

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

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 28 July 2016 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 22 July 2016.

Present: County Councillor Walsh (Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Aubrey, Bale, Bowden, Bradbury, Bridges, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Cowan, Kirsty Davies-Warner, Chris Davis, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Evans, Goodway, Govier, Graham, Groves, Hill-John, Hinchey, Holden, Howells, Hudson, Hunt, Margaret Jones, Kelloway, Knight, Lent, Lloyd, McGarry, McKerlich, Merry, Michael, Mitchell, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, David Rees, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sanders, Simmons, Stubbs, Thomas, Ben Thomas, Graham Thomas, Lynda Thorne, Walker, Weaver, White, Wild, Darren Williams and Woodman

### 40 : TRIBUTES IN MEMORY OF COUNCILLOR MOHAMMAD JAVED

The Lord Mayor called for a minute silence in memory of Councillor Mohammed Javed who sadly passed away in the early hours of 24 July 2016.

The Deputy Leader and Ward colleague Councillor Lent lead the tributes to Councillor Javed who had been so proud to be elected to serve the community of Plasnewydd in 2012. He had been a big presence in the ward and had always been dedicated to his community and the wider Pakistani and Muslim community of Cardiff and beyond. His death would leave a huge impact on the lives of so many people.

Fellow Councillors Ali Ahmed, Dilwar Ali and Patel spoke about Councillor Javed leadership role and contributions to the lives of so many residents of Cardiff and Councillor Woodman lead tributes on behalf of the opposition Members.

The Lord Mayor advised that she had written on behalf of all Members to Shazia and all the family expressing great sadness for their loss.

### 41 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillors Boyle, Burfoot, Ford, Goddard, Gordon, Keith Jones, Magill, Marshall, McEvoy, Morgan and Jackie Parry.

### 42 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

<b><u>Councillor</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b>
Councillor Lomax	Item 8(b) CASSC Annual report – personal interest – resident of sheltered accommodation owned by the Council
Councillor Sanders	Item 8(b) CASSC Annual report – personal interest – family member in receipt of Direct Payments.

<b><u>Councillor</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b>
Councillor Hudson	Item 7 – Budget Strategy – personal interest as family Member in receipt of Community Care services/ Disabled Services and Telecare.
Councillor Woodman	Item 8(b) CASSC Annual report – personal interest – Honorary President of Diverse Cymru who deliver direct payments for Cardiff Council
Councillor Groves	Item 8(b) CASSC Annual report – personal interest in receipt of homecare services direct payment, and spouse receives homecare services from the Council.

#### 43 : CODE OF CONDUCT

The Lord Mayor reminded Member of her statement last month on her expectations for the conduct of Members at Council meetings during her year in office.

The Lord Mayor expected that Members contributions show respect at all times to each other and that order is maintained in the chamber when Members are speaking.

*At this point in the proceedings the Lord Mayor exceeded to the request from Councillor Holden, the Plaid Cymru Group Whip for statement of personal explanation in relation to matters arising at the Council Meeting on 30 June 2016.*

Councillor Holden provided the following statement in relation to comments made by the Plaid Cymru Group membership on social media which had caused offence in particular to the Labour Group Members and the Leader of the Council, Councillor Bale following the last meeting.

Councillor Holden thanked the Members for the opportunity to apologise on behalf of the Cardiff Council Plaid Cymru Group and its wider membership.

Councillor Holden advised that four years ago, when he entered the chamber, he was appalled by the behaviour of Members in the chamber on all sides. He regretted that this behaviour had continued to worsen. He indicated that he did not condone or engage in this behaviour and had personally been the subject of abusive behaviour in recent months and have chosen not to report it.

Councillor Holden hoped that this statement would begin to draw a line under a longstanding personal feud between a hand-full of Members of this Council.

Councillor Holden reiterated the Lord Mayor's earlier comments about respect, and urged all Members of all political parties to heed them well.

The Lord Mayor thanked Councillor Holden and provided the Chief Whip, Councillor Hunt and opportunity to respond.

Councillor Hunt thanked the Plaid Group Whip for the apology and noted that he was speaking on behalf of the party as a whole. He indicated that there was still a significant problem as far as the Labour Group was concerned with things that were said not just after the meeting but during the meeting that took place last month. He indicated that the Group would expect some action to be taken with regard to those comments and that he would be seeking further guidance from the Interim Monitoring Officer and the Chief Executive with regard to concerns raised.

Councillor Hunt also emphasised the importance for Members of showing respect to each other despite differences in opinions; and speak to each other more courteously. He compared the behaviour to that of an employment setting and actions that would be taken in the workplace to deal with matters of Social Media and unacceptable behaviour.

Councillor Hunt supported the comments on seeing more respect shown for other people and use of language in the chamber.

#### 44 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Council on 30 June 2016 were approved as a correct record subject to two typographical errors

- Minute No 24: Page 18 Petitions Cllr Hudson – delete Crystal View and replace with Crystal **Avenue**.
- Minute No 25 Page 21 'In Cardiff' last paragraph should read: -  
'You can also **access** the very first edition in English or Welsh via the Council's website.'

#### 45 : PETITIONS

The following Petitions were submitted: -

1. Councillor Carter: - 3,274 signatures calling on the Council to close the top access to the large slide at Roath Park children's play area.
2. Councillor Hinchey: - 69 signatures in support of proposals to introduce a mix of Resident Only and Limited Waiting in Heath Park Avenue, Allensbank Road and adjoining street between King George V Drive and the Railway line.
3. Councillor Ali Ahmed: - 536 signatures expressing concerns that the current Cardiff Council proposals for resident only parking (C2256) will not meet their needs to park safely near their homes.
4. Councillor Bridges: - 192 signatures calling on the Council and the Welsh Government to bring forward plans for a Mynachdy and Talybont station as part of any Cardiff Metro proposals.
5. Councillor Kelloway: - 89 signatures residents in and around the Cyncoed/Llanedeyrn Road junction calling on the Council to make to

take action by providing a safe crossing at the junction of Cyncoed Road with Llanedeyrn Road.

46 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Public Question: *Mr Seymour*

Could the Cabinet Member advise when and how the request will be dealt with for the satisfaction of residents in the immediate vicinity of the junction of Cyncoed Road and Llanedeyrn Road? We have been asking for this crossing since 2010.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

A junction-improvement scheme at this location has been added to the Council's future programme and is awaiting funding. There are currently 60 schemes on the future programme list, and each scheme is priority ranked objectively, taking into account factors such as vehicle and pedestrian flows, vehicle speed, collision history, and policy targets.

Regretfully, this scheme is currently ranked 59<sup>th</sup> of the 60 schemes on the list and it is, therefore, unlikely that it will be implemented in the foreseeable future.

Public Question: *Mr Seymour*

The answer to my question is unacceptable to me and, I'm sure for the 90 people that have signed the petition which I've just handed in.

Surely, what we need to be doing is finding innovative ways to raise funds so that schemes such as this can be funded. Such as, perhaps, levying more rigorously fines on motorists who park vehicles on the pavement, particularly in this area.

Could that not raise funds to provide safe pedestrian crossings?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

We do actually find lots of ways to raise funds. One of the ways to do it is through Section 106, often, through the planning process, which is done through that process. And also we often – well, we *always* apply for Welsh Government transport grants as well. But, also, the money which you're talking about through fines, etc. – a lot of that has already been actioned in many ways.

We do actually fund it but the priority is still the priority. At the end of the day, we can't physically move something up the ladder – if you want to call it that – if there is a scheme which is slightly higher rated. But all these schemes are certainly prioritised in the order we can get it. There is limited funds, unfortunately. Like I said, we don't have a bottomless pit. I wish I did. If we did, we'd be able to do every single scheme.

47 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor McEvoy

Congratulations to Councillor McEvoy on his recent marriage to Ceri and every happiness for the future.

### Recognition and Awards

The Lord Mayor on behalf of the Council was please to congratulate:

#### Staff Moments that 'Make the Difference'

Over the past few months, the Communications and Media team have been running an internal campaign to celebrate all the moments that staff across the council have created that help make the difference.

Over 600 employees have been recognised by fellow colleagues as part of the campaign, and the Chief Executive met with the following top seven nominations earlier this week to personally congratulate them for all their hard work and efforts.

1. Jonathan Day, Economic Development - nominated for his significant contribution to the City Deal and Cardiff BID projects.
2. Community Resource Team, Social Care – nominated for their kindness, compassion and friendliness which they show to their service users and their families during very sensitive and vulnerable times.
3. Rob Jones and Team, Parks Operations - nominated for their involvement and support in the Council's Traineeship Scheme for care leavers.
4. Toby Tobenas, Stuart Weadon, Craig Owen, from City Operations and the Neighbourhood Services Team. Nominated for their "amazing clean up job" they collectively did before and after the Cardiff Half Marathon.
5. Road Safety and Civil Parking Enforcement Teams, City Operations - nominated for their positive promotion of the Junior Road Safety Officer Scheme in schools and educating parents and carers about problem parking outside schools. They have worked together with local Iman's to identify parking areas for Friday afternoon prayers to resolve parking issues, and this has been a great success and is being rolled out to other Mosques.
6. David John, C2C - nominated for his overall "outstanding performance" and stepping up in to a coaching/training role when in-house coaches/trainers weren't available to train new starters joining the team (C2C).
7. Cardiff Research Centre, Resources – nominated for their work to support the organisation to move forward. They are seldom seen but work behind the scenes to bring their knowledge and expertise to many Council wide pieces of work such as the Employee Survey and Ask Cardiff Survey, which is currently live at the moment.

#### Flood Defence Scheme

Congratulations to the Water and Risk Management team for their work on the Rhiwbina Flood Defence Scheme. Not only has the scheme helped make the difference for more than 200 homes and businesses in the north of the city by significantly reducing the risk of flooding, it has now won the prestigious Roy Edwards Award at the annual ICE (Institution of Civil Engineers) Wales Cymru Project Awards.

The awards celebrate the contribution of civil engineering to Wales by recognising schemes for their excellence in concept, planning and design, contract management and construction.

The judges were particularly impressed with the way in which the scheme addressed the sensitive environmental considerations of the site, the co-operation with individuals and the liaison with property and landowners which was deemed 'exceptional'. had been circulated around the Chamber

#### Lord Mayor's Charity Update

The Lord Mayor advised that fundraising for her Charity Cancer Research Wales was building momentum and she was delighted for the support of Members and others in a bucket collection at the Fanzone event hosted by the Council as part of Euro 2016, which raised over £800.

She also thanked number of schools at the end of the summer term; local businesses and community groups who have been fundraising for my charity since the last month and had raised nearly £3000.

#### Welsh National Football Team

The Lord Mayor was delighted to be able to welcome the Wales football team home with a special celebration through the streets of Cardiff and the event at Cardiff City Stadium. It was quite a night.

We are all very proud of the team and their performance at Euro 2016.

#### 48 : BUDGET STRATEGY

The Lord Mayor invite the Cabinet Member, Corporate Services and Performance, Councillor Hinchey to present the report on the establishment of the financial strategy for the Council in readiness for the preparation of the 2017/18 revenue and capital budgets to be present to Budget Council in February 2017.

The Cabinet at its meeting on 14 July 2016 had considered the report of the Corporate Director Resources and Section 151 Officer and approved the recommendations in the report to Council.

The report outlined and provided an update on the budget reduction requirement that the Council in the medium term, and set out the strategy to address the budget gap

in the forthcoming financial year as well as across the life of the medium term financial plan (MTFP).

The Cabinet Member advised that consideration had been given to the future outlook for the Council beyond the timeframe of the MTFP, although such projections should be highly caveated given the number of unknown variables.

The report highlighted the ongoing severity of the financial challenge and its impacts on the financial resilience of the Council. The policies, budget assumptions and tools that underpin the Budget Strategy will be crucial in moving the Council forward on a financially sustainable basis.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report and number observations and ammeters were discussed including efforts to lobby welsh government on the distribution in Wales of Business rate; review of the Barnett formula; matters around School budgets ; engagement with all communities ; matters arising from the Wales Audit Office reports on the robustness of the Organisational Development Programme and saving targets; overspends in front line services; delays in the delivery of alternative models; asset management; and the level and salaries afforded to senior management appointments.

In summing up the Cabinet Member responded to any questions raised.

RESOLVED – That the Council agreed and adopted the Budget Timetable Framework set out in Appendix 2 and that the work outlined is progressed with a view to informing budget preparation.

#### 49 : SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS 2015-16

The following Annual reports were received and noted: -

- (a) Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee - presented by the Chair, Councillor Richard Cook;
- (b) Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee - presented by the Chair Councillor Mary McGarry;
- (c) Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee - presented by the Chair Councillor Rod McKerlich;
- (d) Environmental Scrutiny Committee - presented by the Chair Councillor Paul Mitchell;
- (e) Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee - presented by Chair Councillor Nigel Howells.

All Scrutiny Chairs commended the work of the Committee; the time given by Committee Members; witness and stakeholders to meetings and Task Group meetings; and the invaluable support provided by all the Principal Scrutiny Support Officers.

The Lord Mayor invited questions from Members on the reports and in questioning and the responses received emphasis was made that scrutiny has an important function in the governance of the Council and holding the Cabinet and Officers to account. Each Committee had a varied programme including policy led; performance and budget scrutiny; topic lead to support the work of Cabinet in developing policy; and call-ins of Cabinet decisions.

The Scrutiny Chairs had also address matters from the Wales Audit Office report in relation to agenda management; focus of the scrutiny; task group work and outcomes from a recent survey would be analysed as part of the ongoing Review of Scrutiny improvement project.

A number of Members highlighted topics for the future Work Programmes which were being prepared by committees currently.

RESOLVED – That the work of the Committees be commended and Annual Reports be noted.

50 : CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT  
2015/16

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Councillor Lent was pleased to present the first annual report. She thanked fellow committee members for their commitment to the work of the committee on the wellbeing of looked after children and young people.

The Committee had a varied work programme; and a schedule of visits to service providers which supported other awareness and listening events to support vulnerable children & young people.

Members were invited to comment on the report and Members commended the Committee on its journey and key areas of focus; stressed the importance of listening; and were keen that lessons had been learnt from previous policies and decision made that directly affect Children and Young People. It was recognised that this directorate has increasing demands but areas such as cross directorate; traineeships and apprentice schemes as well as cross council awareness training were commended.

It was noted that Members would be invited to training on themed sessions in the autumn.

RESOLVED - That the Corporate Parenting Annual report was commended and noted.

51 : LEADER AND CABINET STATEMENTS

The following statements were received and published on the website.

The Lord Mayor invited questions on each of the statements.



### Leader Statement and Economic Development & Partnerships

The Leader provided an update on the Cardiff Business Improvement District; Core Cities Cabinet Meeting and Menter Caerdydd.

The Leader responded to a question on the Night Time Economy and partnerships including work with other agencies and street pastors and recognition of the importance of this support and infrastructure

### Deputy Leader and Early Years, Children & Families Statement

The Deputy Leader provided an update on Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub; Agile & Mobile Working; Child Sexual Exploitation and new approach to Social Work with children called 'Signs of Safety'.

### Education Statement

The Cabinet Member statement included information on Schools Funding; the Schools Organisation programme; regulatory inspections; Estyn inspection of the Central South Education Consortium; School Holiday Enrichment Programme; School Visits and Cardiff 2020.

Members asked a number of commended the report on school improvements observed by Estyn and also welcomed the SHEP project designed to help reduce the isolation and hunger often experienced by families in the school holidays

### Transport, Planning and Sustainability Statement

The Cabinet Member advised of the official opening of Radyr Weir Hydro Scheme. Members asked for data on Kilowatt of energy generate; tariffs and income generation.

The Cabinet Member advised that he would provide the response in writing.

### Community Development, Co-Operatives and Social Enterprise Statement

The Cabinet Member provided an update on the Alternative Delivery Model (ADM) – Leisure Services and Fairwater Hub Official opening.

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on budget implications of the ADM Leisure Services and NNDR rights. Further clarification would be provided the question on Pension Liability figures.

### Skills, Safety and Engagement Statement

The Cabinet Member provided an update the Members Survey 2016 and Ask Cardiff Survey.

The Chair of Democratic Services advised that the outcomes from the survey

would be available shortly and the Cabinet Member indicated that an executive Summary of Member Survey results would be circulated to all Members as soon as practicable

#### Environment Statement

The Cabinet Member provided an update Waste Management, Enforcement, Infrastructure Services Alternative Delivery Model (ADM); Rent Smart Wales, Bereavement Services; and Parks.

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on Rent Smart; waste recycling; enforcement action and education initiatives for the household collection system; cleanliness of the city centre; fly-tipping; future of Wedal Road; rubbish left by travellers; impact of seagulls and commercial waste in city centre/

The Local Ward Member welcomed the confirmation of Heritage Lottery funding for Cefn Onn Park.

#### Health, Housing and Wellbeing Statement

The Cabinet Member provided a statement on Cardiff Housing Strategy 2016-2021; the Money Advice Team; the Syrian Resettlement Programme in Cardiff; the Regional Partnership Board – Locality Working; the Adult Improvement Agenda; and the all Wales National Social Services Conference June 2016.

Members welcomed the update on the resettlement programme; and emphasised the need for the support services including health; Mental Health and Counselling; access to drop in centres and foodbank services to be made available to these vulnerable families. The Cabinet Member reassured Council that work was being co-ordinated with leadership group to ensure there is access to local resources and professional and specialist capacity to support those who come to Cardiff. The Cabinet Member advised that the temporary receiving accommodation Lynx House was the responsibility of the Home Office, but she understood that issues previously raised have been resolved.

#### Corporate Services and Performance Statement

The Cabinet Member provided an update on Strategic Estates; Health and safety; Human Resources; ICT Digital Apprentices; Website; and C2C.

A number of issues were raised in relation to feedback and resolution of calls logged by the public with C2C. The Cabinet Member advised of investment in new customer facing self-help technology to speed processes up.

52 : MOTION 1

The Lord Mayor advised that a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Bridges and seconded by Councillor Kelloway had been submitted and was included on the Summons for the meeting.

The Notice of Motion was as follows:

The Council notes:

- The disproportionately expensive cost of holidays during the traditional school holiday period, and the impact these costs have on families in our city;
- That families want to observe designated school holiday periods, but that the excessive cost of taking breaks during these periods can prove prohibitive – meaning families often have to choose between taking no holiday at all, or taking pupils out of school during term time;
- Moves by other councils in the UK to examine existing school term arrangements with a view to shortening the summer break in order to create an additional week's holiday elsewhere during the school calendar when families can take holidays at a cheaper rate.

The Council resolves to ask the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee to undertake a detailed analysis of the issue, and recommending possible options for future term patterns for consideration by Cabinet, before the May 2017 local elections.

The Lord Mayor advised that one amendment to Motion 1 had been received proposed by Councillor Weaver and seconded by Councillor Mitchell

- After '*The Council resolves to ask the*' insert the words 'Members of the';
- After the words '*Committee to*' add the words 'consider, as part of their future work-planning, whether they wish to'
- Delete all words after the word issue.

The Notice of Motion as Amended would read:

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The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion.

Following the debate a vote on the Amendment proposed by Councillor Weaver was taken.

Amendment was **CARRIED**

The Lord Mayor called on Councillor Weaver as the proposer of the amended motion to give the right of reply before going to the vote on the amended motion.

A vote was taken on the Substantive Motion.

The Motion was **CARRIED** as follows:

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The Council resolves to ask the Members of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee to consider, as part of their future work planning, whether they wish to undertake a detailed analysis of the issue.

53 : MOTION 2

The Lord Mayor advised that a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Michael and seconded by Councillor Ben Thomas had been submitted and was included on the Summons for the meeting.

The Notice of Motion was as follows:

This Council

- Recognises that although Wales and England voted to take the UK out of the EU, 60% of people in Cardiff voted to remain part of the EU.

- Recognises the huge benefit, both socially and economically, of being part of the EU has brought to Cardiff.
- Notes that Cardiff remains a welcoming, forward looking and inclusive European capital city.

Therefore this Council

- Calls on this Council to continue to build relationships with European counterparts, to foster the cooperation and strength that comes from working with our nearest neighbours.
- Calls on the Leader of the Council to write to Stuttgart and Nantes to reassure them of our continued commitment to them as our European sister cities.
- Calls on the Prime Minister to work with the Welsh Government to ensure that Welsh Local Government is fully represented in any EU negotiations surrounding our future relationship with the EU so that Cardiff is not adversely affected.

The Lord Mayor advised there were no amendments to the motion.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion.

Following the debate a vote on Motion 2 as proposed by Councillor Michael was taken.

The Motion was **CARRIED** as follows: - .

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54 : ORAL QUESTIONS

Question: *County Councillor Margaret Jones*

How many representations have you had from staff of the Cleansing Department in the past 12 months complaining that they do not have enough resources to keep the streets of the city clean?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I have received no representations from cleansing staff and would expect Council Officers to raise any concerns that they may have through the usual channels.

Question: *County Councillor Margaret Jones*

Considering the litter has reached crisis proportions in some areas, I wonder whether you should be having a conversation with your workers. They are clearly unable to cope and must be very demoralised when they are hearing criticisms from all quarters.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I thought the question was about whether I'd received any representations, which I hadn't.

The fact of the matter is, as far as I'm concerned, that the issue around litter is no worse now than it's been before – it's just receiving more publicity through social media. And we are doing what we can to try and alleviate the problems going forward.

Extra resources have been put in, thanks to the budget last year, so we've got extra cleaning teams in there and an extra team to do enforcement, which I know the opposition are very keen for us to do. We have already having some success with fines being issued by that team.

So, all in all, I think we are doing what we can. But I reiterate the point that was made earlier by a colleague:

It's not the Council that drops the litter, it's the residents.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

I am pleased to hear you mention that there is more enforcement. As you know, the Broken Window Theory predicts that well-maintained areas will be subject to less deliberate littering and less antisocial behaviour in general.

I do find your attitude is quite defeatist in the sense that you're saying that it's the general public fault. If we had more receptacles for litter, and if they are cleared more frequently, there is less incidence of litter because if you keep it clean, people keep their streets clean. It's not just a matter of saying "well, it's not our fault." It is your fault – you have a statutory duty to keep the streets clean.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I do find it quite amazing that Councillors one after another line up to talk about what the Council's doing. We're all part of the Council; the Council Taxpayers are part of the Council. The Council Taxpayers have to pay millions of pounds for the Council to clean the streets.

Are you telling me, therefore, that residents shouldn't take responsibility for dropping litter? When you talk to me about people putting rubbish in receptacles, the fact of the matter is when there is no bin available I take it home with me. I don't just toss it down onto the floor.

What I'm saying is that the Council has, as agreed in the budget last year put an extra resource in. We've put an extra team in which is very important and I thought the opposition were keen to see happen. Already, since 1 June when that team came in, quite a large number of fines have been issued.

We will continue along that path. We will continue to try and improve street cleaning.

However, we still need the residents to play their part.

Question: *County Councillor Walker*

The Leader will be aware that Caerphilly Council has been asked by the Welsh Government to review its LDP following a failure to yet deliver many of its intended outcomes. The Leader will also be aware of the very limited number of planning applications received (and the currently low projected housebuilding numbers involved) in response to the Cardiff LDP which made available for development huge swathes of our greenfield land. This lack of developer response could soon lead to WG reviewing this city's LDP, something that many of the citizens and communities affected would welcome.

In view of the widespread support in South East Wales for a city region approach, is it not time to include housing development as part of the Cardiff City Region Strategy and will the Leader propose such an initiative at the earliest possible opportunity? Where people choose to live and work rarely matches the artificial local authority boundaries which have been created.

Reply: County Councillor Bale

The Planning (Wales) Act (2015) established a statutory duty to deliver strategic development right across Wales and we are fully committed to engaging with the new strategic development plan process for the Cardiff capital region. This work will also be considered by the emerging governance structures of the Cardiff capital region city deal, which will seek to coordinate activity right across the ten local authority areas.

However, it will be some years before an adopted strategic development plan is in place and, in the interim, it is important the Council continues to progress the adopted LDP and meet the evidenced and urgent need for housing right across the city.

Supplementary question: County Councillor Walker

That wasn't really my question. I was asking you about the South-East Wales city region approach and I know you've got to have a plan – you've got a plan – but unless people actually then put in the planning applications, the whole plan comes to nothing, which is what's sort of happening in Caerphilly, which is why I mentioned Caerphilly, and that's why the Welsh Government is questioning Caerphilly and asked them to review their plan. If we don't get applications and build on our plan, the same thing will happen to us.

More sensible would have been to look at this on a strategic level across south-east Wales. You're committed to the city-region approach. So are we and why don't we include housing development in this?

People who live in Caerphilly work in Cardiff. I used to do so myself. And vice versa. It's quite easy.

Reply: County Councillor Bale

I think what I was trying to say – perhaps in a very formulaic way – is that there are strategic development plans planned for the whole region. That is legislation that Welsh Government has been progressing. But it is a timing issue in terms of when those will actually come into force.

At the moment, we do have different local authorities at different stages of development with their LDPs. You mentioned Caerphilly and there were some concerns with their own LDP. We have spent a great deal of time putting together an LDP that we debated at great length here. A lot of work went into that. A real acknowledgment, actually, of the master planning that had taken place and the transport planning.

But I absolutely accept your point that, going forward, if we want the functional economic area of the broader city region to work effectively, then we need to make sure that the investments we make – whether it's transport infrastructure, whether it's the allocation of employment sites, or its new housing – is planned and thought through on a regional level and I think that's something we are certainly taking steps towards.



Question: *County Councillor Ali*

How many “Vote Leave” and “Vote Remain” illegal signs were removed from the public highway and other sites during the EU Referendum campaign, and what was the cost to the City Council?

Reply: *County Councillor De’Ath*

There’s been around 100 Brexit-related signs removed in Cardiff in recent weeks and we estimate that’s cost the Council between £2000 and £3000. And, obviously, we’ll do all we can to reclaim that money for the Council Tax payer.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Ali*

How much of this cost has been recovered?

Reply: *County Councillor De’Ath*

I’ve asked Council Officers for that figure and I’m afraid they’re still pulling together that information but I’m more than happy to supply that information in writing.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Chaundy*

Just while I’ve got the opportunity to ask – you probably won’t know, Councillor De’Ath, whether or not it is a matter which is legal but 24 hours before, there were many dozens of these banners “vote leave” appearing on public footbridges and in all sorts of public places. I wrote to the Electoral Commission complaining about this and I have yet, so far, no reply.

Can you confirm that it’s perfectly legal to stick up banners in these places or not?

Reply: *County Councillor De’Ath*

I can’t comment on the individual locations but it’s absolutely not legal to put up whatever you like in the public realm. So no.

Question: *County Councillor Bridges*

Please set out the process by which waste is removed from private parts of back lanes (e.g. recessed entrances to garages etc.) after being fly-tipped; please also set out the difference in timescales for removal between this sort of waste and rubbish which is fly-tipped in the public highway itself.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

The target for the removal of waste accumulations or fly-tipping (including asbestos) on adopted highway is five working days.

In 2015/16, 97.9% of reported fly-tipping incidents were cleared within that period.

Waste on private land is not automatically removed by the Council. A notice is first sent to the landowner with a specified timescale for removal, which is dependent upon the particular legislation being utilised.

Where waste is not removed within the timescale, the Council will remove the waste and seek recovery of its cost. Where the costs are not recovered due to the default of the land owner, a case will be presented at magistrate courts for the recovery of the cost.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Bridges*

The reason for raising it is that I've had half a dozen incidents in the last few months in my ward where rubbish has been dumped in the middle of a back lane, blocking the highway, and either a motorist or a resident has taken it upon themselves to move that waste out of the way of vehicles and stick it at the side of the lane.

Of course, if it's then on private land, the Council will turn around and say "not our problem, guv – it's for the landowner to do it" and so I will say to Council "please clean this up", they will write to the landowner, we will wait several weeks and then it may or may not be removed.

My concern is that this is being used by the Council to avoid collecting rubbish that actually has been dumped on the highway and has just been moved out of the way in order that vehicles can pass and to try and get someone else to pay for it, even though it's not the fault of the landowner because the rubbish was not dumped on their land originally, and it's not the fault of the poor resident who has to walk past piles of rubbish every day.

This isn't like the moans that you've had earlier on. This is a question about process and whether actually there's a fault in the system that needs to be looked into.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

Yes, I understand the frustration. However, the Council, despite what you say – it's not a question of abdicating responsibility it's a question of legality. If the Council was to go onto that land and remove something, as has happened in the past, without the landowner's permission, they can be challenged in the courts for removing stuff that the landowner might well say "I was putting it there because it was my property and I wanted it there."

So we have to be very careful about what we do. We have to go through due process. I cannot do what I want on this matter – I'm told legally what I can and cannot do and I have to follow procedure very, very carefully. The Council has to make sure it obeys the law.

Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

Overflowing bins, litter on the streets and in parks is blight on the City. It is noticeably worse in the warm weather. How many prosecutions and fixed penalty fines for littering have been issued in the last year?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

In 2015/16, a total of 518 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for littering offences and there were eight prosecutions.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

Are you aware that, in 2014 alone, Swansea issued 3000 fines worth £.25m, and our record doesn't compare terribly well to theirs?

And I just reiterate that Keep Wales Tidy advocates issuing of fines and installation of new facilities for disposal of litter and effective enforcement is part of the process of raising awareness and helping to change behaviour.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I totally agree with you on that, which is the reason we've got an extra enforcement team in place now. My intention is, if that enforcement team pays its way, as it seems to be doing so far, would be to going forward to get a second team in to carry out that work. And so, what we want to do is get the message across very clearly, and I will state it here and now: it is not acceptable to drop litter.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Jonathan Evans*

In light of what you say about behaviour, is there perhaps scope to develop perhaps a little bit more robustly a public awareness and engagement campaign perhaps with our partners, such as Welsh Government and other agencies?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

You've obviously read my mind because that is exactly what we're doing. I've got discussions going on with our team in Communications around getting a proper campaign going forward.

I've got a meeting already lined up with Keep Wales Tidy and, probably, the Cardiff Rivers group as well because I think it's very important that everybody who is interested and is keen to try and clean up the city works together.

It's no point us all working in isolation so I'm keen to get a coordinated approach to this and I think it's very important that we do and, hopefully within a month or two, you'll see the evidence of that.

Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

What is the latest status of potential bids to host the Commonwealth Games and European Capital of Culture after the vote to leave the EU?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

The Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, Ken Skates AM, confirmed earlier this week that, after consideration of detailed feasibility work and given the

current financial uncertainty, the Welsh Government concluded that it wasn't in a position to bid for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

We are, though, currently working with Welsh Government to frame our new major events strategy for Cardiff and the identity other new major event opportunities will no doubt flow from that.

We will also examine the feasibility study in due course to understand how that might impact on the strategy, as well.

Question: *County Councillor Clark*

Will the new Cardiff Bus Station be built and fully operational by December 2017?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

Plans for the new transport interchange are progressing well. Demolition of the site is underway and the Council remains focussed on delivering the new transport interchange as planned.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Clark*

As you said that everything is on schedule as planned, I take it that you do mean that it will be ready by December 2017? That is what you said, is it?

It was anticipated that Marland House and the NCP car park would be demolished between April to June 2016. Yet, when I passed there a week ago, demolition hadn't started. So when do you anticipate those buildings will be completely demolished? Keeping in mind August is just next week, do you really think those delays will have no impact on the bus station completion date of December 2017?

Also, we've been told the planning application for the new bus station will be submitted in the summer of 2016. I don't remember seeing it yet. Could you just clarify when you anticipate it will be submitted, please?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I think it's important to point out that lots of work has already been going round by the Central Square, and Marland House. There is work ongoing internally and to remove asbestos inside that building. The asbestos has to be cleared. And all of that work is ongoing. We're getting on with the work, although the planning application hasn't gone in as yet as we have only just purchased the land, which was approximately £15m. Work is progressing.

And, as I said very clearly, and I will repeat it just in case you didn't hear it, demolition of the site is underway and the Council remains focussed on delivering the new transport interchange as planned. And the report is coming to cabinet very shortly.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Groves*

Will the new Cardiff Bus station be designed, constructed, and arranged to create and facilitate maximum utilisation for people impairments, covering and embracing the various and wide range of impairments which people might have?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

Absolutely, that is crucial because, if we are going to talk about a state-of-the-art bus interchange, then we also have to have those kinds of facilities as well. So the answer is yes.

Question: *County Councillor Hill-John*

The state of footpaths and walkways across Cardiff are in a deplorable state. Not only are they overgrown with brambles and weeds, but the surfaces are also damaged and unsuitable for residents. What is the schedule to survey and, more importantly, the schedule to clear and repair these public rights of way?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I don't agree with your generalised statement about the city's footpaths and walkways being in a "deplorable state".

Footway inspections are carried out on a 1-, 3-, 6-, or 12-month basis depending on the hierarchy of the footway. Any defects found will be repaired in a timescale appropriate to the defect recorded.

With regard to weed growth, residential streets and principal routes are treated twice a year, with work being undertaken from May to September. Rear lanes are treated once a year.

A rolling programme of inspections is carried out on the Public Rights of Way network, with priority given to clearing strategic paths through the summer growing months.

If you have concerns about any specific footpaths, then please let me know and I will ask officers to look into it.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Woodman*

In relation to weeds, I notice that you said "*twice a year, streets are sprayed on strategic pathways.*" Well, in my ward, we have a number of pathways that are alleged to have been sprayed twice in a year and the weeds are up here chest height. And, at one time, I asked officers "*instead of spraying, because it's not killing the weeds, will you go and pull them up?*" And they cut all the weeds off, to their credit, and the path looked much better.

So our system for dealing with weeds is not really working, particularly in my ward and my colleagues can verify that. When we write in, we're told they're done twice a year, yet the weeds are still there.

So, where they become a problem, if we write to you and say “well they’ve been sprayed twice this year,” will you now pull up these weeds, particularly before they seed? Then, maybe we might just have a fighting chance.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

What I think we need to get absolutely clear: as far as the clearance of the weeds go, it comes under the Environment portfolio. The highway comes under my area. But the point you’re making I can certainly understand.

What does happen sometimes, unfortunately, when the spray is being put down and if it’s rained, that can cause all sorts of problems as well? That’s why we try to do it during the summer months, to try and avoid when there’s rain, etc. But sometimes that’s happened. And I’m not saying that’s the case in your ward but, certainly, if those kinds of issues are occurring I think, certainly, write to the Cabinet Member , Environment or to the Cabinet Office and we will certainly look at that.

Question: *County Councillor Ali*

Will the Leader give an update on preparations for the 2017 Champions League final in Cardiff?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

The administration is proud to have helped secure next year’s Champions League final for Cardiff and for Wales and I can confirm that initial preparations are progressing well for what will be, in fact, the biggest sporting event in the world next year.

The Champions League final is a considerable undertaking for the city given its scale and, indeed global reach. We are looking at an estimated TV audience of 200 million people in over 200 countries and that is anticipated to provide an estimated £43 million boost to the Welsh economy.

An executive steering board has been established, which includes all of the key delivery partners and a further two site meetings with UEFA representatives are scheduled to take place in August and September.

In partnership with Welsh Government, I remain confident, based on our past experience, that Cardiff has everything to play for and will, indeed, provide an outstanding welcome and memorable experience for the fans and players next year.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Ali*

I will be urging the leader to arrange a bucket collection for the Lord Mayor’s charity for this event.

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

There is obviously a great deal of restrictions around these sorts of events, but you can guarantee that we’ll be looking at every way we can – building on Councillor Woodman’s point earlier tonight – to do everything we can to promote the Lord

Mayor's charity. It will be a different charity for next year, obviously – the event is taking place in June.

But there are also other opportunities to look at the legacy of these games. The UEFA Foundation is a very important partner in this and we will be looking over the next year at how we can make sure that the legacy of sport, of wellbeing, absolutely is captured as part of this event next year.

Question: *County Councillor Bowden*

What plans does the Council have to review its policy on resident-only parking in Cardiff and, if applicable, what is the timescale?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

The Council's parking strategy and its associated policies were reviewed and subject to Member and public consultation in autumn 2015.

Resident parking policies were included in the consultation, which proposed an area-wide approach to the provision of resident parking schemes. The new policies will be approved and published this summer.

The next review will be conducted at an appropriate point in the future.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Bowden*

So Local Ward Members will be consulted on any changes to the resident-only parking strategy within the city-wide strategy.

As I'm looking at the report from Scrutiny, where they were referring to parking buffer zones and relaxation of the surveys, I just wanted to clarify that all of us in the chamber are familiar with what the proposal or what the policies are now.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

Like with all of these things, what we will be doing is consulting, absolutely. It is essential.

It is a rollout programme we will be looking at, which is a 75% residential-parking rollout scheme. What we would be doing is we will be saying "now this is the rollout programme" but one thing I've made absolutely clear, and I've said we have to have Member support. If there is not Member support, that rollout should not take place because there's no point in doing it unless the Members actually want it.

So when that area comes up next, and it could be whichever area it is in Cardiff, Members will be involved.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Bridges*

Just picking up on that point then about Members support: clearly, in the wards where there is strong Member support and strong resident support, it would be

helpful if those schemes could be expedited. So, you know from these conversations about a part of Gabalfa ward where an increase in residents-only parking would be welcome and you've said that that will happen in the next financial year.

So, from your earlier answer, I assume therefore that we will see detailed plans on that before the end of this year. So, just knowing how these timescales tend to slip within the Council, I just wondered whether you could be perhaps a little bit more specific about when we will see detailed proposals.

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

As I said, it is a rollout programme. It's a massive programme. The policy's only just going to be coming in shortly in the very near future. The 75% lists large sections of Cardiff and all the areas are being looked at. And, obviously one of the areas that is being started off with is the city and around outer of the city centre.

Now ideally, yes, if we had an abundant supply of money, we could say "right, any Councillor who wants it let's start rolling it out immediately." I'm not in that position to do so. And all I can say is there is a programme and Members will be kept informed of the rollout.

Question: *County Councillor Sanders*

Could the Cabinet Member outline when permissions were granted for this year's Cardiff Bay Beach and other Bay events, what commitments he sought, what commitments he obtained, and what he believes the provision will be to ensure physically disabled children have access to the same level of attractions as able bodied children?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

The Council entered into a lease agreement for this year's Cardiff Bay Beach with Sayers Amusements Ltd on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

I am aware that the operator has progressively made a number of specific access improvements over recent years, including the provision of purpose-built ramps to the sand play area and shallow paddling area, as well as extended decking across three quarters of the site to avoid the need for ramps.

It's clear that you're going to have some suggestions as to what's happened here for further access improvements. If you can make them, I'm confident the contractor would be able to try and put those improvements in place.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Sanders*

I completely understand, yes, the access to that particular event and to others for anybody with a physical disability. Yes, I would expect that.

It was more to do particularly for children, there's a particular resident in my ward who is very, very concerned and has been for a number of years – and having just been down there to the food festival, I can see what she means – is that there are-



there just aren't any activities for particularly wheelchair disabled children to take part in. So whilst they can be wheeled around – that doesn't sound great, but you know what I mean – they are just observers. They can't take part in things.

Now I know that Council isn't responsible for the activities themselves but I'm suggesting that, as a Council, we could almost become an exemplar so that those children that would love to take part with something can do something. And I would really ask you to look at that with those events organisers.

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

Yeah, I'm more than happy to meet with your constituent, who I now have put two and two together and I suspect I know who that constituent is because I serve on a governing body at Ty Gwyn Special School with that particular constituent. Happy to meet with her and yourself and our events team, who negotiated the contract with Sayers, to see how we can take it forward?

Question: *County Councillor Bridges*

What is the likely impact of the Brexit vote on the south Wales metro within the, and what meetings have you had with Welsh Government since the vote to discuss the project?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

A total of £734m has been allocated specifically to the south Wales metro within the City Deal Heads of Terms agreement. But it is too soon to ascertain with certainty how the Brexit vote will affect the European funding component of this allocation.

I have met recently with the First Minister, the Secretary of State for Wales, and indeed the Chief Executive of Network Rail more recently to discuss both this issue and the redevelopment of Cardiff Central Station, and received positive assurances about the continued implementation of that metro project.

The First Minister has reiterated the Welsh Government's commitment with pressing ahead with the metro and it is expected that infrastructure delivery contracts for the project will be awarded in spring 2018.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Bridges*

I am pleased that you and the Welsh Government are pushing ahead with trying to make sure that the south Wales metro project goes ahead. It is absolutely essential for the transport of our city and the economic development of the south Wales region.

Perhaps I might just ask, then, about the progress that has been made in terms of acquiring land for new stations, in particular, which I think is of concern. You will have noticed on a parochial level that I handed in a petition at the start of this meeting about a station in my own ward to serve Mynachdy and Talybont, which there is a station earmarked on the proposed metro map for Gabalfa, which would be in that site. That isn't the only site for a new station but clearly it is one of several within the city.

So what progress has been made in terms of identifying land for new stations and trying to make headway in acquiring that land?

Reply: *County Councillor Bale*

Up until the signing of that Heads of Terms, this was a Welsh Government-driven project. And at that moment in time, in March, we did secure the agreement to co-design the metro going forward.

We're still working that through in terms of the detail with Welsh Government. But what we are doing is pulling together the projects amongst the 10 local authorities that will go forward for consideration from the infrastructure fund as well as entering discussions about what a regional transport strategy might look like in the future, building very much on the points that Councillor Walker was making about more broader strategic development planning for the region, as well.

So that work is ongoing and I think later this year/early next year, we should have a much better picture and understanding of those projects as they go forward.

Question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

There has been a substantial increase in the number of fly-tipping incidents in my ward, particularly in the outlying rural areas. Many of the incidents are clearly of a commercial level, including tipping of builders' waste, divan beds, mattresses, and green recycling bags containing black bin waste. What do you think is the cause of the recent increase in fly-tipping incidents?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

"There's been a substantial increase" is what you're saying here, but the Council continue to tackle fly tipping in a proactive way, as evidenced by our performance in 2015/16 when, as I said earlier, 97.9 cases of reported fly-tipping incidents were cleared within the statutory five days.

Appropriate enforcement action will continue be taken where evidence regarding the persons responsible for fly-tipping is found.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

I'm afraid, Councillor you haven't answered my question is "*what do you think is the cause of the recent fly-tipping increase in incidents?*" But I'll give you an opportunity to answer that in a minute.

But how many Fixed Penalty fines have been issued in the last year and how many prosecutions have been issued in Cardiff for fly tipping?

It seems to be that there is a substantial amount of education needed by landowners, who don't seem to understand they need a permit or an exemption to allow waste onto their land and if they don't have that permit they may be breaking the law. And also that householders have a duty of care to look after their waste and to make sure

their waste is passed on to an authorised person for disposal – somebody with a “registered waste carrier” license.

I would be grateful if you could answer those questions at a later date but also could you please answer my initial question, which was “what do you think is the cause of the recent increase in fly-tipping incidents?”

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

In regard to your point around how many notices, I refer you to the answer I gave to question five, where you asked exactly that question.

*County Councillor Dianne Rees*

In terms of fly tipping, I haven't got the separate information but I can get you that.

In terms of why it's happening, I think there's been a number of reasons over the past year or so where there's been an increase. Not just in Cardiff, by the way, but all over the country – all over the UK.

Social media, for instance, is playing quite a part in that because, where illegal people are coming out and offering, as they do, to remove waste from people's gardens, this is done a lot more through social-media networks now and people, unfortunately, take the opportunity because they think someone's coming along with an offer to remove garden waste or kitchen waste or whatever it is. My advice to those people is if it sounds too good to be true then it is, because these people are coming along, taking the remains of your kitchen or whatever, and taking it and fly tipping it.

In terms of, also, the reduction of scrap metal and metal thefts, so those things are not as popular now and it's actually cheaper to dump it than it is to be able to get paid. And also the increase in the price of asbestos removal and disposal, as well. So, in other words, when people want that sort of thing removed, they're being quoted a higher price for the bona fide people so they tend to go to the unscrupulous ones.

There are numerous reasons why it's happening and it's not just in Cardiff.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Hyde*

There have been two furores that I know of during your tenure as Cabinet Member for the Environment.

The first one was the advent of the smaller black bins, which got everybody wound up. And I remember in scrutiny asking you “what about fly tipping?” And your answer to the committee was that there was no increase in the fly tipping and that there wouldn't be any.

There's a second furore caused by you, which was about the closure was about the closure of the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs). That, again, you were

asked in scrutiny and what happened was that you said the same answer, which was that there's no increase in the fly tipping and there won't be any.

Now it doesn't take anybody with too much common sense, does it, to read the Echo and see this week in Tuesday night's edition all the photographs showing all the litter-strewn streets of Cardiff? And of course the big story about fly tipping.

My question is quite simple what went wrong with your grand plan? And would it not be time for you to reconsider your condition?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I remember your question to me about the smaller bins at scrutiny and you said that you filled your big bin now and I pointed out to you that you were the sort of person we needed to get to recycle more. But I won't go into that one.

The point of the matter is that there's been no evidence to show that smaller bins are increasing fly tipping, and why should it? Because, are you telling me that because someone has a smaller bin now that they are actually going to go out and say "right, my bin's full. Therefore, I'll fly tip the remainder"? That's not a very nice thing to say about residents, is it?

And in terms of the HWRCs, I'll also point out that during my tenure, which you're pointing out is my "grand plan" – during my "grand plan", I haven't closed one single household recycling centre.

Question: *County Councillor Knight*

What steps are the Council taking to deal with waste issues in the city centre?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

Most of the waste issues reported in the city centre are associated with commercial waste bags being torn open by seagulls. And I'm not criticising seagulls.

But a number of actions are being implemented by the Council to help reduce this problem and to improve the city centre street-scene. These include:

- the provision of additional bin containers in Mill Lane, which I know is a particular issue;
- additional patrols by the Waste Education & Enforcement Team, so they are out there trying to encourage businesses to do what they need to do;
- late afternoon and early evening working by additional cleansing teams; and
- the adjustment of commercial waste collection rounds, where possible, to remove bagged waste more carefully and quickly.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Knight*

This has kind of been asked and answered in the statement but I wanted to address a specific issue and, as a city centre resident, I often see the late-at-night rubbish

and the early morning and the heroic effort that the staff have managed to achieve in those hours. So I think, firstly, if we could thank the staff for the work they do.

But also, as you've mentioned, it's the early evening pickups where the seagulls, which are the problem, can attack the bags, which obviously contain a lot of food waste. So I know you said you're looking at it and you've got staff who work with the businesses, but I think there is a very particular issue there. And obviously prevention is much better than having so many staff at night having to pick up all the waste at the end.

So what can you do to address that specific issue?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

Yes, I totally agree. And the problem is the businesses themselves need to be shown that this isn't the way to work.

It's interesting that we've just signed up for the BID where they're actually giving us now more money to help us actually clean up the city centre but, in fact, a number of them are actually contributing to the fact that it's so dirty.

So we're trying our best separately to the BID and we'll have extra money to deal with it through that but the additional cleansing team is actually going to be working 5.00 till 9.00 in the evening so that those people who haven't actually put their bags out in time will hopefully that will be cleared.

And also the weekend cleansing is a real problem because, in fairness, I don't want to be sending teams out late on a Saturday night to be clearing the city because their health and safety is paramount, as far as I'm concerned. But it will extend to 9pm in the evening.

But, as you quite rightly point out, what we need to do is get the businesses onside. If they start to actually present their waste in a sensible manner, we won't have half these problems.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Sanders*

Regularly, once a month at the end of my street pastor shift going through the Hayes at half past four in the morning going back to my car, seeing all the rubbish is absolutely extraordinary. Everybody should go and see it.

But could you agree with me to congratulate the teams who at 4.30/5.00 in the morning go out and clearing these mounds and mounds and mounds of rubbish in amongst all the bodies and anybody else who happens to be lying on the floor around the place at 4.30? What they do is an extraordinary job and I would highly commend them in lots and lots of different ways. I just thought it was important to recognise in the context of what you're saying because they do an extraordinary job.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I'll pass on that gratitude because they work extremely hard, get very little gratitude for it – mainly because the only people who are out there at that time in the morning

are often laying face-down in the gutter. So I think it's important that they are recognised for what they do. It's not the fault of the staff that we've got this problem.

Question: *County Councillor Woodman*

In relation to the new bus station build, will the developer or any other body be installing hostile vehicle mitigation measures during the new build from the outset, or will consideration be given to such installations after the new build is complete, or is it a case of securing additional funding for measures to be done at a much later date?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

A form of steel bollards will be provided as part of the wider Central Square public realm improvements. These will assist in controlling access to the pedestrian areas immediately adjacent to the new bus interchange and surrounding area.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Woodman*

You don't actually answer my question. They will be part of the wider Central Square. I've asked will they be done when the new build is progressing. Will they be done after the new build has done or will it be at a much later date?

And also, is it – as my supplementary because you haven't answered the first one, either – is it actually part of the corporate risk register [holds up document] that went before Cabinet yesterday or is it in addition to all these outstanding gateways?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

I think it's pretty clear what I did answer. I have said the steel bollards will be done. Obviously, when a planning application comes in, a lot of those issues will be in there as well. And I'm sure we'll be actually talking to the police and many other organisations as well with all of those kind of things, which are crucial, absolutely crucial, and therefore those dialogues will take place during the appropriate time.

Question: *County Councillor Hudson*

Could we have an update on progress on the Viridor incinerator site with regard to capacity and financial issues?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

The Trident Park Energy Recovery Facility in Cardiff is operated by Viridor and has a processing capacity of 350,000 tonnes of non-recyclable waste per annum.

As part of the Prosiect Gwyrdd partnership between Caerphilly, Cardiff, Monmouthshire, Newport, and the Vale, the Council has secured a 25-year contract with Viridor for the thermal treatment of non-recyclable waste.

The full Prosiect Gwyrdd contract is now in place and the relationship with Viridor is managed with accordance with the contract. No financial issues have been brought to the attention of the Council.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Hudson*

As I've read recently that Viridor wants to expand the scope of its operation, how will this affect Cardiff? For example transport issues, etc. And, basically, what's in it for us?

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I understand that a planning application has gone in, yes. But as you can imagine, that's a responsibility for the Planning Committee, not me.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Howells*

I appreciate you won't be able to give me this information now, but if you could supply it to me in written form. How does the amount of waste that is generated outside Cardiff coming into Viridor, compared to what was envisaged and how many vehicles are coming into Cardiff with what we thought would be coming into Cardiff? I appreciate you won't have that information to hand.

Reply: *County Councillor Derbyshire*

I obviously can't give you a definitive answer, Nigel, as you appreciate. But what I can tell you is that it's pretty much in line with what was anticipated and I asked only the other week about traffic issues and I was told that the traffic management was working well so there are no particular issues with that. So it's all going according to what we anticipated within those bounds, at the moment.

Question: *County Councillor Mitchell*

I was proud to attend the official opening of the Fairwater Hub and was impressed by the various groups that attended. Would the Cabinet Member agree that this success was down to the commendable and unsung efforts by Council staff and Officers and volunteers?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

You'll be unsurprised to know that I agree with you and I would like to thank everyone involved in making the Fairwater Hub such a success.

It's a pleasure to see council staff working in partnership with local community groups and volunteers to make the Hub a success.

Fairwater is our eighth Hub and builds on the success of the programme, last year the footfall into the hubs was 925,000, showing that local communities really appreciate the facilities that they offer.

Our investment in Community Hubs continues this year with both Llandaff North Hub and STAR Hub opening later this year.

In Spring 2017, we will see the completion of the Powerhouse Hub and plans are underway for a Hub in Llanishen to support those in the north of the city.

Once again, I would like to thank staff, community groups, and volunteers for all their hard work and I am sure that the Fairwater Hub will be a great success.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Mitchell*

It's not just I'm pleased that it's in my ward but this model is being rolled out across the city. And I raised the question simply because I don't feel that the hard work of the staff, the volunteers, and all the groups that have come together in all our wards to support these hubs and make them a success is recognised.

I do have two small supplementary minor niggles.

One is that the Hubs, under the Welsh Language Act, have to provide translation for local groups coming in, putting up posters for boot sales and other events within the ward. And there's still a few glitches in the translation service we provide I hope you will iron out.

And secondly, with the Fairwater Hub itself, because the sign is projecting from the wall and we have seats, there is already evidence that youths are gathering there and using the Hub sign itself as a climbing frame and could you monitor that and make adjustments to the seating and sign, should that be a problem?

Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

Yeah, I know what you're trying to say but I don't think I can go and personally monitor kids climbing on the Hub sign but I'll take it back and speak to Officers about that.

On the Welsh language issue, that is legislation that's been brought in by Welsh Government and the translation service falls within the portfolio with the Welsh language of the Leader and he would have heard the points you were making.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Carter*

As you very kindly mentioned the Powerhouse, I felt obliged to chuck in a supplementary question on this.

Can you reassure me that you will continue to work with us on the fine details *vis-à-vis* the exact services going into the Powerhouse Hub and exactly how it's all going to pan out? I was very grateful for our email conversation around the library, for example. It was unfortunate to learn about that from the community rather than the Council. So thank you for your intervention on that.

And secondly, coming back on Councillor Mitchell's point, can you reassure us we will also have the same invitations to our Powerhouse Hub? I seek that reassurance in the past where local Councillors have not been invited to official openings while local MPs and AMs have. So I'd be grateful for that reassurance.



Reply: *County Councillor Bradbury*

I always insist that local Members are invited to openings of Hubs. Some attend, some don't. In Fairwater's case some attended, some didn't.

In the case of the services in the Powerhouse, I'm happy to continue the tradition I've continued with other Members of the Council. If you as local Members have anything that you feel would enhance that offer in terms of services, or you know of local groups who would like to go in there, I'm happy to speak to the four of you about that as well. As you're nodding your head, I think you know I have a proven track record of doing that.

Question: *County Councillor Wild*

Can you please confirm that the coach station in Sophia Gardens will not be used as a longer-term solution?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

The new transport interchange at Central Square will have the facility for coaches to drop off and pick up passengers.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Wild*

Can I just ask what safeguards will be put in place to ensure that the bus numbers do not grow above the levels prior to the current temporary position – that they'll go back to the time when there were very few buses in Sophia Gardens?

Reply: *County Councillor Patel*

Obviously, we're talking about the coaches, I'm assuming, rather than the buses, yeah?

As far as the buses go, what will be happening is as we've always said, we will have the option to be able to go straight back over there, which is what their preferred option's always been. They've always said that's where they would like to go and that's why we're providing the facilities at that point for them as well. So, therefore, I can't say what numbers it will be because I obviously don't know whether they will start to increase their numbers in two years' time, a year's time, and six months' time. What I can say is that there certainly, definitely will be facilities for them to be able to use the new bus interchange.

Supplementary question: *County Councillor Dianne Rees*

Can you confirm, Councillor Patel, where coaches both UK and overseas coaches visiting Cardiff will park overnight and for what cost? Because, I recently had a problem in my ward where overseas coaches parking in an antisocial manner in residential streets and even on the pavements when they were visiting Cardiff for several days at a time.

Reply: County Councillor Patel

If anyone is parking coaches illegally, it's really a police matter because clearly they are parking illegally. They have got areas where they are supposed to park. They should be their depots if they are going from one place to another, they would have a plan. Those coaches should know where to park. Like lorry drivers – they would know where to park. And obviously, if you find coaches are parking illegally, it's a police matter, especially if they're parking illegally.

The coach facility in Sophia Gardens is purpose built, as you are well aware, and that will always be the case. So that's not something which is going to disappear. What's actually happened is the question which Caro has asked, which was very, very clear. Obviously, the facility, when we have the facility built, the coaches will be allowed to go back to Central Square, which is where a lot of the coach drivers, coach companies would prefer to use from there. And that facility will be there. The facility at Sophia Gardens has been in existence for many, many years and will continue to exist.

55 : URGENT BUSINESS (None)

56 : APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER

The Council was recommendation to designate Davina Fiore, the prospective Director of Governance and Legal Services as the Council's Monitoring Officer in accordance with Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, with effect from 19 September 2016.

The Lord Mayor on behalf of Council thanked Mr David Marr for undertaking the Interim Monitoring Officer and his advice and support over the last 4 months.

RESOLVED - That Davina Fiore, the prospective Director of Governance and Legal Services be designated as the Council's Monitoring Officer in accordance with Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, with effect from 19 September 2016.

57 : MEMBERS' SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION 2016-2017

The Members' Schedule of Remuneration 2016-17 which had been updated to include changes following the annual meeting was submitted for approval along with delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to update the Members' Schedule of Remuneration as required

RESOLVED - That

1. the Members' Schedule of Remuneration 2016-17 based on the proforma schedule provided by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales was approved;
2. delegated authority was approved for the Monitoring Officer to update the Members' Schedule of Remuneration and to make any necessary amendments to the 2016-17 Schedule from time to time during the municipal year in order to

reflect any changes in membership of the Council, Cabinet or Committees or as a result of any Supplementary Reports issued by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

58 : APPOINTMENT OF A PARENT GOVERNOR TO TEMPORARY GOVERNING BODY

The Council is requested to approve a nomination received to the temporary Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad .

RESOLVED – That the appointment of Dr Eleri Jones as a Parent governor to the temporary Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad was approved.

59 : VARIATION TO THE SIZE AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

The Council received a report to vary the size of the Scrutiny Committee to eight Members for the remainder of this municipal year; and approve any changes of Membership to Committees which are included on the amendment sheet; and for delegated powers to be given to the Interim Monitoring Officer to give effect to any changes in membership received after the meeting so that these can be implemented in time for the next cycle of meetings.

RESOLVED – That

1. the variation in size of the Council's established Scrutiny Committees from 9 to 8 Members for the remainder of this municipal year was approved;
2. any changes in membership of these Committees as provided by Party Group Whips were approved;
3. delegated powers be approved for the Interim Monitoring Officer to give effect to any changes in membership received after the meeting so that these can be implemented in time for the next cycle of meetings.
4. the nominations to the Pension Committee be approved as follows: -

Councillors Elsmore, Evans and Hinchey (Labour);  
Councillor Margaret Jones (Liberal Democrat);  
Councillor Graham Thomas (Conservative).

*(The meeting closed at 21.45)*

60 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

LEADER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS  
(COUNCILLOR PHIL BALE)

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHAUNDY

Why are the maintenance costs or reasonable supporting maintenance plans *not* included or *considered* in the assessment process for Member's

Neighbourhood Renewal Projects (e.g. such as children's play areas)?

Reply

Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes are funded from the Council's Capital Programme, which cannot be used to fund ongoing maintenance costs. However, maintenance implications are a consideration in the assessment process used to determine which Neighbourhood Renewal Scheme project ideas are prioritised.

In many cases, Neighbourhood Renewal Scheme projects involve the replacement of run-down and obsolete infrastructure with high quality public realm improvements, which result in reduced maintenance requirements and associated cost savings. Where new facilities, such as play areas, are prioritised and where ongoing maintenance costs present a challenge because of pressures on directorate budgets, then the use of supplementary funding sources (such as Section 106 monies) may be explored in order that a project can be progressed.

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_