

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 June 2017 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 23 June 2017.

Present: County Councillor Derbyshire (Lord Mayor)

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

22 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for this meeting.

23 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was received in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct: -

Councillor	Item	Interest
Councillor Phil Bale	Item 6 – Welsh Language Standards: Annual Report 2016-2017	Personal Interest as a Friend of Yr Hen Llyfrgell

24 : MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Meeting 25 May 2017 were approved as a correct record subject to the inclusion in Min No: 6 the following resolution

RESOLVED – That Councillor Dan De'Ath be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Chairman of the County Council of the City & County of Cardiff for the Municipal Year 2017 – 2018.

25 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were presented by Elected Members:

- 1 Councillor Kathryn Kelloway – 11 signatures calling on the Council to put double yellows lines on the road at Gwynant Crescent;
- 2 Councillor Kathryn Kelloway - 13 signatures petitioning the Council to agree to Resident Parking Bays on Health Halt Road;
- 3 Councillor Kathryn Kelloway - 32 signatures petitioning the Council to put in a chicane on Hollybush Road;
- 4 Councillor Kathryn Kelloway - 51 signatures petitioning the Council to agree to Resident Parking Bays on Mountbatten Road and Beatty Avenue;
- 5 Councillor Phil Bale - 68 signatures calling on the Council to make arrangements for the grass to be cut on St Martins Crescent;
- 6 Councillor Elaine Simmons – over 100 signatures petitioning the Council to increase space and security at Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Caerau;
- 7 Councillor Rodney Berman - 2130 signatures calling on the Council to keep Wedal Road HMRC open.

26 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor as a mark of respect asked Members to pause and reflect on the recent tragic events at Grenfell Tower and Borough Market.

(One minute silence was observed)

The Lord Mayor was pleased to announce that he had been joined by representatives from the RSPB and Bug Life at Forest Farm to launch his Charity Fundraising Campaign for 2017/ 2018. He looked forward to working with both charities to raise awareness of their work and projects and raise funds for the excellent work that they do, and asked Councillors to support the varied events and fundraising that would take place throughout the year.

The Lord Mayor congratulated those citizens of Cardiff honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List and their significant achievements and contributions to public life in Cardiff and Wales.

The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor Peter Bradbury and his wife Llinos on the birth of their second son Gethin Rhys on 16 June 2017; and wished Councillor Phil Bale a happy birthday.

In addition, the Lord Mayor was pleased to recognise the work of employees over the last month: -

UEFA Champions League

Congratulations to all who were involved in the successfully hosting of one of the biggest sporting events in the world last month; and the thousands of people, including public sector partners, local businesses and city region neighbours who worked incredibly hard behind the scenes to ensure 170,000 fans who came had an unforgettable experience in the city.

Thanks to the many Cardiff Council staff from across services for delivering a world-class event.

Cardiff Story Museum

Congratulations to Cardiff Story Museum team for reaching the shortlist of the Family Friendly Museum Award. These prestigious annual awards are run by the charity Kids in Museums and are widely regarded as the biggest museum awards in Britain. The museum was praised in particular for its interactive community work and for running events promoting language skills.

Foster Carers Long Service

As part of Foster Care fortnight last month, the Council's Fostering Services recognised and awarded foster carers who have provided over twenty years of care to vulnerable children in Cardiff. Our thanks to all our foster carers who make the difference to the lives of Cardiff children and young people in need.

Council Website

Congratulations to the Web Team who won the award for "Best Welsh Unitary", making www.cardiff.gov.uk the best local authority website in Wales at the SOCITM "Better Connect Connected" awards in Birmingham.

27 : WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS: ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

The Council received the report and were asked to agree and approve the content of the 2016 - 2017 Welsh Language Standards Annual Report prior to publication in accordance with the Welsh Language Standards under the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 by 30 June 2017.

The principle aim of the statutory standards was to ensure that the Welsh Language was treated no less favourably than the English language with the emphasis on activity offering and recording language choice rather than the onus being on the individual service user or employee to request information in Welsh.

The report was proposed by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas and seconded by Councillor Owen Jones.

This was the first report since the implementation of the standards and showed progress being made; support being given to staff to provide bilingual services. The Leader emphasised the importance of compliance with the Welsh Language Standards and providing equal status to both Welsh and English languages. Working with the Welsh Government and partners the aim is to increase the number of Welsh speakers; provide opportunities in education to learn and use Welsh. The Council would continue to develop and implement and commit to the Welsh Language Standards and implement the 5 year Strategy approved by Council in March 2017.

Members during the debate commented on a number of matters: -

- achievements and progress in meeting the Welsh Language Strategy;

- the number of standards that the Council has to meet and suggestion to combine some of the standards; the need to seek clarity of some standards; and levels of compliance;
- the position of the Welsh Language Centre ‘Yr Hen Llyfrgell’; business planning practices; and use of public money;
- the provision of learning opportunities for employees and elected members;
- ensuring that non Welsh speakers were not disadvantaged;
- provision of education and post education opportunities; and
- the importance of the cultural uniqueness of a national language.

The Leader responded to the points raised.

RESOLVED: The Council approved the Welsh Language Standards Annual Report 2016/17 for publication in accordance with the Welsh Language Standards (Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011) by 30 June 2017.

28 : STATEMENTS

The Council received a Statement from the Leader of the Council.

The Statement outlined the “Capital Ambition” the administration’s policy programme for the next five years. The ‘Capital Ambition’ document sets out a programme of action for addressing these challenges; of growth, inequality and sustainability. It set out four priority areas of action:

- Working for Cardiff – Making sure that all citizens can contribute to and benefit from the city’s success.
- Working for Wales – Leading a capital city that creates opportunities for the people of Wales
- Working for the Future – Managing the city’s growth in a sustainable way.
- Working for Public Services – Making sure public services are delivered efficiently, effectively and sustainably in the face of financial pressures and escalating demand.

The statement made reference to “Fire Safety in Council Housing Blocks”. The administration was concerned to ensure that appropriate safety measures are in place in similar blocks in Cardiff. There are 9 Council operated high rise blocks in the city. All blocks have a robust risk assessment in place and these are checked every 6 months by qualified assessors from the Council’s own compliance team. A full review was being carried out to ensure that the Council was meeting all the latest best practice in fire safety and to identify any other action which could be taken to further minimise any risk to our tenants.

The statement gave an update on the first phase of the new £57 million Eastern Bay Link Road and opened officially on the 15 June 2017. The Statement provided information on the Cardiff Business Awards 2017, which was rapidly becoming one of the most prestigious business award ceremonies in Wales. The Statement highlighted the Closure of the Tesco Contact Centre with the loss of over 1,000 jobs. The Council had written to the Chief Executive of the company to outline the deep

concerns. Given the huge number of jobs that will be lost, in addition to the job losses announced by Barclays in Llanishen, the Council have asked officers to work with partners to develop a programme to look at how the Council can promote the rich pool of skilled workers who will be looking for alternative employment. The Statement included the success' of the UEFA Champions League Final 2017 played in Cardiff on 3 June 2017 and once again demonstrated its credentials as a front ranking European city successfully hosting one of the world's biggest sporting events.

The Leader responded to a number of questions raised around the Council's response to the significant loss of jobs at the Tesco Contact Centre; reassurances around safety of tower blocks both local authority and private sector and cladding at schools and leisure centres.

29 : ORAL QUESTIONS

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR REES

Why doesn't the Council keep a list of registered waste carriers and house clearance businesses, which would help householders know who they can safely rely upon to correctly and lawfully dispose of their household waste?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

Natural Resources Wales are responsible for holding a database of registered businesses that are authorised to transport waste in Wales.

I have asked officers to provide improved information, including links to appropriate websites, on both the Council and Keep Cardiff Tidy websites to assist citizens in disposing of their household waste in a lawful manner.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR REES

I do think that the responsibility should lie with the City of Cardiff rather than Natural Resources Wales and I hope the published link will be put on the Council's website.

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

There is a bit of cross working , as whilst it's on the 'Natural Resources Wales' site, there is also a site called Environmental England which also has it. So if you really want to go to these sites, you have to cross reference to get to the right people.

In general if someone says they are going to come and shift your rubbish for £50 they are not going to do it lawfully because it costs a bit more than that.

The information will be onsite as quickly as possible and hopefully that will assist.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON

In light of the recent Champion's League final, could Cardiff Council publish an action plan detailing how they will work with South Wales Police authority and other partners to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of Cardiff's homeless population is put at the heart of any plans for future major events hosted in Cardiff?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

In preparation for the Champions League, additional emergency accommodation was made available to cater for a potential increase in demand during the event and South Wales Police and other partners were made aware of this.

My understanding is that the action taken by the Police during this event was aimed more at the problem of aggressive begging, rather than rough sleeping. Unfortunately, media reporting of the powers available to the Police resulted in some misunderstanding of what actually happened.

We do not force rough sleepers off the streets and never have.

I have therefore asked officers to ensure that, for future major events, the approach being taken is fully understood by all partners and is communicated effectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON

For future major events in Cardiff, will the Council aim to take further steps and publicise this as much as possible?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE

I think clearly measures were put in place, there was communication at the top. I think that the communication probably failed out on the streets.

I have given the commitment, that any future events, we really need to make sure that the message is clear about what action we expect to take and I give that commitment that we will do that.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Could the Cabinet Member give an update on the use of artificial pitches in Cardiff?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

I recognise the need to provide more artificial playing surfaces throughout the city, owing to the number of postponements due to wet weather and poor ground conditions can bring.

The Council is committed to working with partners to provide such facilities and investment has been made in five floodlit artificial training pitches across the city – at Heath Park, Pentwyn Leisure Centre, Trelai Park, The Marl and Grange Gardens.

The current programme allows for free use by local schools; free use at off-peak times for local clubs and communities, and free use for mini and junior fixtures in line with our policy of not charging for junior outdoor sport.

Moving forward, I anticipate a new artificial pitch being ready for use at Eastern High School in December this year and at Glyn Derw High School in 2018

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Thanks for the update, I'm asking the question on behalf of years 7 & 8 in Mary Immaculate because they were complaining when I went there for a visit about the pitch near the leisure centre being constantly locked and their desire to have it open and play on that pitch. So maybe if policy is to open it, then maybe we could liaise and let the children know it is available and how it can be accessed.

REPLY - COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

We will certainly liaise with local schools to ensure that they are aware that they can book the pitch and that local school kids can use it, as has always been the case. That's the reason we put the resource into this facility because it was plugging a much needed wide gap of provision.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

Can you outline what the Council is doing to promote the benefits of sport and particularly artificial pitches in Cardiff, and as the appropriate Cabinet Member, will you rule out any introduction or increase in pitch fees?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

No, because we do charge for adults to use sporting facilities, I think you mean juniors. It was this administration that brought in free use of sport for junior clubs and I foresee that to be the situation as long as this administration is still in power.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI

Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the recent tragic fire at Grenfell Tower in London and the safety of high rise housing blocks in Cardiff, including the Lydstep flats in my ward of Llandaff North?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

The speed and sheer ferocity of the fire in Grenfell Tower and its tragic impact on residents and the local community is something I will never forget and I want to pass on my condolences to all those affected.

As the Leader has already outlined in his earlier statement, we are working proactively to ensure that appropriate fire safety measures are in place in high rise housing blocks here in Cardiff. I would just add because there were some questions

asked that each flat in our high rise blocks are self-contained to contain the fire within that flat

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI

Thank you for your reply. Regardless of the outcome of the Council review, no life should be put at risk. Will you now follow Croydon Council and other Council's tonight and make a commitment to install sprinklers in Lydstep tower blocks and all other blocks in Cardiff?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

What I will give a commitment for is that we will make sure that everything possible we can do to make sure that our tenants' lives are safe. I cannot commit on sprinklers but I will say that lots of our high rise blocks do have sprinklers and particularly in the communal areas because we have had a number of fires in the high rise blocks over the years, some of them have been in the communal areas in the bin store areas, so sprinklers have been fitted in many of them.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION – COUNCILLOR CARTER

Just following on from Councillor Ali's question, whilst I think we appreciate that it is very expensive to put sprinklers into every block; would you at least be willing to consider the installation of sprinklers into rooms where we are refurbishing blocks and rooms in some cases. I appreciate that to go in simply for that would be very expensive, but when we already have workers available on site is this something you will be willing to consider.

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

I'm sorry if I gave the impression that we weren't going to consider it, that's not the case. I think the point is that if that is deemed to be the most appropriate safety measure then that's what we will do. We will do everything we can to ensure that they are all safe.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR McKERLICH

The local authority is landlord of the primary and secondary schools in Cardiff; arising from this the local authority is responsible for carrying out and paying for landlord repairs and there appears to be a substantial backlog. Can you advise the following:

- approximate total estimated cost of carrying out all currently notified landlord repairs in all Cardiff schools;
- sum included in the current budget (for 2017-18) for carrying out such repairs; and
- sum spent on such repairs in each of the last 10 financial years?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MERRY

The estimated cost of the current asset management backlog of repairs across all schools is approximately £77million.

The 2017/18 Capital Programme includes an asset renewal allocation of £2.052million.

Around £32million has been spent on asset renewal in the last 10 financial years. £20.3million in the period from 2012 to 2017, compared to £11.7million from 2007 to 2012.

In addition, we have invested in new school buildings via 21st Century Schools Band A schemes, as a result of which, on completion, we will have removed around £10million from the asset backlog.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR McKERLICH

I would be grateful if you sent me these figures by email so that I can go over them at my leisure but if I grasp the gist of it, the backlog is of the order of £77million and there is £2million in the tin to spend on it this year. That is an alarming prospect, what do you intend doing to bring the revenue available more in line with the demand.

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MERRY

As part of the preparation for submitting bids for Band B, we have done or are in the process of carrying out a complete survey of our schools estate. Obviously backlog list and every condition survey is a snapshot in time, we want to take an overall view of the estate, which will guide us with our Band B proposals, which could remove a significant proportion of the backlog. Then I think we need to take a more long-term view about how we bring our school estate up to scratch.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR BOWDEN

Councillor Merry, you and I have spoken often about the state of school buildings and I think it's reasonable to say that many schools including the one of which I am Chair, finds that the landlord i.e. Cardiff Council doesn't accept its responsibilities in terms of assisting with repairs to its building; whether these are chimneys, or doors they have had fitted which don't fit and that we are spending considerable amounts of money out of our budgets which should be going into frontline services for our children, when they are having to go into buildings. I wonder whether it's time for you to ask schools just how much they have had to spend on their buildings for items that should or would be regarded normally as the responsibility of the landlord and perhaps look to see how you can compensate them for the amount of money that they have had to spend?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MERRY

Obviously there are two strands to school repairs, the money that the school itself spends and the money that the Council spends via the asset management. As I said, we are going to start a whole school condition surveys which will give us a picture of the current state of repair. I'm not aware of any queries from schools directly that they feel that they have been obliged to spend money that they felt was the landlords responsibility, so if you could send me examples.

What I do think, and what we have committed to, is that we need to ensure that all schools get best value and an improved service through Facilities Management as well.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR SANDREY

Undoubtedly in terms of visitor numbers, the Champion's League final was a success; however, this doesn't appear to have been felt by local businesses. The Cardiff Licensees Forum surveyed 65 venues, the results of which indicated that trade was worse than on an average Saturday. I think we all appreciate the challenges from a security perspective; however, the communication beforehand seemed to focus heavily on ID checks and road closures, thereby putting locals off from visiting establishments that they might usually go to on event days. What will the administration do to ensure sure that local businesses feel the benefit of big events in the future, and will these businesses be compensated?

REPLY- COUNCILLOR GOODWAY

Ever since 1998 when Cardiff began hosting some of the biggest political and sporting events which take place in the world, some local businesses have complained about the negative impact of that these events.

Experience suggests that the type of businesses most affected are retailers offering the type of goods which are not time critical for the purchaser, where people simply delay their purchase to a non-event day.

This event was different, this event with the biggest global coverage ever staged in Cardiff and the biggest event taking place in the world this year. It also took place just a week after the tragic event in Manchester.

Taken together, the levels of publicity generated and responses to media demands to know how the City would manage an event of such global importance simply served to persuade people that didn't need to be here, to go elsewhere or just stay at home.

Some businesses were left disappointed and there are lessons to be learned. We do want local businesses to benefit, and we will seek to ensure that they have every opportunity to do so in the future. However, the Council does not compensate for losses any more than it shares in any profits.

Having said that, let's celebrate its success, pay tribute to all those who managed it and reflect that Cardiff is even better placed to bid to host more of the same in the future.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR SANDREY

Cardiff being seen as open for big business should not come at the expense of the local economy of which licensed venues are the back bone. Will the Cabinet Member therefore meet with the licensees forum to get feedback from the directly on the Champions League Final?

REPLY- COUNCILLOR GOODWAY

More than happy to do so.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR KEITH JONES

Will Councillor Goodway agree with me that the Champions festival that was seen in Cardiff Bay was incredible for this City, for the citizens, there were amazing things like the floating pitch which saw legends come to this City so school children could look up to them. The employees of the Council had opportunities to represent the Council and play on that pitch. We had amazing activities, packed audiences, great pride for our City and our citizens and this was a showcase to the world and the Council will continue to attract these incredible events that generate such pride for our Citizens and leave for our children an opportunity to play football and to be the heroes of the future.

REPLY- COUNCILLOR GOODWAY

I endorse the sentiments expressed in that supplementary question. This event placed Cardiff at a different level in terms of what it can do in terms of hosting some of the most important sporting events to take place in the world. It means that Cardiff really has come of age and we have got to renew that offer and renew our commitment to ensure that we bring these events to Cardiff for the benefit of all businesses, but more than that, to give confidence to the people that live in this City that although we may be a small Capital, we can still compete against the largest cities in the world when it comes to hosting events of this kind.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Could the Cabinet Member give an update on the Council buying back former Council houses?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

As part of our overall strategy to increase the number council homes in Cardiff, we are actively seeking to purchase suitable properties from the open market. These properties will usually be ex-council properties, although this will not always be the case.

In determining which properties to purchase, we are focusing on those in high demand areas and where the new-build programme is unlikely to meet the need. We are therefore targeting larger 3 or 4 bedroomed family homes, as well as adapted properties and ground floor flats that are suitable for all tenants who are less mobile.

We plan to buy approximately 20 properties this year.

We will also be purchasing properties, where necessary, to deliver redevelopment or improvement schemes and to meet social care needs.

All properties are surveyed and valued by an independent surveyor before purchase to ensure value for money.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR McEVOY

When for example there is a block of flats, where there may be a flat upstairs but the others are Council owned, would that be a consideration to be bought as well?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

I think if it was in a block, where everyone was Council then it may well be, but it still will depend on whether it meets that housing need because that's the important thing is meeting the housing need and you know as well as everybody else who hold regular surgeries, there is a massive need in Cardiff for more housing.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR GORDON

Please may citizens of Cardiff have a summary of the costs to the City of hosting the UEFA Championship, and were the Council's costs in the clean-up and restoring our parklands covered by external funding or are we using money from the Council budget?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

The Council provided substantial 'in-kind' support of over £500,000 for the event. This included covering the costs associated with:

- the provision of Council services such as cleansing;
- the use of Council venues such as the Castle and adjacent parkland; and
- lost revenue from on-street parking.

The majority of costs over and above the 'in-kind' costs related to traffic and crowd management, which was largely made-up of cost relating to the provision of additional staff.

Re-instatement costs for the Castle grounds and parklands are also estimated to be around £100,000, but much of this formed part of planned maintenance works in any event.

The total cost to the Council of hosting the Champions League Final is estimated to be approximately £1million but that includes all of the in-kind costs that I've just outlined.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR GORDON

I applaud that everything went as planned and it was such a successful event but I just want to say, and I know it sounds such a small beer but a charity in our ward called Pedal Power lost £5000 which they would have normally made over that weekend. £5000 is a huge amount to a small charity, and so like the other comment earlier on about the licensed premises that lost business, I do think we do need to take this into account.

REPLY - COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

I'm aware of the case because you have emailed me about it, I think I've committed to meeting with Pedal Power and yourself to discuss what happened that weekend.

We can always learn lessons but I reiterate the points that have been made previously by my colleagues Councillor Goodway and Councillor Jones on the success of the event but that doesn't necessarily mitigate the loss that you are talking about with Pedal Power and I'm happy to discuss it with them they are a fantastic charity I've had lots of dealings with them and I hope we can continue a very good and productive relationship with them and I'm happy to meet with them on this.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR REES

I'm interested to know what the sum of the costs were for UEFA for coming to Cardiff, what did it cost UEFA which is a very well-funded organisation as we all know.

REPLY - COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

I can't speculate on how much it cost UEFA to come to Cardiff, I can only give you the figure that I was asked for, which is the figure that we were contractually bound to provide the services that I've mentioned in this answer as part of the bidding process.

It is a welcome opportunity to talk about the restoration of the Castle Grounds and also Bute Park which was needed anyway and would have been needed if we didn't have this event anyway and also the fact that we got new artificial pitch funded via UEFA £85,000 worth of investment in Grange Gardens. We did get substantial infrastructure as well as the global coverage that we have talked about, the 2 billion people that watched the final that day, whose eyes were all on Cardiff, but we also got something tangible for the community of Cardiff as well. I am happy to talk to you about it any time.

Councillor Rees please email me the exact point that you wish to make and I will get you a written response as I would any other Member.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR HUDSON

What compensation is being sought or offered to residents and businesses affected by lengthy and major projects such as the Birchgrove regeneration scheme and the Manor Way/North Rd bus lanes?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

I can understand that it's frustrating for residents and local business when there are these kind of disruptions but as you can appreciate we don't as a norm pay out Compensation for those kind of day to day works.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR HUDSON

I'd like to make the Cabinet Member aware that there has been a precedent set, and I can get the information, where £3,000 in compensation was offered to someone in North Road because they couldn't access their driveway. I think one thing that could be looked at is if there could be a reflection in the business or domestic rates of the impact to businesses of the regeneration scheme which has been going a long time and the works are still ongoing in certain places.

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

I can't comment on specific cases, in terms of your second point around rates I will look into that and see if there is something that can be done.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR PATEL

Would you agree that with any major projects there will always be some sort of teething problems and if we didn't have those teething problems we would never be able to get on with any of our projects in Cardiff so clearly these are some teething problems that have probably occurred; but when it comes to compensation, we shouldn't be discussing compensation in this Council Chambers. There is a proper process for compensation that Members should be following, especially experienced Members who have asked the question would know that process and for that reason I think this is not the appropriate place to ask about compensation would you agree with that.

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

Once again we can thank residents for when they have to face disruption, we know it's not easy for them and we do try wherever possible to rectify that and make sure there is plenty of notice given, thank you.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

What weight do you attach to school children being able to stay with their friends from primary school after transitioning to secondary school?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MERRY

I wasn't quite sure whether by transitioning you meant pupils moving to secondary school or the arrangements of classrooms after they'd arrived to secondary school so I will try and address both.

In terms of admissions to Cardiff community schools, the oversubscription criteria are set out in the Council's Admissions Policy which is available online.

The Council's criteria for secondary admission over-subscription do not include children transferring with friends from primary school.

With regard to the individual schools and how they organise those children allocated places, this varies between schools and is a matter for them to decide.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

As we are all aware School Admissions is a problem across the city and as the Cabinet Member, I was wondering what your views were on whether proximity to a school or length of residency was more important in determining a school admission application from a parent?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MERRY

The current admissions criteria is very clear that it is proximity to the secondary school that the child is applying to that is the determining factor.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

Could the Cabinet Member outline what plans the Local Authority has in place to increase secondary provision throughout the City particularly in light of the Local Development Plan and also not just secondary mainstream but also special provision throughout the City?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MERRY

As referred to earlier, we are in the process of drawing up our proposals to submit to the Welsh Government for Band b school expansion which will also cover the condition of schools; they will be submitted to the Welsh Government in the Autumn and we are also in the process of conducting a review of additional learning needs provision across the City and again that will be looking at both the number of places and the condition of the school buildings themselves.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Could I have an update about ensuring the cleanliness of the stream in Waungron Park, Fairwater?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

As was confirmed to you at Council in March 2016, the Council as riparian landowner has been working with Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water to support their investigations relating to the stream and work to rectify any drainage misconnections or defects.

Their investigation remains ongoing and, once completed, the Council has proposed a 'next steps' meeting with them in relation to the stream.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR McEVOY

So the investigation began in March 2016, we are now in June 2017, I think it would be reasonable for that investigation to have taken place. I've attended the stream recently there is a lot of concern from residents, it does stink, it's very dirty, and I think it is a health hazard. Can you outline some kind of timetable where this matter can be dealt with seriously and ideally resolved?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

I can't because it's not our investigation it's not our stream, it's a matter for Welsh Water. They did a dye test 10 days ago that confirmed there were no faults. They are responsible, they are arranging completion of the survey and it's a matter for Welsh Water not the Council.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR GORDON

With the introduction of the next phase of the 20 mph zones, some 20mph signs have gone up and markings on the road painted. How is the Council going to publicise this measure, which we welcome, to residents and people driving through our area?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

We are pleased and delighted to see a roll out of the 20mph zones something that a number of us have been campaigning on for a long time, once that phase is finished, the current phase has been done, we will then have a big publicity campaign including yourself and Councillor Patel as it's in his ward and he had put a lot of the hard work in to get it started.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR BOYLE

As part of the Roath Brook Flood Scheme, Waterloo Bridge is going to be closed and there is going to be number of diversions as a result and a 20mph zone is temporarily going to be installed in a number of streets that have been identified for a 20mph zone permanently in the medium term. Would it not make more sense to make the 20mph zone permanent now rather than have it temporarily, removed then reinstalled later on; and if so would you agree to look at this specific incident and hopefully give me the answer I'm looking for?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

I know the area you are talking about and I'm not quite sure if it will work quite that clever enough for that to happen but I will look into whether one can roll into another.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

Congestion throughout our City is already at intolerable levels for many residents and road users, with many arterial roads overcapacity what plans do the Administration have to improve Cardiff's road network?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

I do not entirely agree with the premise of things being intolerable, certainly around peak times, things are often congested but a lot of the other times things are flowing pretty well despite our growth and for cyclists' congestion isn't always a problem.

However, we are not hiding from the fact that congestion and the amount of new cars on the road is going to be a tough thing for us over this administration, it's something that we are concerned about and we have got our eye on absolutely from the start. I'd like to assure you that from taking over this role one of the first things I've done and have done regularly is ask to see exactly in detail the information that's around the LDP, around the developments and around how infrastructures are being planned and planned in the right way. In many ways it's considered UK leading in terms of that to make sure those things are in place so we have absolutely got our eye on it. I could happily talk for hours about the ways we are doing that; the things we are doing around cycling, bus priority measures, I'll leave it at that and let me know if there is any more information you need.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION -COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

Thank you for coming out to Pontprennau and Old St Mellons a couple of weeks ago to meet Councillor Rees and myself to discuss some of the challenges that effect the North of the City faces and our community. We have got a 50/50 modal split in Cardiff we are currently not working to that and that is a long term goal, so the short to midterm goal is we need to do more to improve and ease congestion in our City. So would you rule out the introduction of congestion charge in our city of Cardiff over the next five years of this administration?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

Thanks for showing me around up there, it was really useful to see what was going on up there. In terms of the 50/50 modal split, I don't actually see it as a long-term thing for us, I think we absolutely have to do it quicker and we are getting there in terms of the amount of journeys as a percentage taken by car is actually on the decrease at the moment and it's something that we are really pushing on with as you know and we wouldn't rule out the congestion charge.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR BERMAN

The Eastern Bay link, which was referred to in the Leaders Statement obviously plays a key role in cutting congestion in certain parts of the city including through my ward; and I noted in that statement that there was reference to work underway with Welsh Government on developing plans for the subsequent phases of the Eastern Bay Link Road.

I just wondered if you could update us as to how those discussions are progressing and whether there is any likelihood of securing the funding that will be needed as obviously this is the big stumbling block to get that road completed?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

We are hopeful around that second phase; when we opened the first phase recently with the Welsh Government, we were talking about that, we know what kind of thing we want to do. It obviously goes into wider discussions around the Metro and other transport infrastructure projects but it is something that we are certainly hoping that we can bring forward.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

Could you provide an update on progress in providing a full library service for residents in Adamsdown?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

Consultation was undertaken in February on the possibility of incorporating a library service alongside the café and information centre in the former chapel at Cardiff Royal Infirmary.

A total of 781 responses were received and 94.3% of respondents supported the inclusion of a library service in the former chapel.

We are currently awaiting the latest architect's drawings commissioned by the Health Board, which should be available very shortly.

A formal decision on the Council's participation in the project is likely to be taken next week in order to finalise the approach. At this point, we will then also be able to work with the five organisations that have submitted expressions of interest in the existing Roath Library building to proceed to detailed planning.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

As you know it's been over two and half years now since the Roath Library has closed and we have been without a proper library service since. I have been contacted by several residents in recent weeks who have heard rumours that the proposed scheme that you outline may not go ahead due to issues with the Health Board.

Can you give me any categorical assurance that that is not the case and also can you give me an indication as to when the detailed plans that you refer to will be available for local Members in Adamsdown and Plasnewydd to discuss with you please?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

I can tell you that as I said in the statement, the decision will be signed off next week, so that will be a formal agreement with the Health Board and I'm not aware of any concerns about that; officers have told me today that they expect that to proceed and yes happy to share any information on the projects going forward for the Roath Library building.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

We understand in our group the importance that libraries have in our communities. We understand informally that there will be no library closures in the next financial year. Councillor Thorne will you commit to no library closures over the course of this administration.

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

I really can't give a commitment over the rest of this administration. What I can say is that Labour in its manifesto has given a commitment to protect libraries.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR STUBBS

Will the Cabinet Member inform the Council what steps can be taken to recover the losses made by businesses in Splott from Network Rail following on from the work on 3 bridges in the area, some of which has significantly over run?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

Members will be aware of the essential works to bridges that have been – and continue to be – undertaken by Network Rail along the main strategic 'London to Cardiff' rail line.

These works have a significant impact on local communities along this key strategic transport corridor.

All businesses affected by the works are entitled to apply for compensation from Network Rail and I would be happy to provide local Members with the relevant contact details relating to claims as part of this process.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR STUBBS

I'm sure we all look forward to a time when Splott has rail stations as well as rail bridges.

Do you share my concerns about the impact this has on numerous local businesses?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

I do share Members' concerns and any delays to these works are unacceptable. The Council can consider using powers under section 74 of the new road and street works act 1991 to fine Network Rail for any over running in their works. I can confirm that the Council recently did this in relation to the over running of work Windsor Road Bridge resulting of a penalty charge of approximately £150,000 has been paid by Network Rail. Again, in terms of any compensation claims by local business I would be minded to support any bona fide claims that came forward from that.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR HUDSON

Well we have just heard about compensation from Network Rail, when I asked about compensation for businesses that were affected in Caerphilly Road and Manor Way, I was told by Councillor Patel that it wasn't the right forum to bring the question. I beg to differ, this is the forum we discuss and I wanted to know whether or not if you Cabinet Member Wild if you support the compensation claims for Network Rail, will you support the compensation claims from Cardiff Council please?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

I genuinely don't feel in a position to answer that, because we are talking about claims possibly against ourselves so I'm happy to take it up with you another time.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR PHILIPPA HILL-JOHN

Are there any plans to reopen a household waste site at Waungron Road and do you still plan to close the Wedal Road Household Recycling site; if so, when?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

There are no plans to re-open the Waungron Road site as a household waste recycling site.

The new Lamby Way Household Waste Recycling Centre will be fully open officially by the Lord Mayor from 18th July, and I'm sure he will do an excellent job he keeps telling me he will anyway.

The future of the Wedal Road facility is being considered and a position will be announced in the near future.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION -COUNCILLOR PHILIPPA HILL-JOHN

Is there any provision going to be made in the interim for the loss of Waungron Road to the local residents which is causing them great concern?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

I think that has already been done, in some ways the Councillors are sat behind the kerb on this one behind the public. Cardiff has got the best record of any major city in the UK when it comes to recycling and one of the things we are going to do is actually improve on that. Our policies work continually and we will carry on doing that.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR WOOD

We received a lot of literature during the election claiming that should Wedal Road be closed, there will be a replacement site.

Can you confirm that should it close, that replacement site will actually be in the North of Cardiff and what services will be provided at the replacement site?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

I refer the Member to the answer I gave some moments ago.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR CARTER

Does the new cabinet member plan to repeat the outer ward deep cleansing programme?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

The deep cleansing 'blitz' programme is now revenue base funded and will clean both inner and outer wards.

Neighbourhood Services are currently undertaking a new 8-week cycle in the inner wards and then the cycle will continue into the outer wards.

Neighbourhood Services will target areas of concerns highlighted by residents and local Members.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR CARTER

Can I ask if that will be only an annual event or a regular cycle or is that yet to be decided, or every five years?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

We can call that a regular event, I'll be happy to discuss any issues you have in your Ward.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR KEITH JONES

Llanrumney residents will be absolutely delighted by your answer tonight because it made such a difference having strategic places, our primary schools, the streets, our

leisure centre, and our shopping districts deep cleaned showing that the Council cared for Llanrumney and residents will be overjoyed and welcome council employees back to clean the streets of Llanrumney again.

REPLY - COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

Thank you Councillor for his congratulations.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR McGARRY

What is the council doing to help get the street homeless people off the streets?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

The Council works proactively with partners to offer a range of services to rough sleepers, including the night bus, a day centre and breakfast run. The single person accommodation gateway provides access to 45 emergency bed spaces, 216 frontline hostel spaces and a range of supported housing and move on options.

We have expanded and extended the hours of the Council's Outreach Service. Each rough sleeper will now have a key worker to ensure that an individual case work approach is taken and that hard-to-reach clients are provided with homelessness support on the streets.

We have also agreed a number of grants to third sector partners to deliver innovative housing solutions to meet the often complex needs of rough sleepers. This includes taking forward a 'Housing First' approach in line with best practice and also an intensive complex needs project for those who require most support to stay in accommodation.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR McGARRY

I know it's perceived that there is a lot of rough sleepers on the streets and walking down the streets we do see a lot of people.

Are you working with partners to address the fact that some of these beggars are not homeless people but just beggars and that people who have no access to public funds such as immigrants, are you working with partners to try and address that problem?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

Absolutely, there has been a massive increase in street homelessness, not just in Cardiff but across the whole of the UK and it's something we really need to address. They do have complex needs, and some people choose to sleep on the streets.

I attended the Iftar a week Friday at City Hall where homeless people were invited to attend; I spoke to a gentleman who was street homeless, he had come from Newport and said this was because Cardiff offered the best services; the night bus so he didn't have to go searching for food. He said he wouldn't go into a Hostel because

he didn't feel safe, that's why this new scheme where every street homeless person will have a case worker to look at what their issues are the best way that we can help them.

We really do need to address it, we provide lots of accommodation but it's not enough.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

Homelessness is an issue for all of us in this Chamber and we all have a duty to combat it and tackle it.

Leading on from your comments Councillor Thorne, about homelessness increasing across the UK, what discussions have you had with other Local Authorities in South Wales, so that we can have a regional approach to combatting homelessness?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

Personally at the moment I haven't had any discussions, but your right we really do need to have those discussions because there are lots of people who are coming from neighbouring authorities who don't have a huge problem and therefore don't put massive resources into a service; because Cardiff has put an awful lot of effort over the years and working with partners provides a great service, it becomes a magnet. So we do need to talk to neighbouring authorities and see what we can do to work together to address this I accept that.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL

What contingency plans do the Council have in place to deal with a situation that required the immediate emergency evacuation of high rise living accommodation, in particular, provision of temporary accommodation?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

There are robust risk assessments in place for all council high rise blocks with the aim of ensuring that most tenants can remain safely in their homes in the event of a fire.

Evacuation, when necessary, should take place under the control of the Fire and Rescue Service, to make sure that they are evacuated safely.

The Housing service has a major incidents procedure in place which sets out the roles and responsibilities of officers should a major incident occur in council housing. This procedure includes close working with the Council's Emergency Management Unit to set up rest centres, ensure that residents receive the information they need and relocate occupants temporarily where necessary.

The Emergency Management Unit has developed robust, tried and tested evacuation and shelter procedures in partnership with Housing, Social Services, Leisure

Services (now GLL), South Wales Police, Red Cross and RSPCA. These include the option to use hotel rooms in the city if the evacuation becomes protracted.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL

I realise any future review or inquiry will raise many questions that cannot be answered for some time. Just to say I would like to associate myself with the comments made by Huw Thomas' statement and by the Lord Mayor earlier with regard to the awful tragic events at Grenfell Tower in London. I am mindful that this is not the time to make political gain from the awful events in Kensington and Chelsea but there are legitimate questions that I feel need to be asked.

I am pleased to hear, as I am sure residents of high rise accommodation in Cardiff are, that the Council already has a robust review risk assessment, it is reassuring to hear that cladding on the nine blocks in Cardiff is dissimilar to the cladding used at Grenfell Tower as outlined in the Leaders earlier statement the Council is carrying out a full safety review of the fire safety of the nine blocks of flats.

How long it will be before you publish the review?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

The review has only been received this week, we need to look at it and I am happy to share that with Councillors, and any recommendations

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR EBRAHIM

I would like to ask in terms of high rise flats, with people with multiple needs and whether there is a risk assessment in place?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

What I can tell you is actually in my own high rise block, just 4/5 weeks ago, the fire service actually did an evacuation procedure from the block. They didn't carry residents out, they were dummies, I was quite heartened at the time because they also tested all the stairwells to ensure they were able to contain the smoke and nothing permeated into the flats or past fire doors. Two days later there was a fire in one of the flats which was then noticed by the Alarm and Response Centre which is a concierge service with CCTV and they contacted the Fire Service.

I believe the procedures in place are there to protect, but if you have any concerns, speak to me and we will look into it.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR STUBBS

Cabinet Member, since being elected, I have had a lot of constituents come to me about housing. What are we doing as an administration to mitigate this?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

I agree that there is significant need for affordable housing in the city and there is an urgent need to increase the supply of good quality homes. I, like you hold regular surgeries and every week people come who are in desperate need of housing.

We are bringing forward plans to build 1,000 council homes, which will all be energy efficient and built to high space standards.

I recently visited Lewisham Council to see the exciting work that is being done there to develop sites more quickly using innovative housing solutions and we will use these methods, where appropriate, to bring forward developments more quickly.

We are also working with our housing association partners in an effort to maximise the affordable homes that will be delivered through section 106 contributions on the large LDP development sites in the city. We estimate this could deliver as many as 6,500 affordable homes by 2026.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR STUBBS

I have to say that I am delighted that the election awarded the only party in Cardiff that has the ambition to allow for every resident to have safe affordable housing, and I think people did recognise that in the election.

All I would ask further is that you continue to update us on these exciting plans and will you commit to come to this chamber soon and update us on the progress being made.

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

I would be delighted to, I would like to share as much as I can of this information because I am really excited about it and I'm certain that if you knew about it you would be too.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR CARTER

I was amused slightly by Councillor Stubbs' supplementary, I think all parties, although not sure about Tories, but I think all parties were also committed to housing, we recommended 1600, considering how few were built last time around its quite amusing that you can say that Councillor Stubbs.

My supplementary is that 1000 homes is welcome - it's a great commitment - what steps will you take to make sure that target is met over that five year period, reviewing that as you go along in order to make sure we don't have the situation we did last time around when actually we got to the last echelons of the five year term and virtually nothing had been built?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR THORNE

I was deeply disappointed that it took so long to set up what was originally the Cardiff Partnership Scheme because of the competitive dialogue. I feel far more confident and that's why I feel excited because the properties we saw are actually factory built, and time to come from the factory was 6-12 weeks to have a fully built and developed site. Where there are land problems, it makes it easier to develop because you build on concrete slabs. These properties can be permanent or temporary and can be moved three times, so where we have land holdings where we don't intend to develop for up to 6/7 years, we can put properties on those temporarily as well.

I am really hopeful and I am really ambitious to at least meet that target if not surpass it.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR KELLOWAY

What discussions have you had with Cardiff Bus to improve the regularity of their number 13 service?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

It seems like there have been some problems around there because of the quite substantial works around Ely Bridge and also some vital utility works on Grand Avenue in Ely but I do hope residents weren't put out too much by any delays or irregularities.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR KELLOWAY

I raise this because it's the biggest issue we are facing in Cyncoed at the moment. Following a recent survey that I carried out in Cyncoed, 70% of people who responded stated that the current bus service is inadequate and 85% of people stated that the bus service can be improved.

Can you please write to me and let me know how many times the number 13 bus has been cancelled or delayed in the last six months as numerous local residents advise that this is often the case?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

I'll take it up with Cardiff Bus and get that information back to you.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR EBRAHIM

I would just like to ask, we have got a good bus service in Butetown, but what we haven't got is road that buses can pass one another; Bute Street is always a grid lock on buses, kids are late from school, it's an issue that may need to be raised sooner rather than later?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

You've just raised it so let's talk about it. I know we are going to be down there looking at some of the work around the new school, it probably ties into that a little bit doesn't it, and so we will have a look then.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR ALI AHMED

Would you kindly outline the success of the Champions League Final and your ambition to bid for further events?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS

There is a broad consensus that the Champions league was a terrific success for the City, its broadly estimated that 200 million people worldwide watched this event, many people who would never have heard of Cardiff before the Champions league final was hosted and over 300,000 people came into the City on the day generating over £45million for the local economy. I think we can all agree that it was a terrific success for the City. No doubt the success of that event will help us build and attract further events into the City, I thought it was telling that as we were taking down the Champions League cladding we were putting up cladding to welcome Bangladesh and New Zealand here to play cricket as part of the ICC and that sets a platform doesn't it.

A new multi-purpose arena remains central to our event strategy to help attract a greater range of events and to ensure that the benefits are more widely felt across the whole city-region.

We also remain keen as an administration to establish an indigenous signature event for the city that can be built up and showcased internationally. We all saw the fantastic impact of the Roald Dahl event held last year and we are eager to develop a similar event going forward as well.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR ALI AHMED

I am very pleased to hear your ambition for the future and the future of our City. I am very disappointed that some of our local businesses lost out on a very very successful Champions League Final in Cardiff.

I'm sure FAW wants to be part of a wider UK football associations future bid for a major tournament in the UK, will you support FAW to be part of this, any future big football event in Cardiff because we have showed the world that we can host one of the biggest events in the world this year as well being the smallest Capital City in the World. Will you support FAW?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS

I've already been having some discussion with the FAW about where does the City, the Capital and the FAW go next following this event, you might not know this but the 150 year anniversary of the founding of the FAW is coming up within the next decade

and I think it would be appropriate to mark that anniversary with an event of a similar stature brought to Cardiff so we are very interested in providing any support that we can as a Council to making that happen.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR ROBSON

Your ambition sounds interesting I look forward to seeing further details as we go forward. However, will you please put pressure on your Welsh Assembly Government colleagues to start having some ambition about things such as the Wales Commonwealth Games bid and other things which could benefit both Cardiff and Wales further afield?

In the course of my political life I have found that the Welsh Government is very much unambitious when it comes to events such as this, putting Wales and Cardiff on the map, as the new Leader of Cardiff you have a key role to get them to recognise the role Cardiff and Wales can play on the international stage.

REPLY - COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS

I think it's worth stressing that Welsh Government played an integral role both in bringing the Champions League Final to Cardiff and in delivering the Champions League Final in Cardiff. I will go as far as saying it would not have happened without the ambition and scale demonstrated by the Welsh Labour Government, the success and experience enjoyed in Cardiff on that first weekend in June is very much testament to the close working relationship, the Team Cardiff approach developed between Cardiff Council and Welsh Government and other supporting services around that and we see that time and time again in the major events that are brought to Cardiff and delivered in Cardiff.

We have an exciting programme already in place going forward through 2018 and beyond of major events in the City many of them being delivered in partnership with the Welsh Government and I have no doubts whatsoever of the ambition and commitment of the Welsh Labour Government to Cardiff.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES

It was recently announced that Splott Bridge will close entirely for several weeks in August and September. This is despite earlier consultations that suggested this would never happen. Both residents and businesses in Adamsdown have already faced major disruption so this is a major blow. What communication does the Council have with Network Rail with regards to the ongoing works on Cardiff's bridges, and how much influence does it have on negating impact?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

Council officers are in daily contact with Network Rail regarding the works to Splott Bridge and this includes raising concerns on behalf of local communities.

It was agreed originally that the works to Splott Road Bridge would be undertaken in two halves under a temporary form of Traffic Management, to maintain access for the local community and keep disruption to the absolute minimum.

However, Network Rail now require the full road closure to facilitate a part bridge deck construction. It must be noted that this three week closure is an improvement on the original eight week request.

Council officers have and will continue to work with Network Rail to minimise any further road closure disruption.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES

The people of Adamsdown have been very accommodating to the ongoing works in spite of huge disruption, the least we can do is make sure that they are always as informed as possible to what is upcoming. I'd be grateful if the Council could work with Network Rail to make sure that communication with residents and businesses is maximised, this includes both closures and piling, a word which all Councillors whose ward borders a railway is going to learn to fear?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

I absolutely will.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

I share the concerns of my ward colleague, because the closure of Windsor Road, whilst it did have an impact, the closure of Splott Road will have a major impact. It is a main bus route through the town there are elderly people living in Adamsdown who have carers in Splott, there are families living in Splott who have children who go to school in Adamsdown and vice versa so it has the potential should it get extended more than three weeks to be quite detrimental to the daily life of local residents.

Can I ask that if it does extend further than three weeks and you do have to look at ways to negate this then you consider the needs of local residents first and not commuters who regularly use Adamsdown and Splott as a rat run?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

It's absolutely great that you are bringing this to our attention, have confidence that we have our eyes on it completely.

QUESTION - COUNCILLOR LAY

How can we alleviate travel problems in the East of the City?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

It was interesting in the Week in Week out programme one of the bus routes actually went through the area you are talking about. As you know the work we are doing

around the EBL should help things and please let us know how that looks as people start getting used to that change.

A new Cycle route is something that we are hoping to bring in to that part of the city as well and as you have previously heard, we are looking to make a case to the Welsh Government, an Economic case around work on the next phase of the EBL and major infrastructure improvements in that area.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR LAY

Can we make sure that we are promoting diverse transport options through the East of Cardiff, for instance walking to school, safe school routes, more cycling routes, improved bus routes, trains etc. to alleviate all the transport problems we are having at this current time?

Will you also agree to meet with me and fellow Councillors in the East of Cardiff to discuss these matters further please?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

I will, and perhaps we could even get a bike together and look at how that looks at the moment

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION - COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS

I'd just like to raise the issue of the programme on BBC Wales last night which was hosted by Jason Mohammed about transport in the City and the growth of it going forward. It was stated by one of the contributors on the programme that the Council's strategy for the City was to make the roads in the City so bad that motorists had no choice but to get out of their cars and use alternative means of transport.

Can you confirm or deny this and could you tell us what the strategy is for motorists to improve the transport network in the City?

REPLY - COUNCILLOR WILD

I saw the programme and thought it was a really and helpful programme. In terms of the reference you are making from Roger Tanner, I don't agree with his assessment on that, he also hasn't seen the full range of plans that are in place as part of the LDP, which I did mention before to your colleague. If you want to speak about those in more detail, there's a lot of stuff there and I'm happy to start sharing that as we go along.

30 : URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

31 : APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Council was requested to approve the recommendations of the Local Authority Governor Panel - 21 June 2017.

RESOLVED – That

1. the following appointments be approved to existing vacancies

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Applications received
Allensbank Primary School	Gabalfa	18/05/2017	Glen Gilchrist
Cathays High School	Gabalfa	18/05/2017	Cllr Chris Weaver
Danescourt Primary School	Llandaff	01/09/2016	Nisreen Mansour
Ely and Caerau Children's Centre	Ely	14/07/2016	Rachel Wrathall
Glan Yr Afon Primary School	Llanrumney	09/02/2017	Beth Poulton
Grangetown Primary School	Grangetown	16/09/2016	Cllr Ashley Lister
Hywel Dda Primary School	Ely	03/11/2016	Geoffrey Morgan
Kitchener Primary School	Riverside	23/05/2017	Cllr Kanaya Singh
Lakeside Primary School	Cyncoed	01/02/2017	Cllr Bablin Molik
Marlborough Primary School	Penylan	11/01/2017	Rebecca Herrington
Mount Stuart Primary School	Butetown	25/09/2006	Cllr Saeed Ebrahim
Oakfield Primary School	Trowbridge	04/03/2015	Cllr Joel Williams
Peter Lea Primary School	Fairwater	27/06/2016	
Rhydypenau Primary School	Cyncoed	22/05/2017	Cllr Wendy Congreve
St David's CiW Primary School	Pentwyn	26/05/2107	Steven Erickson
Tongwynlais Primary School	Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	10/05/2017	Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard
Trelai Primary School	Ely	17/05/2017	Alun Morgan
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad	Butetown	10/05/2017	Rachel Maycock

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Applications received
Ysgol Glan Ceubal	Llandaff North	01/10/2016	Cllr Jennifer Burke Davies
Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Caerau	Caerau	28/06/2016	Michael Nelson
Ysgol Gymraeg Treganna	Canton	01/02/2017	Aled Phillips
Ysgol Pwll Coch	Canton	27/01/2017 17/02/2017	Cllr Stephen Cunnah Sara Lewis

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

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Applications received
Allensbank Primary School	Gabalfa	27/09/2017	Mohammed Ahmed
Radnor Primary School	Canton	26/07/2017	Richard Cook
Springwood Primary School	Pentwyn	28/06/2017	Cllr Emma Sandrey
The Hollies School	Pentwyn	25/09/2017	Lisa Gerson
Allensbank Primary School	Gabalfa	27/09/2017	Mohammed Ahmed
Radnor Primary School	Canton	26/07/2017	Richard Cook
Springwood Primary School	Pentwyn	28/06/2017	Cllr Emma Sandrey
The Hollies School	Pentwyn	25/09/2017	Lisa Gerson

32 : COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The Council was asked to approve nominations and appointments made since Annual Council 25 May 2017 in accordance with Party Group wishes and appointments to Chairs of Ordinary Committees.

RESOLVED – That

- the Membership of Committees as set out on the amendment sheet were approved;
- the following Chairs of Ordinary Committees as set out on the amendment sheet were approved: -

Committee	Chair
Constitution Committee	Cllr Goodway
Corporate Parenting Advisory	Cllr Hinchey

Committee	Chair
Committee	
Council Appeals Committee	Cllr Jim Murphy
Employment Conditions Committee	Cllr Weaver
Pensions Committee	Cllr Weaver
Local Authority Governor Panel	Cllr Merry
Bilingual Cardiff Members Working Group	Cllr Huw Thomas
Works Council	Cllr Weaver

33 : APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council received and was asked to agree the appointment of Council representatives to outside bodies under the Local Choice Functions.

RESOLVED – That the nominations received on the amendment sheet from Party Groups for the appointments to those outside bodies as listed in Appendix A were approved.

34 : CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2017 - 2018

The Council was requested to approve the calendar of meetings for the Municipal Year 2017- 2018 and indicative dates for Full Council meetings during this administration based on the current cycle of meetings.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the calendar of all Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for the municipal year 2017 - 2018 subject were approved;
- (2) the indicative dates for future full Council meetings for the duration of this administration were noted.

(The meeting ended at 18.55pm)