

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 29 September 2022 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 23 September 2022.

Present: County Councillor Hinchey (Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Ash-Edwards, Berman, Boes, Bowen-Thomson, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Brown-Reckless, Burke-Davies, Carr, Carter, Chowdhury, Cowan, Davies, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Driscoll, Ebrahim, Elsmore, Gibson, Goodway, Green, Gunter, Henshaw, Hopkins, Humphreys, Hunt, Jenkins, K Jones, Owen Jones, Joyce, Kaaba, Lancaster, Latif, Lay, Lent, Lewis, Lister, Littlechild, Livesy, Lloyd Jones, Mackie, McEvoy, McGarry, Melbourne, Merry, Michael, Molik, Moultrie, Naughton, Owen, Palmer, Jackie Parry, Proctor, Reid-Jones, Robinson, Robson, Sangani, Sattar, Shimmin, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Huw Thomas, Thomson, Lynda Thorne, Waldron, Weaver, Wild, Williams and Wood

1 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Ali Ahmed, Cunnah, Ferguson-Thorne, Jackie Jones, Taylor and Wong.

2 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of meeting were received in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct

Councillor	Item	Nature of Interest
Mackie	Item 9 - Maindy Park Trust – Establishment of Independent Advisory Committee	Prejudicial – Local Authority Governor at Cathays High School
Weaver	Item 9	Prejudicial – Local Authority Governor at Cathays High School
Chowdhury	Item 9	Personal – son attends Cathays High School
McEvoy	Item 10 – Cabinet Statement – Social Services	Personal – For professional reasons
Green	Item 11 – Notice of Motion	Personal – employed by organisation who focus on Climate Change
Chowdhury	Item 11	Personal – works with Public Health Wales
Naughton	Item 14 - Cardiff Bus – Reappointment of Independent Non Executive Directors	Personal – Family Member in receipt of a Cardiff Bus Pension
Lay	Item 14	Personal Interest – Chair and Non Executive Director, Cardiff Bus

Owen Jones	Item 14	Personal Interest – Non Executive Director, Cardiff Bus
Davies	Item 14	Personal Interest – Non Executive Director, Cardiff Bus
Hunt	Item 14	Personal Interest – Non Executive Director, Cardiff Bus

### 3 : MINUTES

The minutes of the 21 July were signed and approved as a correct record subject to amending the attendance record for the meeting, Councillor Latif was present at the meeting.

### 4 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Public Question 1 – Mr Ruben Kelman

Does the Council support housing developments on greenfield sites?

Reply – Councillor De’Ath

Mr. Coleman the answer to your question is yes, the adopted Cardiff Local Development Plan allocates land for strategic greenfield development sites at the edge of the city.

Supplementary Question- Mr Kelman

That completely contradicts the Council’s Stronger Fairer Greener agenda. There’s nothing stronger about building houses without infrastructure, there is nothing fairer about four and five bed executive homes that only a select few in this city can afford and there’s nothing greener about building on vast swathes of this city’s limited green fields. I just wanted to know does the Cabinet Member really think that these developments are a) the best thing for Cardiff and b) the best thing for the environment and the future of our planet?

Reply – Councillor De’Ath

I do Mr. Kelman I do to be honest with you and I think you know that was just a bit of footage for Twitter and that’s fine but in Cardiff the majority of developments are on brownfield sites 65 percent on brownfield sites and only 35 percent on greenfield sites. We are legally obliged by the government to look at both brownfield and greenfield sites, we obviously have a preference for brownfield but some of the greenfield sites we use its poor quality farmland you know we are absolutely committed to protecting the quality areas of our city. The Cardiff North Councillors particularly Councillor Hunt and MS Julie Morgan have campaigned vigorously to protect the green belt around the city known as the green wedge, but our priority by having a mix that we have is to deliver as much affordable housing as possible as some of the houses Councillor Thorne has been delivering that are absolutely superb quality, not just carbon neutral but carbon positive feeding back energy into the grid meaning those residents there don’t have any bills at all. We’re bringing to life the Socialist maxim only the best for the working class Mr Kelman and of that I am very very proud.

Public Question 2 – Mr Graham Getheridge

In March the Council gave planning consent for an arena on the car park of County Hall paying little regard to local residents. With the predicted budget shortfall of 29 million in the next financial year and a reported 34 million being paid in interest each year, in the current climate how can Members justify committing nearly 25 million potentially going up to 60 million eventually to the Arena development instead of local services that are under increasing pressure and in this light what assurances can the council give that the arena and the wider master plan will be completed fully and on budget.

Reply – Councillor Goodway

The indoor arena is as you will be aware a private sector development that the Council is facilitating to enhance the city's event infrastructure. The Council believes that it is an important development for the local economy with the potential to bring in over 100 million of gross value added per year providing a very welcome boost to businesses in the city centre and Cardiff Bay. The Council's approach to the funding of the Arena is innovative but cost neutral to the Council and therefore does not affect the Council's ability to deliver local services. The Council is aware of the concerns expressed by residents at Atlantic Wharf but overall the Council is persuaded that the project has the support of most residents across the area. I want to emphasise that the concerns of residents are well understood and the Council will do all it can to ensure that the operation of the arena has the minimum impact on those residents.

Supplementary Question- Mr Getheridge

So the claims made in terms of jobs and revenue are very ambitious, my question is when are you going to show the tax payers of Cardiff the evidence for these claims?

Reply – Councillor Goodway

Well when we take the project forward the developer will set out in detail its economic impact assessments and things like that and they will be available in the public domain. I must say though that in the week that we've seen the UK government indicate that the answer to our problems has to be economic growth, then it's projects like this that are absolutely essential to delivering that growth, so for all our sakes we have to, on the basis of this UK government agenda, we need infrastructure projects like this to proceed.

5 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were received

Councillor	Number of Relevant Signatures	Nature of Petition
Carter	113	Calling on the Council to reconsider the policy and reduce the distance criteria from 3 miles to 2.5 miles for free home to school transport
Lewis	86	Calling on the Council to review how it responds to noise issues from Cardiff Bay Owners and residents

## 6 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor congratulated and thanked 'Team Cardiff', after the sad death of the late Queen Elizabeth II, for ensuring all of those high profile events at Llandaff Cathedral; the Bay; the City Centre; and inside the Castle all went smoothly and safely. Feedback from the public, our Third Sector and Charitable organisations who met the King & Queen Consort inside the Castle, and our many distinguished guests was exceptional. Many events that had been cancelled are now back in the diary and have been re-arranged.

Members and the public were advised of the passing of former Fairwater Councillor Derek Rees. Derek was a Member of the Fire Authority and a highly respected former Head Teacher in Cardiff. Our condolences go to Derek's family and friends.

The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor Owen and Mrs Fran Jones on the birth of their baby son Taran.

The Lord Mayor thanked

Thank you to Councillors Michael Michael, Peter Bradbury and Sean Driscoll for arranging this years charity cricket match at St Fagans Cricket club. The Lord Mayors II came away with a clear victory over the Officers team. With sponsorship, the event raised around £1500 pounds for our Lord Mayors Guide Dogs Cymru appeal, so thank you to everyone involved. It was a lovely evening.

It was lovely to have been invited to be the guest of honour at various India, Bangladesh and Pakistan independence and commemorative days. It is a clear reminder that Cardiff is a thriving, vibrant and multi cultural city. Other events attended were the South Wales Fire & Rescue Long Service Awards and a number of local community groups and events.

Looking forward, I would like Members to reach for a pen and note some of the dates

- Black History Wales is holding an event this Saturday at St Fagans National Museum of History between 11am and 5pm. See Councillor Margaret Lewis for further details.
- The Cardiff Marathon is being run this Sunday and so good luck to all those running, including Councillor Merry and Craig Green who is raising money for our Guide Dogs appeal.
- Councillor Norma Mackie has kindly arranged a Quiz & Curry Night at the lovely Gareth Edwards Lounge in the Arms Park next Saturday evening Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. (see poster). This will be a good opportunity for former councillors and new Members to get to know each other better, socialise and support the Lord Mayors Guide Dogs appeal (yes there will be some real Guide Dogs and their owners joining us). You can come alone, join a team on the night or form a community team yourself. This will be a fun night, open to anybody and everybody is welcome - so please share this on you social media page

- Slips on your benches provide the details of our LM Guide Dogs appeal, if you would be kind enough to make a donation, share the details into your community pages or arrange a local event. I would be pleased to try and come along and support but please give as much notice as possible.
- And finally congratulations to Councillor Michael who is 70 years young today!

7 : GOVERNANCE & AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

Council received the Governance & Audit Annual Report for 2021-2022 which outlined the work of the committee.

The Vice-Chairperson Mr Gavin McArthur moved the report.

RESOLVED:

The recommendations in the report were NOTED.

8 : CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT  
2021-2022

Council received the Corporate Parenting Advisory Annual Report 2021-2022, which outlined the work of the committee.

Councillor Sarah Merry moved the report.

RESOLVED:

The recommendations in the report were NOTED.

9 : MAINDY PARK TRUST - ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

This report asked Council to consider the recommended establishment of an independent advisory committee to advise the Cabinet, in its capacity as sole trustee of the charitable trust, Maindy Park, in relation to a land exchange proposed by the Council in its statutory local authority capacity.

There was one Amendment to the report from the Liberal Democrat Group.

Councillor Huw Thomas proposed the report.

Councillor Goodway seconded the report.

Amendment 1 – proposed by Councillor Wood and seconded by Councillor Waldron:

***Additional recommendation to read:***

Council recommends that Cabinet halt progressing projects relating to the disposal of land at Maindy Park - namely the provision of new school buildings and the development of the International Sports Village - until which point the Charity

Commission issues a determination in relation to an application to dispose of Trust land, or Cabinet decide to no longer pursue the disposal of the aforementioned land.

The Lord Mayor opened the item for debate.

Councillor Huw Thomas confirmed the amendment was not accepted.

The Lord Mayor called a vote on amendment. The vote was LOST.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the recommendations. The recommendations were APPROVED.

RESOLVED: Cabinet AGREED on 28<sup>th</sup> September to recommended to Council to approve the establishment of a Maindy Park Trust Advisory Committee, with the membership and terms of reference set out in paragraph 6 of this report.

## 10 : CABINET STATEMENTS

### [Leader's Statement](#)

The Leader responded to questions relating to:

- Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Accession of His Majesty King Charles III
- Llanishen and Lisvane Reservoirs Visitor Hub

### [Tackling Poverty, Equality & Public Health Statement](#)

Councillor Sangani responded to questions relating to:

- Covid-19 Booster Vaccination Programme (Autumn 2022)
- Welsh Government HIV Action Plan Consultation

Councillor Bradbury responded to questions relating to:

- Cost of Living Support

### [Transport & Strategic Planning Statement](#)

Councillor De'Ath responded to questions relating to:

- City Centre Transport Projects
- Cycleway 1 Update
- School Streets
- APSE – Cardiff Bereavement Services

### [Deputy Leader & Education Statement](#)

Councillor Merry responded to questions relating to:

- Food and Fun
- UNICEF Child Friendly City

### [Climate Change Statement](#)

Councillor Wild responded to questions relating to:

- Recycling Strategy 2022-25 – Cleaner and Greener

#### Culture, Parks, Events & Venues Statement

Councillor Burke-Davies responded to questions relating to:

- Summer Events Programme
- Christmas 2022
- Green Flag Awards 2022
- Community Engagement in Parks

#### Finance, Modernisation & Performance Statement

Councillor Weaver responded to questions relating to:

- Financial Update
- Wales Interpretation and Translation Service (WITS)

#### Housing & Communities Statement

Councillor Thorne responded to questions relating to:

- Community Safety Update
- Providing Warm & Welcome Spaces
- Increased Demand for Homelessness Services

#### Investment & Development Statement

There were no questions for Councillor Goodway.

#### Social Services Statement

Councillor Mackie responded to questions relating to:

- Inspection of Community Resource and Internal Supported Living Homecare Services
- Supporting Hospital Discharge

## 11 : NOTICE OF MOTION

The Lord Mayor noted that a Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Choudhury and seconded by Councillor Dilwar Ali had been received for consideration.

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

**As the worst flooding to hit South Asia in living memory leads to over 70% of the land submerged in northeast region of Bangladesh with more than 7 million people displaced, more than 1,100 people killed in Pakistan this summer while thousands more are injured and displaced, we are reminded once again of the devastating impacts of climate change. Having declared a climate emergency in 2019 Cardiff Council:**

- Recognises that now more than ever before we are linked to people and environment across the world and that our choices and behaviour can make a significant difference in saving lives, livelihood as well as in averting global public health and environmental crisis.

- Notes that whilst people in the more affluent nations in the world are responsible for the majority of global carbon emissions, people in the poorer nations will suffer the most devastating impacts. Building the resilience through adaptability, social justice and sustainable development is critical for tackling climate injustices.
- Note that countries like Bangladesh are highly vulnerable to rising sea level, drought and stronger cyclones. For example, it is estimated that by 2050 sea level around Bangladesh could rise by 50cm and that would mean the country losing 17% of its land with homes, schools and in some instances the entire villages being lost. That will displace over 20 million people.
- Notes that the city of Cardiff has a long history of settlement from south Asia with 3rd/4<sup>th</sup> generation now being born and growing up here. As over 70% of Sylhet in the northeast has been submerged in the recent flood, many of the Bangladeshis in Cardiff who originate from Sylhet are extremely concerned about the survival and welfare of family, relatives and friends.
- Applauds the efforts of groups such as European Action Group on Climate Change in Bangladesh (EAGCCB) and the wider community efforts in Cardiff and beyond, who are coming together to raise awareness as well as funds to rebuild the lives and communities.
- Refers to our commitment to One Planet Cardiff – a strategic response to the climate emergency and commends all the efforts that are being made to keep us on track to meet our targets for carbon emissions.
- Has a responsibility under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 to act in a globally responsible way. From Africa to the Middle East, Philippines, Japan, Australia and Germany, no region will be spared from the catastrophic impacts of climate change. The science is unequivocal; a global increase of 1.5C above the pre-industrial average and the continued loss of biodiversity risk catastrophic harm to health that will be impossible to reverse. Urgent, society-wide changes must be made and to create a fairer and healthier world.

Cardiff Council resolves to:

1. Raising awareness about the devastating impacts of climate change and our call to action to change attitudes, mindset and behaviour through meaningful engagement. We commit to being a globally responsible city and ensure our approach to tackling climate crisis acknowledges the interconnectivity and interdependency of the world we live in.
2. Support the development of global citizenship by:



- a. Promoting Eco-schools and other educational interventions to engage schools and to empower young people to be ethically informed citizens of Wales and the World as part of the new national curriculum.
  - b. Investigate partnering with projects overseas where the impacts of the global climate crisis are being felt, for example in the tropics.
  - c. Create opportunities to share, exchange and learn from environmental experts through inclusive interactive sessions in schools and workplaces on practical steps we can all take to mitigate the impacts of climate change and build resilience.
  - d. Recognise that learning to be responsible global citizens requires people to understand the need to consider the impact that their choices will have on the environment and people around the world and how their actions can make a difference.
  - e. Encouraging more people to become 'carbon literate' so people can make informed choices about our own carbon footprint and understand the impact of climate change.
3. Support and promote the ambition for Cardiff to become carbon neutral and the actions we can all take, including:
- a. Using more sustainable travel options such as cycling, walking and public transport
  - b. Producing less waste and reusing and recycling wherever we can
  - c. Being mindful of the energy we use in our homes and businesses
  - d. Embrace diversity through a public engagement and participation strategy so that all residents of Cardiff can share the aspiration and desire for creating a greener, stronger and fairer city we can all take pride in.

The Motion was formally seconded by Councillor Dilwar Ali

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion.

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

The Lord Mayor called for a Vote on the Motion as moved by Councillor Choudhury and seconded by Councillor Dilwar Ali.  
The vote on the Motion was CARRIED.

## 12 : ORAL QUESTIONS

Councillor Williams to Councillor De'Ath

Following a public consultation in 2021 residents and businesses voted to keep Castle Street open to private vehicles. Following Welsh Government intervention in September 2022, Cardiff Council is now considering whether Castle Street should be

closed to private vehicles. Businesses and residents will be adversely impacted if Castle Street is closed to private vehicles and this risks passporting pollution into residential areas, so before any decision is taken to close Castle Street, will the Cabinet Member agree to a local referendum for residents in Grangetown and Riverside to vote on whether Castle Street should close to private vehicles.

Reply – Councillor De’Ath

I think you are very slightly mischaracterising what we have done. If you recall we've reopened Castle Street on an interim basis so we can gather more data post covid and do more modelling and we will make a final decision on that in the new year and hopefully you'll be the first to know.

Supplementary Question- Councillor Williams

I thank my good friend Councillor De’Ath for assuring me I'll be the first to know about proposals to close Castle Street because of course I'm going to go out and I'm going to tell businesses in our city centre because they are fearful of the prospect of closing Castle Street to private vehicles and you should be too Councillor De’Ath because there is a risk that we would be passporting harmful levels of pollution to the residential areas. Why is it that you are not listening to residents who voted to keep Castle Street open? Is it because you want to keep Welsh Government happy are they the real decision makers here?

Reply – Councillor De’Ath

We are reliant on data and modelling as the Cabinet Labour Group and the left and centre-left more generally we practise something called evidence-led policymaking. Now I know that's not your thing I know that's not Liz Truss's thing, you're a big Liz Truss guy and that's fine, I'm not sure what determines your decision making processes, I don't know if it's events of astrological significance but on the left and the centre left we use empirical evidence and we use the scientific method and of course I love Grangetown, I'm a Grangetown guy you know that and we will be putting Grangetown first and Cardiff first in whatever decision we make on Castle Street.

Councillor Berman to Councillor Goodway

I hope Councillor Goodway realises that there's actually a slight typo in my question it should have said reverse not relevant reserves, so the question is actually 'What is the council strategy to reverse the increasing economic decline being witnessed in Queen Street as demonstrated by increasing numbers of empty shop units?'

Reply – Councillor Goodway

The Councillor will be aware that earlier this year Cabinet approved the city centre recovery action Plan that outlined the Council's response to the national and international trends impacting city centres post pandemic. The plan was based on the wider city recovery strategy and provided details of specific actions the Council is taking in response to the challenges that city centres face. There has been a global shift in the role that city centres now play across the world and locations like Queen Street are in a period of transition however until last Friday I was confident that Queen Street will remain a vibrant high street. I know that Councillors are excited about the work that the council is already taking to support the area around Queen

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Street most notably the development of the Canal Quarter which is a project that specifically aims to support businesses at the north-western part of the city centre. In addition, the Economic Development team is undertaking work to directly promote the city as a location for retail and hospitality as well as providing direct support to local businesses. This has included working with a number of new occupiers on Queen Street one of which is the new Monmouthshire building society branch to open shortly. So despite the challenges the Authority centres are facing following the pandemic footfall figures show that patronage on Queen Street is regularly exceeding pre Covid levels. The Council is mindful of the impact the current cost of living challenges could have on the retail sector, however I am confident that the council strategy will ensure that the city centre will continue to support thousands of jobs for people across Cardiff and the City region.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Berman

I think the Councillor talks a good talk and we keep hearing about our footfall being up and are doing well compared to other city centres but if you walk down Queen Street it's looking increasingly desperate. You know greater numbers of empty shops we are getting the kind of businesses taking up some of the shop units that you wouldn't expect to see on you know our most prestigious shopping streets. I suppose the question is have you initiated some kind of crisis summit of getting different stakeholders together to actually develop some kind of strategy to reverse this now whether it is the case that we can keep all of the shop units is shops or whether we diversify I don't know but I think what we need to do is have some sort of summit to try to find a way forward and are you doing that?

Reply – Councillor Goodway

I am grateful to the Councillor that he acknowledges I talk a good talk as I've made a career out of it but don't take my word for it of course we talk with other stakeholders and I have to say that I was speaking to one of Cardiff's retail property experts Phil Morris of E J Hales only this week and I have to say that like us Phil is extremely bullish about Queen Street and its future and he indicated he had a list of clients waiting for space to become available to set up operations in Queen Street and he told me that he was happy for him to be quoted if I needed to do so. He also commented that the recent negative article in Wales Online re Queen Street did not have any input from the professional property sector in Cardiff and if it had it would not have been negative so this is not just me Councillor talking a good talk this is me reflecting the views of people that know about these things far better than you or I.

Councillor Livesy to Councillor De'Ath

When the Council's Planning Committee in May 2020 approved the planning application for the new Pentyrch surgery in the village of Rhydlafer some two miles outside of Pentyrch the consequence was that the existing surgery in Pentyrch would close. In reaching its decision the planning committee discussed in some detail the problem of there being no public transport between the two villages without which anyone who did not have access to transport of their own would not be able to use the surgery in Rhydlafer. The planning committee's decision was influenced by a commitment by the Council to meet with the developer with a view to overcoming the access problem. More than two years have passed without any news on this very important transport issue hundreds of residents of Pentyrch and Rhydlafer remain

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both angry and frustrated over the decision and apparent lack of interest by the County Council. Can you please provide a detailed report on what steps were taken, when, and the conclusion reached following the Planning Committee's decision to resolve this transport problem.

Reply – Councillor De'Ath

I have been informed that limited 106 funding has been agreed with the developer to support an improved transport link to the new GP surgery however the development of the surgery has been delayed as a result of Covid 19. Current Welsh Government emergency bus scheme funding for the bus industry makes it difficult to change existing bus services however prior to the relocation of the GP surgery officers will be investigating potential options for serving the new site.

Supplementary Question Councillor Livesy

Would the Council help influence any bus transport solution while learning from mistakes made Gwaelod Y Garth and sending oversized buses through a small village and a similar narrow road.

Reply – Councillor De'Ath

I mean we want the best service for your residents , we have to do all we can and work with local members to get the best results.

Councillor Bowen Thompson to Councillor De'Ath

The Burns report '1 metro, 1 network, 1 ticket' November 2020, highlighted the importance of a network of alternatives to give people and businesses new credible transport options that do not involve the motorway or the use of a car as well as the creation of a new SE Wales rail backbone increasing the number of stations between Cardiff and the River Severn. Do you agree that the creation of flexible accessible rail stations provide a vital contribution to improving the environment reducing emissions increasing economic investment and helping towards the creation of a healthier and more prosperous Cardiff and region?

Reply – Councillor De'Ath

I absolutely agree with everything you say and our transport strategy recognises the value of creating new railway stations. The Council works closely with the Burns delivering unit the Welsh government body responsible for the recommendations of the Burns report and the potential for new rail stations in the corridor between Cardiff and Newport and of course the additional Cardiff Parkway development in your ward is something we absolutely want to see.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Bowen Thompson

St Mellons Parkway as mentioned is a mainline station and is a welcomed development within my ward of Trowbridge and St Mellons, which I, along with my fellow Labour ward councillors have supported and we are really pleased that Cardiff Council granted planning permission for this. However, following that permission, Welsh government on the 23rd November 2021 issued a direction under article 18 of the Town and Country Planning order in respect of this application and this prevents Cardiff Council from granting planning permission until the call-in processes concluded. We are now nearly a year on and a decision on whether or not to call in

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the application is yet to be made. What is the Council doing to help ensure that this vital provision delivers for my residents and people in the region.

Reply – Councillor De'Ath

You know I think St Mellons is really lucky to have three such tenacious Councillors fighting its corner. You've been into me lobbying and I have been into the Leader and we're making every representation we can to Welsh Government to get this over the line, it's something we really think would benefit the city as well as St Mellons.

Councillor Littlechild to Councillor Lister

When the recent Local Authority Social Services' annual report was published, on page 14 it highlighted the increase and consistency of children being placed in unregulated placements. How many children and young people does this affect under the care of Cardiff Council and what age are those housed in unregulated placements?

Reply – Councillor Lister

Unfortunately it hasn't actually been published yet, that was report that went to Scrutiny it will be coming to Cabinet and Full Council next month and I will be more than happy to discuss it in more detail then but just to give you some assurances that every single unregulated placement we have in Cardiff has got robust oversight from management and they are a last resort that we look to but we inform Care Inspectorate Wales as soon as possible and we keep in touch with them throughout placement.

Supplementary Councillor Littlechild

Can you assure the Council that there are no children under the age of 16 being housed in unregulated placements?

Reply – Councillor Lister

I don't need Councillors in the Chamber saying Yes or No when I stand up to answer s question thank you, but what I would say Councillor is although we wouldn't normally give the individual ages and I will confirm that there are some children between the ages of 11 and 16 that there are in these placements and that's why we've got robust oversight and support going into them.

Councillor Carter to Councillor Thorne

What steps are the Council taking to protect tenants who engaged in Council homes swaps?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

Thank you Councillor Carter as I've already set out in my reply to your written question on this subject all social housing exchanges are currently governed by the Housing Act 19 85 which sets out essential criteria for the approval of such exchanges. Secure tenants have a statutory right to exchange under this legislation. Managers must check and authorise exchanges to ensure correct procedure fairness and adherence to legislative requirements. For Council properties a number of investigations are completed including safeguarding and property condition checks. Additional action may be taken to ensure that the exchange aligns with tenant needs

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such as prior agreement of any repairs that need to be completed prior to the exchange, engage with the Occupational therapist or requesting references from other landlords. Applicants are always strongly advised to visit the at the property before finalising an exchange and if the property is in poor decorative condition but both parties still wish to proceed all tenants required to sign an agreement to this effect. A new mutual exchange advice leaflet is currently being drafted to ensure that exchange applicants are able to make informed decisions regarding property exchanges.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Carter

I think you've said the legal standpoint very clearly what the Council should and shouldn't be doing. My concern is that with all that in mind, how is it that we have systems where we have tenants moving into properties in my ward, in good faith only to find the properties are in an awful state of repair and Council officers supposedly signing things off and then actually individuals themselves being left in harm's way. My concern is that some of our council tenants are incredibly vulnerable, we have a duty as landlords to look after these people and I know this is something Councillor Thorne cares very passionately about yet I'm worried the processes that we have in place possibly staffing related issues I don't know, have because these cracks too to emerge and things to slip through the net and I think we need to double down as an Authority to make sure that we can protect these vulnerable tenants would the Cabinet Member agree with me on that?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

Councillor Carter no I wouldn't agree, the issue is that it is up to those individuals and we do an inspection and things are agreed between both parties but when you visit a property which is finished with wardrobes against walls and all sorts of things people very rarely look behind and I've had the same complaints hence the reason for setting out a fact sheet and telling people what they really need to look out for. The other issue is that when people move, and they leave a lot of rubbish behind as well in gardens and everything. So it is difficult because this is an agreement between the two tenants and this is not agreement with the Council it is an agreement between 2 tenants and what I wanted was the fact sheet to make sure that those people who are considering an exchange, actually we highlight some of the pitfalls and some of the things that they need to look out for but very often people who are in desperate need for housing or in desperate to be moved closer to families, they walk into a home fully finished it looks wonderful and empty it looks dreadful and I do feel for them but we have to have some sort of formal process and that's what we do and we are trying and will continue to try to improve it to make sure that people are not left in a dreadful situation.

Councillor Gibson to Councillor Burke-Davies

I am certain that this Chamber is delighted with the Welsh National football team and its long-awaited qualification to take part in the World Cup. I thought so, a belated congratulations to the team. My question is are there any plans in place for Cardiff City Council to organise or make provisions for outdoor or partially covered fans zones?

Reply – Councillor Burke-Davies

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The council is continuing to work with the Gwyl Cymru festival this is a 10-day event to bring communities together as part of Wales World Cup campaign and is being promoted by the FAW and is in partnership with the Arts Council of Wales. There is currently an open call for any company or organisation wishing to show Wales World Cup fixtures to submit their event details to Gwyl Cymru to sign up on the website, they will receive assistance, such as marketing materials, videos, playlists and social media assets to support the promotion of their events and the closing date for that is the 19th of October. In Cardiff so far Clwb Ifor Bach and Chapter have both signed up for their participation and work is ongoing to widen the level of participation and engagement across the city.

Councillor Kate Carr to Councillor Merry

Will you join us in congratulating Molly Fenton and the Love Your Period campaign for their work. It's inspiring to see the efforts being made to ensure young women have dignity in managing their periods through access to free sanitary products. What more can Councillors and school governors many of whom are here do to ensure the products on offer reach all students as intended?

Reply – Councillor Merry

Thank you Councillor Carr for giving me an opportunity to congratulate Molly for the campaign that she's been running on this issue and I very much welcome that. I like many women I'm sure in this room have been in exactly that position of not having money on me for sanitary products and rolling up tissue paper in a desperate attempt that you will remain secure until you actually have the money to go out and buy sanitary pads and nothing can feel more humiliating to anybody than being in that position. Schools have been provided with products we have provided them too with receptacles so they can be in the toilet, you don't want to speak and find another person if you need a sanitary towel or a tampon you don't want that, you need it then and there and you need it to be available. Every single governor in this room can bring this up in your governing bodies and make sure that your schools are following the guidance that they have been given and are making those products that they have accessible. I don't want to hear about any school saying they don't need more products if your school isn't accepting more supplies you should be asking them why they're not needing more supplies, bring it up, ask them and that's the duty that every single person in this room who was a school governor can take back it is a simple thing please do it.

Councillor Cowan to Councillor Wild

Why are there stacks of blue bins at Lamby Way and what was the cost of them? Are the Council planning to collect the blue bins distributed to households during the original glass recycling pilot? What was the total cost of this redundant scheme?

Reply – Councillor Wild

Each of those blue caddies cost around £3.90 and they've been used as part of the trials we've been running to inform our new recycling strategy for glass jars and bottles. The results from this trial were really encouraging showing that collecting glass in this way not only reduce contamination in general recycling but also meant we save significant sums of money as we can then sell on the much better quality glass. As you will have seen in the recent recycling strategy we have just

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approved the caddies will actually be needed now to collect glass bottles and jars in the roll out across the rest of Cardiff.

Supplementary Question Councillor Cowan

Councillor Cowan could not here the Chamber so said she would submit her questions in writing.

Reply Councillor Wild

Thank you and just to say to Councillor Cowan that I'm very happy to meet with you to talk about this and especially as and when Rhiwbina comes forward as part of the next roll out it would be really good to speak to you. I know you do a good job with the recycling and waste in your area so be really good to speak about the concerns of residents and make sure they understand the changes we are making and why we're making them,

Councillor Procter to Councillor Huw Thomas

Can the Leader give an update on the plans for the Llanishen reservoir?

Reply - Leader

Thank you Councillor Procter for your question. It was good to join you and Councillor Hunt early this month to see in person the good progress is being made by Welsh Water to deliver the new visitor hub at Llanishen and Lisvane reservoirs which contributes to a long-standing manifesto commitment of this administration and our manifesto in 2017 indeed to return sailing Llanishen reservoir. I now understand that highways and drainage details are progressing following the planning approval in September of last year, with construction work expected to be completed next spring. I'm sure you'll agree with me that the new facilities will provide an excellent visitor destination and I am very much looking forward to seeing sailing return and other sports as well including Wild Water swimming being available at this new facility.

Supplementary Question Councillor Procter

Thank you and I do agree with you Leader and it was great to see the site a few weeks back with yourself and my ward colleague Garry Hunt and it's really great as well to see that Labour Council investment has allowed the reservoir to finally come back into use and also thanks to the Reservoir Action Group, Cardiff North MS Julie Morgan, former Llanishen Councillors Phil Bale and Julie McGill and also parent Councillor Gary Hunt who were all able to stop the Site of Special Scientific Interest becoming a large development on site. Prior to the site being drained in 2010, the reservoir was home to The Llanishen sailing centre as you pointed out which opened in 1974. Olympic gold medal winner Hannah Mills trained here setting her up to be Wales most successful female Olympian. Do you think that we now have the potential to train more gold medal winners from Cardiff.

Reply - Leader

Thank you Councillor Procter for your question and it's good to see sport being participated in at all levels in this Chamber. I very much hope that we'll see future medal winners emerge from Cardiff in all sports and it wouldn't be helpful if I didn't point out that the sailing medals that we have had from Cardiff residents as you say dating back to the 1970's, nearly 50 years of sailing at Llanishen reservoir of course that sailing provision has actually transferred to Cardiff Bay and is still to this day

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being delivered by Cardiff Council staff and even after this new facility opens in Llanishen, that service will still continue in Cardiff Bay. It will mean even more opportunities for the people of Cardiff to hone their skills on the water thank you.

Councillor Robson to Councillor Huw Thomas

Councillor Thomas with Cardiff failing to bid to be the host City for Eurovision 2023 what action will the Cabinet take to ensure that any future opportunities to host a worldwide event at short notice can be accommodated?

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

Thank you Councillor, I was a little surprised by your question because I know through your attendance at our cabinet meetings over the last five years you would know through the music strategy report that's taken through Cabinet of our ambition to create a complete music ecosystem for live music making in Cardiff. You will know and indeed you have supported or expressed your support for this administration's plans to deliver an indoor arena in Cardiff Bay which will have a capacity of upwards of 15,200 plus, events every year, 100 million pounds worth of GVA uplift and a million-plus visitors into the city and in fact an arena of that size actually better fits the requirements of an event like Eurovision. I think it was always going to be a different sort of event had they chosen to use the Principality Stadium. We've got and you know a superlative reputation as a major event city here in Cardiff, that team Cardiff approach of Cardiff Council, the Police all coming together as we saw indeed during the visit of the King early earlier this month, but I take your question is an endorsement really of our strategy to deliver that Arena, recognising it as the missing piece in our cultural infrastructure and I only wish Councillor Robson that some other Members of your group could show the same level of support to our ambition for Cardiff.

Supplementary Question Councillor Robson

Thank you for that answer but my question referred to at short notice which is the key bit I think that you missed in your initial answer and one thing that was disappointing when Cardiff decided not to bid was the Principality Stadium was already used for other events which were scheduled. However with an opportunity such as this was it would be not be wise to look to get some events moved or postponed until after Eurovision. I look at Liverpool for example which has made the final two they're looking to postpone Magic Mike whatever that is but also Sir Elton John, seriously big international acts who will be cleared out in the schedules for Eurovision and I just thought it was a really missed opportunity that we were in a position to bid who knows if we would have been successful in the final but at least we will have been on the shortlist there I think we missed a trick I hope that some of the suggestions you made about the infrastructure can be in when we bid next time round if there's next time, for Eurovision.

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

Of course we reflected on whether the events Scheduled at the Principality was something that could be rearranged, you know one of the events in question was an International Rugby wheelchair tournament so it would have been very problematic to move that. There are other events in plan not yet announced so I can't go into the details here tonight but which involve some of the biggest music stars in the world

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coming to the Principality, so you know the decision made jointly as I said on a team Cardiff basis was that particularly with those facts added to the leftfield nature of the Principality compared with where Eurovision is normally hosted, contributed to the decision to not bid or not submit a non-compliant bid.

Councillor Molik to Councillor Burke-Davies

I attended a health inequalities conference recently and Cabinet Member for equality and public Health was also in attendance many strong compelling research evidence into racial health inequalities exposed during Covid 19 were presented. We also heard about cardiac conditions having higher prevalence and certain ethnic communities i.e. Bangladeshi community the presentation stated one way of improving health and reducing risk in these communities was through exercise and Bangladeshi women in particular are least likely to exercise and one of the main reasons that research highlighted in terms of why the woman don't want to exercise is feeling uncomfortable in mixed gender facilities. Cardiff piloted and opened women only swimming at its leisure facilities many years ago on the back of such research evidence. The sessions were very popular however whilst COVID-19 expose their health inequalities in this communities it also led to significantly reduced women only swimming in this city has Cardiff backtracked on its commitment on addressing health equity?

Reply – Councillor Burke-Davies

All user groups were affected by reduced leisure services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic but I can categorically state that the Council has not backtracked on its commitment, our leisure partner GLL is committed to developing activity programmes across all sites with all user groups post pandemic. GLL have established effective partnerships with local health boards to specifically provide access to physical activity with the aim of improving health and wellbeing across Cardiff. Furthermore the Cardiff National exercise referral scheme addresses high-risk health issues through physical activity and targets and continues to target the southern arc of the city where there is a high population of ethnic minority groups. Further partnerships have also been developed through GLL, for example the Black Swimming Association and the Butetown Swim group in order to offer further swimming lessons and aquatic activities for women. As these services are ramped back up post pandemic, I'm more than happy to have a conversation if you feel that there are any blind spots or areas that we are missing to engage on those and make sure that we may continue to make improvements.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Molik

I will certainly be e-mailing you some details later. So along with opening and creating opportunities for these communities and to reduce the risk of health conditions mainly due to their life opportunities that economic status migration and history of suppression. Do you understand the need to call for help equity not equality of access to leisure facilities and services?

Reply – Councillor Burke-Davies

I do and I hope that as we go forward again if there is anything that we or I am missing I'm happy to take advice and to make sure that we are creating an environment where there is equality and justice.

Councillor Owen Jones to Councillor Weaver

Thank you given the inflationary pressures on the Council budget what new support is being offered from the UK government as a result of the fiscal event on Friday

Reply – Councillor Weaver

Thank you Councillor Jones I think like most people in the country and in the economy I think we felt there was no support from the fiscal event last Friday. I mean announcements were made that fundamentally public services were not at the forefront of the government's mind. You mentioned inflationary pressures we face, in the summer I came here and reported a potential budget gap of 29 million pounds, since then I think it's fair to say we have only seen prices move in one direction. We are facing increased costs of fuel, food, for energy, for pay, and suppliers are facing those too and passing those on and I think Local Government and public services across the UK have been making the point through this year, that we face a significant crisis in the next financial year if the UK government does not act and sadly the action taken last week was not focused on public services. It was not focused frankly on ordinary people of this country, I think to get attention last week you had to be a banker or a millionaire.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Owen Jones

I suppose my question to you Councillor Weaver is that do you agree with me that Councillors that showed such poor judgment to vote and campaign for this PM should probably have a look at themselves before giving out advice on how to run this city because maybe just maybe they are not quite as politically astute as they think they are?

Reply – Councillor Weaver

I agree entirely Councillor Jones it's a very well-made point you know this wasn't unforeseen the previous chancellor not the one we had over the summer but the one we had at the start of the year, did say in the leadership campaign that the Prime Minister was running on fairy tale economics that this will lead to an inflationary spiral and her proposed economic package was a disaster and then last Friday happened. Yes I do think that anybody in this Chamber who cares about the public services in Cardiff needs to understand that what is happening right now from the UK government is damaging our services here it is damaging them across the country and that it needs to change and needs to change quickly.

Councillor Cowan to Councillor Merry

Will the Cabinet Member advise which schools are still not offering hot meals to pupils' and what is the longest time a school hasn't offered this provision?

Reply – Councillor Merry

Since the start of the new academic year there is only one primary school in Cardiff that has not been able to offer a hot meal option to pupils' which is Stacey Primary School. This is due to extensive repairs and maintenance works that have been undertaken in school, it is anticipated that hot meal provision would be dreamed shortly on Stacey Primary School site and there are also plans for hot food provision for pupils who are attending the Willows High School site in the meantime and I was hoping to you Councillor Cowan the news that there's very positive feedback from

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this school meals in Rhiwbina primary school with one people describing the meals as Gordon Ramsay standard so they've clearly improved since I was at school.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Cowan

I'm sure Councillor Cowan would be delighted with that response about Gordon Ramsay I'm not going to swear like Gordon Ramsay in that response. In terms of Stacey Primary School can you provide us with an update on the support that we are providing to get hot meals delivered to pupils' and can you confirm whether Turkey Twizzlers are still on the menu, they were when I was a kid and I hope they still are now.

Reply – Councillor Merry

I'm sure Councillor Williams would be delighted to know that most schools actually have their school meals on rotation online so he can read the menu and anticipate a visit to his local school now for dinner. Obviously you know as I said in the answer we are keen to get the hot meal provision reinstated as quickly as possible it is currently down to purely logistical issues when you've got extensive works going on in school.

Councillor Berman to Councillor Wild

Councillor Wild is it still the case that the pop-up recycling centre in Parc Ty Glas will remain open indefinitely as was announced by the council as recently as March this year?

Reply – Councillor Wild

Thank you for your question Councillor as you know Parc Ty Glas has been identified as a site to be redeveloped to provide facilities for local educational needs so as the term suggests the Pop-up facility will moving around as we've discussed previously and actually forms part of our new recycling strategy to ensure more community recycling facilities available across the city. The term indefinitely as you'll be aware means for an unspecified period of time, it also means without established boundaries I think you are getting confused with the term infinitely which would be forever, so I think it's been fairly clear given these things what was likely to be happening at that site.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Berman

I think the Councillor is playing semantics here and I think that most people who see a post from the Council on social media saying that something is going to remain open indefinitely expect that it isn't going to shut in just a few months' time so would you not accept that in putting that post out the Council has been guilty of misinformation and will you apologise for it?

Reply – Councillor Wild

Absolutely I don't accept that. I think people know the term pop-up means that's a temporary thing it's pretty clear in the definition and I've said to you before indefinitely means an unspecified period of time without established boundaries I don't know quite how more clear it can be beaten than that.

Councillor Bridgeman to Councillor Lister

Can the Cabinet Member update the Council on the steps being taken to recruit foster carers in Cardiff?

Reply – Councillor Lister

Recruitment of in-house foster carers remains a priority for both myself and the administration and this month the fostering team will be launching a new social media campaign as well as general fostering. We are specifically looking to highlight the need for foster carers to support newly developed schemes such as the teen scheme which has a stepped down from residential parent child placements and support for unaccompanied asylum seeking children. The fostering team are working within communities that get out there as much as possible and engage with communities so that our foster carers reflect the communities that the citizens of Cardiff live in, so I just encourage or members to share with the fostering team if they have got events in their communities where the fostering teams can be present and offer their support to communities to recruit as many foster carers as possible.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Bridgeman

As Councillors and corporate parents is anything more we can do to help recruit foster-carers within Cardiff?

Reply – Councillor Lister

Thank you Councillor and sorry for jumping the gun with that they definitely is as you say we are all corporate parents within the Chamber and there is something that each and every one of us can do. With the new social media campaign being launched, if we can like and share and retweet as much as possible from the fostering team, from the Council and social media, that would be greatly appreciated. We want to buy in as much support from our communities to make sure that that diversity amongst our in house foster carers does reflect the communities and the children actually that we provide care for. I will be emailing all members shortly just to highlight the foster placements within their wards and where we actually need to build more in house provision as much as possible so I really appreciate support of Members across the Chamber on this.

Councillor Cowan/Williams to Councillor Lister

How many children in Cardiff are in out of county placements and can we be told what the total cost is for the past three years with a breakdown?

Reply – Councillor Lister

I'd like to thank Councillor Cowan for that question that currently 358 children in out of area placements which equates to around 35 percent of the children of that population. The placements vary from residential to foster in to kinship and pay all children in care orders with their parents we can't give a disaggregated spend on placement for that time period however the out of county costs do not differ from the costs within the local authority area children a place in the provision that meets their needs as much as possible and we need to just be conscious of that when we make it but this administration is committed to making sure that children placed as close to home as possible where it is appropriate.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Cowan/Williams

I'm sure many people including Cardiff Councillors will be concerned that 35 percent of all looked after children are in out of county placements. Surely that's a figure we should be working to reduce not only because of the significant cost but also the family costs of people needing to travel many many miles to visit children who are looked after. What are we doing about that Councillor Lister can you outline some of the things that you're doing as Cabinet Member and why can't you provide a financial breakdown surely that information is available?

Reply – Councillor Lister

I'd like to firstly thank the Member for not telling me how to answer this question but just to highlight the fact that we are as I did in the previous question working extremely hard to reduce the number of children looked after and increase the number of in-house foster carers that we've got. We want children to be as close to home as possible where it is appropriate it's not always appropriate there are safety needs that need to be concerned there's a lot of effort that goes into the matching between children in the individual placements but also as a residential placement with the other children that live there. The cost does vary you know we do know the in house is a lot cheaper but that doesn't differ with the quality you know we know that the say the actual service provided by our in house foster carers is of a great standard and we want to bring more on board to reduce that cost so we are not pay a management fee. Welsh Government has got an aim to reduce and eliminate the profit of children looked after and that is something we are completely committed to but we need to work on it collectively.

Councillor Hopkins to Councillor Huw Thomas

In light of the fact that this week's Labour party conference has voted for a manifesto commitment to proportional representation for general elections, when is the administration going to reconsider its failure to support bringing forward the report to implement proportional representation for the local council elections in 2027?

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

I'm pleased that Councillor Hopkins has been paying close attention to the Labour party conference as well he ought, however I do feel I need to just remind him about how the democratic process works. If the leader of the opposition Sir Keir Starmer chooses to include such a commitment for voting reform in my party's next UK manifesto and we are successful in that election, then he will have a mandate to deliver voting reform. Now there are good arguments to be made in favour of voting reform, however when you look at the election results in May this year, two parties put forward a commitment in their manifestos to deliver proportional representation in this Council. Those two parties combined received less than a third of the votes there is a supermajority in this city that rejected proportional representation so there is no mandate Councillor Hopkins for what you're asking for and I'd ask you kindly therefore to not refer to it as failure, it's a pejorative term and is not required in this circumstance.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Hopkins

Can I take it that the Leader does not agree with the First Minister Mark Drakeford who said at the conference and I quote 'in a democracy every vote should count in every vote ought to have the same value' that is what a proportional representation

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system provides people and under our current system there is no guarantee that people get the government that they vote for.

Governments are elected on a minority of people's votes and then in a winner-takes-all way proceed to do the things they choose to do. People who look to the Labour party would want to see if we get elected in a different way. So does the Leader not accept that Cardiff Labour's failure to support PR for local elections undermines the support for PR by the membership at the Labour conference and ignores the lesson of history where Conservative governments have been in power for 90 of the last 125 years on a minority of the votes cast.

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

For starters the First Minister is not leader in this Chamber far be it for me to speak against the First Minister, however I returned to the points of a democratic mandate if the question is put to the people and then that is endorsed that is a mandate to change. I am open-minded on the question of PR I have to say but when the question was put to the people back in 2011 in that little deal your party did with our friends opposite the matter was rejected so why don't you accept the view of the people Councillor Hopkins? Likewise, take Brexit and there is no stronger opponent of Brexit than me, back in 2015 you had the leader of your party Nick Clegg arguing that there should be a referendum on our membership of the European Union and then almost immediately after that result your party was seeking to overturn that result and reject it. So I'm and curious and staggered why your party has such difficulty in listening to what voters want and maybe that explains why for three elections in a row here in Cardiff the Liberal Democrat party has failed and lost seats at each of those elections, I rest my case.

Councillor Moultrie to Councillor Wild

Constituents in my ward of Pentwyn and Llanedeyrn were the first in Cardiff to experience the new recycling scheme which will be ruled out across Cardiff. My constituents would like to know what is outcome of this trial so far?

Reply – Councillor Wild

Thank you Councillor for your excellent question the segregated recycling scheme has seen contamination of recycled materials fall to just 6% it was 30% before that when it was going all into one green bag and this improves the quality of the recycled materials allowing them to be more easily reprocessed back into valuable materials and an important part of the pilot scheme is the evaluation of residents' experiences which is why I'm thankful for you coming in bringing forward the thoughts of your residents. We've undertaken a survey and we're learning all the time as we as we go along.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Moultrie

I would like to ask is that if we do put this out and I know you are still learning as you go, many of my constituents have expressed concerns in terms of the reusable bags that are used, have been blown away when they're not home or animals urinating on it for example. I was just asking if there is a way to make it easier to ensure that people are happily encouraged to recycle.

Reply- Councillor Wild

Thank you and this is exactly why we do pilots and exactly why we then speak to people and listen to them about the issues. Yes the design of the bags can be altered they can be heavier and we're looking at those at the moment so they don't blow away. There's also different contraptions that can be closed to keep the rain off one thing and things like that but also you'd be pleased to hear that every resident that has participated in the pilot, we will be writing to them all to explain so that they can know that their feedback has been taken on board to explain what is happening next

Councillor Gunter to Councillor Mackie

Councillor Mackie I note Cardiff has recently accepted the World Health Organisations and local network for Age Friendly cities, could you tell me what work is being done in my ward of Butetown please to meet the commitment and to support the development of an age friendly community?

Reply – Councillor Mackie

Thank you for your question Councillor Gunter and I believe this is your first question to Council so thank you. I'm pleased to be able to provide an update on the progress has been made in advancing age friendly communities within the Butetown area this includes progress in the delivery of a new community living housing initiative in Bute Street that will be comprised of 45 accessible and adaptable apartments for older people. The development will promote independent living and will also include a range of communal facilities as well. The HUB teams have been delivering positive health interventions including keep moving classes for the over 50s as well as ladies' fitness movement classes and health information sessions that combat loneliness, help with falls prevention and increase the uptake of age specific screening programmes. Carers have also been supported with an event at Butetown pavilion where participants were able to access information and support. In addition work has been initiated to encourage greater locality working in care provision this includes helping local people to establish their own care enterprises that will help people in the community to live independently.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Gunter

In relation to the health inequalities initiatives which sound great, how do my constituents of Butetown access them or find out about them?

Reply – Councillor Mackie

There's a number of ways that older people can get in touch and find out more about what's going on in their local area they can access information on the Cardiffhubs.co.uk website, visit any hub and speak to the very helpful staff that we've got there who will only be more than pleased to help them or they can phone the council advice line which is well known number now I think on 02920871071 and everyone of course is very welcome at age focus events that are delivered from the Community Hubs.

Councillor Humphries to Councillor Bradbury

Could the Cabinet Member provide the Council with an update regarding the progress made towards the delivery of the proposed Ely Youth Zone?



Reply Councillor Bradbury

Thank you for your question Councillor Humphries and well done for making your first contribution in this Chamber I believe. I always like answering questions on the great area of Ely as somebody from Ely myself. The Cabinet and officers have commissioned a feasibility study to answer your question and officers from the economic Development Directorate and the Youth Service are working together to establish a relationship with the charity Onside Youth Zones. The Youth service is also playing a key role in terms of the links with the local community as the project matures which is something you care about and I know Councillor Goodway cares about and Councillor Kaaba, but also myself and Councillor Simmons care about as well. Visits to other existing Youth Zones in the UK have also been planned so that we can see not only how these Youth Zones operate but also identify and learn from best practice from other authorities hope that answers your question.

13 : URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

14 : APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE  
STANDARDS & ETHICS COMMITTEE

To report the recommendation of the Standards & Ethics Committee Appointments Panel of 28 September 2022 for the appointment to the Community Council Member vacancy on the Standards & Ethics Committee.

RESOLVED:

At its meeting on 28 September 2022, the Standards & Ethics Committee Appointments Panel determined to recommend:

- (i) Julia Charles be appointed as the Community Council Member of the Standards & Ethics Committee; and
- (ii) Mike Jones-Pritchard be appointed as the Substitute Community Council Member of the Standards & Ethics Committee

15 : 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 receive nominations and appoint to the vacancies on Committees, in accordance with the Party Group wishes, as set out in Table A and on the Amendment Sheet.

16 : CARDIFF BUS - RE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTORS

To reappoint two Independent Non-Executive Directors to Cardiff Bus.

RESOLVED:

The Council is recommended to:

1. approve the reappointment of Sian Davies and Linda Phillips as Independent Non-Executive Directors of Cardiff Bus for a further 6-month period until 13 April 2023;
2. agree to delegate authority to the Corporate Director (Resources), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance, to engage specialist advice to support the advertisement of the two Independent Non-Executive Director positions and the shortlisting of appropriately qualified candidates for consideration by a politically balanced Member Appointment Panel; and
3. note the delegated authority granted previously by Council to the Director of Governance & Legal Services and Monitoring Officer to seek nominations from political groups for the establishment of a politically balanced Member Appointment Panel to undertake interviews, and to conclude the public appointment process by reporting the outcome of this process to Council for decision in due course.

17 : APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To note the nominations to Outside bodies.

RESOLVED: The Council is requested agree the nominations as listed in the report.

18 : APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

To appoint Local Authority School Governors to fill vacancies, both current and future.

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with the recommendations of the Local Authority Governor Panel, the Council approves the new appointments and re-appointments of Local Authority governors to the school governing bodies as set out on the Amendment Sheet, each for a term of 4 years from the date of the appointment.

19 : OFFICER DECISION REGISTER NO 12

Noted

20 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17 (f) [Written Questions](#) received for consideration together with the responses as a record in the minutes of the meeting.