crossing a road into which they are

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turning. It also gives pedestrians priority once they have started to cross and requires vehicles to give way.

Rule 206 of the Highway Code also advises vehicle drivers to drive carefully and slowly when turning at road junctions and to give way to pedestrians who are already crossing the road into which they are turning.

#### Supplementary Question – Cllr Ford

Can you advise me then why there are huge holes in Cowbridge Road there are holes in the pavements and in the roads which is the Alexandra Road why have these holes been left it is totally unacceptable residents could break their ankles or be injured more seriously when will you look into this matter and will it be dealt with and could you give me a timescale or date?

#### Reply – Cllr Wild

I didn't know about that Councillor Ford thanks for making me aware I'll get straight onto it tomorrow morning and find out what the issues are.

#### Question -Councillor Owen Jones

The Council's Transport Strategy last year targeted a shift in types of journeys, with the aim of 60% of journeys made by sustainable modes. With footfall in the City Centre returning to pre-pandemic levels – which is really good to hear, how successful has the Council been in encouraging that modal shift?

#### Reply – Cllr Wild

Thank you Councillor Jones as you know the Council, businesses and residents have been working really closely together to do what they can to ensure the City bounces back in a sustainable way and also to make sure we enable as many people as possible to travel in sustainable healthy ways. The popup cycle ways initiatives were examples of the kind of action we took and since March 2020 the proportion of journeys being made by each mode has varied in response to changes around the COVID-19 restrictions but nevertheless latest estimates place the current mode split to be around 56% of all journeys being made by sustainable modes and 44% by car which as you know it's steps in the right direction but in particular the most recent figures from the data we've been collecting is all forms of sustainable transport modes are gradually returning but cycling is 130% of pre-pandemic levels and pretty remarkably walking has nearly doubled in terms of that since March last year.

#### Supplementary Questions – Cllr Owen Jones

It is really good to hear that some of those modes especially walking doubling and to maybe just to reiterate what Cllr Berman said earlier though can we try and concentrate to make sure that when journeys such as cycling and walking are going up that these are being taken out of car journeys instead of possibly out of bus use and we want to make sure all sustainable transport modes go up whilst private car use goes down.

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Reply – Cllr Wild

That's the plan and of course we try to do that but we also have to manage a network with an awful lot of cars trying to get around the place and whilst you know it might seem simple to simply stop them or cut down their space we know that can cause pretty serious issues about quality of congestion or all sorts different things in and around the city centre so it's got to be done in a balanced way. We have got a good team out there keeping an eye on it and trying to keep things flowing, there are still changes to come aren't there and we have a busy period with Christmas coming up so we'll certainly keep on top of it but we will squeeze as much as possible to try to make sure people are enabled to make the sustainable choices

Question -Councillor Jones-Pritchard

In 2019 we discussed common concerns about the number of children EOTAS and the hidden hundreds of children who are not registered. There is evidence that the numbers of known, and hidden, children EOTAS has increased since March last year, with the impact of lockdowns on education. What information does the council have on the numbers and ages of children EOTAS currently, both known and suspected?

Reply – Cllr Merry

Thank you for your question, Councillor Jones-Pritchard, I will try to answer as best I can, but (EOTAS) figures actually come under a different set of characteristics, its separate to electively home educated.

Education Other than at School (EOTAS) is comprised of:

- education that is made up of non-maintained schools;
- independent schools;
- pupil referral units;
- secure estate;
- college placements; and
- tuition for health reasons.

Our systems are not evidencing “hidden hundreds” of children and young people, nor is there any intelligence of this being the case from working with all our networks.

There are currently 197 children and young people in the different EOTAS provisions. This is made up of:

- 14 primary school pupils;
- 13 in Key Stage 3;
- 148 in Key Stage 4; and
- 22 in Post-16 education.

Information relating to Elective Home Education, figures have increased from 230 in 2020 to 371 in October 2021 but some of that is made up from children from families who are concerned about bringing Covid into the home, and we are aware of the health and wellbeing of our pupils maybe increasing anxiety etc. so I hope I have answered your question but I'm happy to ask Officers for more detail if you require.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Jones-Pritchard

Yes that is more information than expected on that but yes the numbers have gone up as you confirm there and I can understand the reasons behind that. In terms of those who are being educated at home electively we did discuss the difficulty of the council to monitor the quality of that education with the legislation is there any improvement in the ability of officers to in that respect?

Reply – Cllr Merry

There was hope that there will be a change in regime I think most of this particular growth was actually come from children within the school sector so I hope in that respect that they're not at least children that the system is unaware of and I think we have particular concerns about children who basically had never been in school and the risk that they might drop out of the system completely but if you drop me an email I will see what else I can find out for you in terms of that particular category of pupils.

Question -Councillor Carter

How are sites prioritised for safe routes to school funding?

Reply – Cllr Wild

Historically, schools infrastructure schemes have been prioritised for road safety funding and delivery by an objective method, which takes account of factors including traffic flows, traffic speed, collisions, site layout and the time that a scheme has been awaiting delivery.

Our engagement with schools through the Active Travel Schools programme has highlighted that many schools are in need of both on-site and off-site measures to improve safety and facilitate active travel to school. These measures include new routes, pathways, entrances, crossings, parking restrictions and School Streets.

To address this need, we are working to develop a new way of prioritising schools' schemes. This won't be easy, as the needs and infrastructure requirements for different schools are likely to be quite similar. However, it is likely that the level of a school's commitment to promoting active travel to and from school and delivering its Active Travel Plan will be included in the new criteria.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Carter

Thank you for a very detailed response Councillor Wild in my Ward of Pentwyn and Llanederyn we have one particular school Llanederyn Primary that's been on the waiting list for safer routes to school for over five years if not eight years now. In that

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time parking has got worse, danger has increased and it is pretty crazy and chaotic there. Could you give an undertaking to have a look at this particular project when it comes to your desk and review it, it has been visited by officers twice and myself and we always welcome a site visit if you felt useful.

Reply – Cllr Wild

Yes that is interesting and I guess that maybe the clues are in my answer in that I don't know exactly where they are at with their active travel plan, what would be a suggestion from me is that we encourage schools to work through their active travel plans, I think that's going to be a much better way of us prioritising these schemes and getting frankly more money into these schemes because budgets for active travel are relatively high with Welsh Government at the moment you know schools safety schemes etc. that money doesn't go far in terms of road safety schemes so maybe let's look at that and I must say that I don't know exactly where they're at with that but I know we've got some brilliant officers that will support a proactive school in that matter.

Question -Councillor Dilwar Ali

How concerned are you by the forthcoming winter pressures and our ability to support our vulnerable older residents?

Reply- Cllr Elsmore

This is clearly a very important issue and as you heard particularly in some detail last month health and social care services across Wales are currently facing unprecedented challenges so for instance in relation to Cardiff there has been a sustained increase in demand the domiciliary care since the summer, the increase in referrals is over 35% and that's compared to pre-pandemic levels so this surge in demand combined with you know very serious challenges in the sector in relation to the workforce is meaning that we're having to mitigate by innovating and having other things in place so whilst we are confident the we will still able to meet the care needs of our vulnerable older residents that there are delays and they are slower than normal to put that care in place what is reassuring though is the partnership working that's being done with health whereby we are working together across health and social care in terms of growing our workforce together apprentices for example very happy to give you more detail about that.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Dilwar Ali

Thank you for your detailed response, what discussions are you having with the health board and Welsh Government to support the Council through the coming months?

Reply – Cllr Elsmore

In relation to the health board were having considerable discussions as I said principally to ensure we are joining forces in terms of recruiting training and building that workforce together. We have our own Cardiff carers Academy now which is part

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of the Cardiff Academy that you'll know about and we are supporting across the course of six months up to 120 people to retrain in in relation to social care and in terms of having both mentors for care homes for instance and the care agencies but also mentors for individuals who want to retrain as social care workers we are doing that and I think that is going to be a very useful method. I am meeting on a regular basis with the Deputy Minister for social Services and she's very conscious of the pressures within social care services both in Cardiff and elsewhere across Wales those will continue and they must.

Question - Councillor Hudson

What does the Council propose to do to kickstart interest in the city centre, to increase footfall and revitalise the retail sector?

Reply- Cllr Goodway

The Councillor will be aware that, as a result of the Council's work in the city centre, Cardiff has seen footfall return faster than our competitors across the UK.

The Administration recognises the importance of city centre retail and hospitality businesses and it continues to invest in marketing and promoting the city centre through the Visit Cardiff platform.

To support this work, the Council has secured additional funding to supplement from the Welsh Government to supplement via their Transforming Towns scheme. The Council is also co-investing with transport providers, including Great Western Railway to promote Cardiff across the border in England.

The city centre will, this year, benefit from an expanded Winter Wonderland, which will position Cardiff as one of the leading UK destinations this Christmas. In addition, the Council is working to support FOR Cardiff in putting in place additional attractions in the city centre this Christmas.

The Council is also working with the owners of St David's Centre in developing their plans to enhance the centre's contribution to the city centre economy and to meet the future challenges arising from the pandemic.

The Council also continues to work with city businesses to help them through the national recruitment crisis which the Councillor will be aware is having a significant impact on much of the hospitality sector.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Hudson

Would you consider free or cheaper parking and lower business rates for the City Centre to facilitate a quicker recovery?

Reply – Cllr Goodway

I would personally but the Council isn't in charge of non-domestic rates that is a Welsh government responsibility I'm not sure that we have the resources to subsidise

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public transport but I know that part of our transport strategy in getting greater bus use in the future we are looking at the cost of public transport and whether we can secure a reduction in fares so we are alert to the points that the Councillor is making and we will endeavour to explore what we can do in those areas but I'm not in a position today to commit that we will be able to guarantee an outcome but they are important points and they are in line with what we want to achieve as an administration.

Question -Councillor Naughton

Could the council reconsider its policy of not replacing litter bins once they are burned as Pentwyn has now lost a number of litter bins which could be replaced with metal bins instead?

Reply – Cllr Michael

We don't have such a policy.

Our current policy is to remove the damaged bin and ascertain whether there is an improved location for the bin within the vicinity that is more overlooked in order to help deter such anti-social behaviour.

All bins are designed to be fire retardant against waste items like cigarettes, but they will not withstand fire from determined anti-social behaviour, even if the bin was made of metal.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Naughton

I received a members enquiry saying it was Council's policy not to replace bins due to anti-social behaviour and so I am glad you said that there is no policy for that because some of these bins are on a main road location and part by a main road would the Cabinet Member send me information on locating these bins ideally with metal bins but with any bin would be a great help.

Reply – Cllr Michael

Unfortunately, seven bins have been set on fire in Pentwyn. This includes one location where a bin has been set on fire three times.

One of these bins has been replaced successfully; however, these bins are located on the highway and are overlooked.

As a result, Cleansing Services are having real difficulty in identifying suitable locations where such anti-social behaviour will not continue to take place.

I would welcome any suggestions for alternative locations for these bins from ward members.

Question - Councillor Gordon

I really welcome the publication of the Action Plan for the One Planet Cardiff Strategy this month, and the fact that there are already projects in the pipeline that will reduce the Council's emissions from heating and powering our buildings by 60%. Can you advise when you expect these major projects – such as the District Heating Scheme – to start being implemented?

Reply- Cllr Michael

We are currently implementing a host of climate responsive projects in the city as part of the One Planet Cardiff Strategy.

These include the Lamby Way Solar Farm, which is already supplying clean energy into the local grid and will soon be directly linked to the local Waste Water Treatment Works, decarbonising activities there.

Construction will commence on the Cardiff Heat Network in January next year and this will help connected buildings to reduce their carbon emissions for heat by 80%. Phase 1 of the scheme will take around three years to complete.

Cabinet will also consider a strategy in November for further decarbonisation in the Council's estate and this will target a 60% reduction in emissions in the coming decade.

All of this work will form the foundation of much more to come as we implement our One Planet Strategy and the decade long programme of longer-term actions, all of which are set out in the action plan.

Question -Councillor Driscoll

As a result of proposals to redevelop the BBC site, Llandaff will be losing a significant number of trees. In particular several blossom trees. As well as combatting air pollution, they have provided enormous visual amenity to the benefit of residents. What mitigation measures are in place to offset this loss in Llandaff?

Reply – Cllr Keith Jones

The Council's Planning Committee approved outline planning permission for residential use of the former BBC site in July 2015, subject to the signing of a Section 106 agreement.

Outline planning permission was granted subsequently in November 2015. Further information relating to the outline planning application and permission is publicly available on the Council's website.

Prior to this decision being taken, proposals for tree retention and removal were assessed, together with measures to secure appropriate compensatory planting.

The Arboricultural Assessment accompanying the outline planning application gave the cherry trees or 'blossom' trees in question that front onto Llantrisant Road a 'C' Category, which are trees of low quality that have a life expectancy under 10 years.

Advice provided by the Planning Service's Tree Officer concurred with this assessment and it was therefore concluded that the trees should not be a constraint to the proposed development.

Detailed landscaping proposals for the site include compensatory tree planting on this frontage onto Llantrisant Road, which includes a combination of native oaks and hollies.

#### Supplementary Question – Cllr Driscoll

Thank you for the comprehensive answer you and I both know the mechanics of the planning process but unfortunately some residents have contacted me who witness the trees coming down unfortunately do not, so I am aware as a strong symbol of our friendship between the two nations the good people of Japan kindly donated 100 Sakura cherry trees to Wales which we are most grateful for and I'm mindful this may be a question for Cllr Bradbury but is it possible we could expect to see some of these blossom trees planted in Llandaff which would go a long way to mitigate our losses. We know you and Peter are very fond of Royal tree planting ceremonies and we would be happy to provide a pristine spade and the warmest of welcomes in Llandaff if this was to a transpire.

#### Reply – Cllr Keith Jones

You will be aware that the Council is fully committed to increasing the tree canopy across the city through the Coed Cardiff project which aims to increase tree canopies in the city from 18.9% to 25% and initial member consultation has been undertaken which closed last month and consultation with members of the public is currently ongoing and will end on the 29th October I'm sure you make your constituents aware of that and a series of virtual consultation with all of the Ward Members is scheduled to take place in November and December and are now you'll actively engage with that.

#### Question - Councillor Lister

Can you update the Council on the implementation of the Youth Offending Strategy and, following their report last year, what is the Youth Justice Board's assessment of our progress?

#### Reply – Cllr Hinchey

After publication of the July 2020 inspection report, HMIP revisited Cardiff in December 2020 and noted significant progress against inspection actions.

Cardiff Youth Justice Service received a formal letter earlier this month from the national Youth Justice Board noting the improvements in governance and leadership and 'good progress against the key recommendations from the last inspection'.

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Therefore, the Youth Justice Board has downgraded monitoring of Cardiff Youth Justice Service from Grade 3, which is the highest risk, to Grade 1. This is encouraging as the partnership and service prepares for the next inspection of youth justice services.

The two-year “All Our Futures” strategy that was launched by the Leader in June 2020 was the first step in recovery.

The next two-year strategy will be developed between January and March next year as a collaborative process so that we maintain the improvement of services to give better outcomes to those children in the youth justice system and the victims of the harm caused by them.

#### Supplementary Question – Cllr Lister

If possible could you share the recent correspondence from the YJB with all members and just join me in actually congratulating all the staff that I used to work with at the Youth Justice Service on the fantastic progress they are making.

#### Reply -Cllr Hinchey

I absolutely accept that you have a keen interest in this particular subject and are very supportive. The letter was actually addressed to Graham Rob the chair of the Youth Justice Service and the operational manager directly from YJB but I will check with the Chair, I am fairly sure that given the progress being made that the author and the recipient of the latter will be happy for me as the Cabinet Member to share it and I think that will be encouraging as you rightly say to all Members that good progress is being made

#### Question - Councillor Robson

Since the recent consultation by Welsh Government to put tolls on the M4 and A470, what discussions have you had with Welsh Ministers to explain the effect on Cardiff?

#### Reply – Cllr Wild

I am aware of the various consultations to look at ways of tackling serious and grave issues around climate change, decarbonisation, air pollution, congestion levels, you will have noted the work of the Burns commission and the government's report into road user charging with regard particular location referring to an air quality issues there you'll be aware that as part of the process a wide range of options need to be considered at the early stages as this is purely an outline overview of the many options. I wouldn't expect to have discussions at this stage however as the work develops and the options are clearer we would expect Welsh Government to engage directly with the council to ensure that any potential effects on Cardiff are appropriately considered.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Robson

If those tolls were to go ahead in the location outlined the moment do you not agree that it would be a tax on motorists driving to Cardiff and whilst it is important to address the climate change issue, this particular initiative could harm the economy far more than other measures which would be beneficial to the environment and will you communicate that to Welsh government at the appropriate time.

Reply – Cllr Wild

No I am going to call that out completely Councillor Robson I mean we hear in this Chamber you've brought forward a number of motions around air quality you stand up and say that we should be dealing with this in the most urgent of issues you specifically mention areas around Whitchurch complaining about air quality issues around the school. The Welsh Government brings forward some quite serious proposals to deal with air quality issue which we know kills people where they are expected to come forward with a number of different ways of dealing with it as part of a process and then you immediately scaremonger and you know it begs the question how serious are you and your group Councillor Robson about dealing with issues around the climate and air quality when as soon as something as small as this comes up you scaremonger with the kind of language you use so I just don't agree with your assessment of the situation and I'm pleased that we have a Welsh government that is prepared to take difficult decisions in dealing with some of the biggest issues of our age.

Question - Councillor McGarry

Can you advise Council what role housing has played in the One Planet Strategy?

Reply – Cllr Thorne

The Housing & Communities Service has played a key role in the development of the One Planet Strategy.

An ambitious programme has been developed to transform the energy efficiency of our existing council homes and to incorporate cutting-edge technology in all our new build projects.

We are proposing to carry out wholesale improvement to our low-rise blocks of flats. This 10-year programme will ensure that all our low-rise blocks of flats have external thermal insulation and solar photovoltaic panels to generate clean affordable energy.

We have also developed a 'Move to Net Zero' strategy, which ensures that our entire new build programme moves rapidly towards a zero carbon standard.

We design our new homes to reduce carbon through a highly efficient building fabric, integrating solar photovoltaic and battery storage and using on-site renewable heat sources such as ground source or air source. Every home is also future proofed for electric vehicle charging.

This ambitious approach will significantly reduce fuel bills for tenants and carbon emissions from council homes.

Supplementary Question – Cllr McGarry

I just wondered what the Council can do to encourage the private rented sector and homeowners to meet these standards?

Reply – Cllr Thorne

I think we can do something but we can't do this work alone. We do see a central role for us in developing a coordinated partnership's strategy to promote an upscaling housing energy efficiency retrofit across all tenures of housing targeting up to 2000 homes per year by 2024 and in particular this will look to identify potential funding sources, lobby for a more if necessary and provide sensible and useful advice for homeowners so that they can make well informed decisions about energy efficiency.

86 : URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business

87 : COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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 is recommended to appoint to the vacancies on Committees in accordance with the approved allocation of seats and Party Group wishes, as set out on the Amendment Sheet.

88 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

In accordance with the Council Procedure Rule 17 (f) [Written Questions](#) received are included as a record of the meeting