

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

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 20 July 2017 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 14 July 2017.

Present: County Councillor Derbyshire (The Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ahmed, Asghar Ali, Dilwar Ali, Berman, Bowden, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke-Davies, Carter, Congreve, Cowan, Cunnah, Davies, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Driscoll, Ebrahim, Elsmore, Ford, Goodway, Gordon, Henshaw, Gavin Hill-John, Philippa Hill-John, Hinchey, Howells, Hudson, Jacobsen, 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, Robson, Sandrey, Sattar, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Taylor, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Lynda Thorne, Walker, Weaver, Wild, Williams, Wong and Wood.

### 35 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Bale, Bowen-Thomson, Goddard, Jenkins, Phillips and Rees.

### 36 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, all Councillors declared a personal interest in Item 12 - Members' Schedule of Remuneration 2017/18.

In relation to Item 8 - Social Care, Health and Well-being Statement, Councillor Joel Williams declared a personal interest as a Director of Diverse Cymru.

### 37 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting 29 June, 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

### 38 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were received: -

1. Councillor Lancaster – 56 signatures calling on the Council to resurface Coed Glas Road, Llanishen.
2. Councillor Patel – 50 signatures requesting the Council to take action against irresponsible car parking of residents not living on Aldsworth Road, Canton.
3. Councillor Carter – 160 signatures against the charge of £350.00 per year for each pupil from Llanederyn area travelling by bus to Llanishen High School.

4. Councillor Sandrey – 214 signatures concerned about dangerous parking and narrowing of Circle Way West outside Cardiff Metropolitan University Cyncoed Campus resulting in a serious accident earlier in July.
5. Councillor Dilwar Ali – 125 signatures calling on the Council as the landlords to authorise under the terms of the lease the sale of newspapers and magazines from Gabalfa Post Office and convenience store at 53 Gabalfa Avenue following the closure of the adjoining newsagents 6 months ago.
6. Councillor Congreve – 147 signatures requesting the Council to make the Rhydypennau roundabout safer with clear simple designated road lane control markings.

#### 39 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognition and Awards – details were included in the relevant Cabinet Member Statement and the Lord Mayor congratulated all staff recognised and involved in initiatives and projects.

#### 40 : CAPITAL AMBITION

The Capital Ambition, approved by Cabinet, 6 July 2017, details the administration's aspirations and key priorities for Cardiff over the next five years. It was proposed by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas and seconded by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Councillor Sarah Merry.

The Leader advised that he had been invited to address business and community leaders at the Cardiff and Vale College's City Centre Campus earlier in the month, which was an ideal opportunity to promote the Cardiff Ambition. The college campus is a fantastic facility providing young people in the city with great learning opportunities. The Council's ambitions were big and bold with an inclusive programme of reform that all citizens could contribute to and benefit from the changes and successes.

The Leader highlighted the need to tackle inequalities and poverty; good education; social housing; economic growth; and the Cardiff Commitment to young people. He stressed the importance of working with partners - for example through the City Deal; ensuring Cardiff is resilient; ensuring that new and old communities are well-planned and well-connected; tackling congestion and transport infrastructure; and continue the radical improvements in recycling rates.

All of these ambitions needed to be achieved within the constraints of a £80m budget shortfall, but it was important for Cardiff to get the basics right and empower employees and citizens to support the delivery of the programme for Cardiff.

The Deputy Leader was pleased with the significant achievements, improved performance in education standards and attainment in schools during the last administration, and recognised that there was further development required over the next 5 years.

The Lord Mayor thanked the Leader and Deputy Leader and advised that there were two amendments to the recommendation in the report.

The first amendment was proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Councillor Williams as follows:

Delete the recommendation:

‘Council is recommended to note the Capital Ambition attached as Appendix A’  
and replace with

*Council is recommended to note the Capital Ambition attached as Appendix A, and asks the Cabinet to ensure that Page 15 Bullet 9 of the Appendix is amended to read “Protect our local libraries and maintain a network of accessible library services”*

The second amendment was proposed by Councillor Boyle and seconded by Councillor Berman as follows:

Delete the recommendation:

‘Council is recommended to note the Capital Ambition attached as Appendix A’  
and replace with

*Council is recommended to note the Capital Ambition attached as Appendix A, but:*

- a) regrets weaknesses in its measures to deliver a green city, powerful communities and an accelerated narrowing of the educational attainment gap; and*
- b) seeks reassurances that all existing libraries in the city will be retained for the next five years, that Wedal Road waste and recycling centre will be kept open and that the council will seek to pilot the use of smaller infant class sizes in targeted schools with the use of Welsh Government funding.*

A debate followed in which the following key matters were discussed: -

- the eradication of poverty and a fairer more inclusive city;
- recognition of diversity and cultural ambitions of the city
- accessible Welsh medium Education;
- Child Friendly City;
- Cleaner streets and improvements to street scene;
- an ambitious programme to expand recycling;
- the importance of infrastructure – housing; roads; services and facilities;
- protection of libraries and hubs;
- regional collaboration on strategic planning; housing and transport;
- need for performance / outcome targets to be set and robustly monitored.

Prior to the votes on each of the amendments, the Leader responded to the issues raised and thanked Elected Members for their constructive contributions and was proud of being given the opportunity to work with Members and do what is best for Cardiff.

The first vote was on the amendment to the recommendation as proposed by Councillor Robson.

The amendment was LOST.

The second vote was on the amendment to the recommendation as proposed by Councillor Boyle.

The amendment was LOST.

The Lord Mayor sought approval of the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the Cardiff Ambition be noted.

41 : SHARED REGULATORY SERVICES - REVIEW OF JOINT WORKING AGREEMENT

The Cabinet Member, Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment; Councillor Michael proposed the report, which was seconded by Chair of Public Protection Committee, Councillor Jackie Parry. The report requested the Council to vary the Joint Working Agreement (JWA) between the three partner councils for the Regulatory Services. Any changes to the JWA are subject to the approval of each of the participant authorities. The Cabinet Member responded to a question raised on future mergers and commended the report and its recommendations to Council.

RESOLVED – That

1. the proposed changes to the Joint Working Agreement between the partner councils for the provision of Regulatory Services were approved;
2. it was agreed the Senior Responsible Officer for the Shared Regulatory Service be authorised to approve administrative changes to the Joint Working Agreement as long as there are no extension of delegations to the Shared Service or additional financial implications.

42 : STATEMENTS

The following Leader and Cabinet statements were submitted to Council: -

The Leader Statement

The Leader's statement provided an update on the building collapse on Splott Road and the ongoing investigation underway led by the South Wales Police and Health & Safety Executive.

The Leader's statement also included updates on the Local Government Reform; Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, and his attendance at an event hosted by Cynnal Cymru on the future of the car in Cardiff (Cardiff) and tackling congestion and supporting sustainable forms of transport.

The Leader responded to questions on the Splott Road incident and communications with residents and Local Ward Members, and matters around transport modal shift and sustainable transport infrastructure.

#### Deputy Leader, Education, Employment & Skills Statement

The Deputy Leader's statement provided an update on Education and Schools matters and reported on the Junior Apprenticeship Scheme; the School Holiday Enrichment Programme, School Organisation programme; Youth Services and the Cardiff Commitment.

A Level and GCSE Results were due in August and Members would be advised of the headline results in due course.

The Deputy Leader responded to questions and comments on the maintenance backlog for the schools estate; plans for school places in Cyncoed and Lakeside; and recognised achievements at Youth activity centres across the city; and the Junior Apprentice Scheme at Greenhill School.

#### Finance Modernisation & Performance Statement

The Cabinet Member's statement provided details on the TUC 'Dying to Work' Charter which the Council has signed up to as good practice framework to ensure employees diagnosed with a terminal illness receive support and peace of mind at challenging times in their lives.

The Procurement Strategy 2017 – 2020 was due to be published by the end of July which sets out an increased emphasis on delivery of community benefits through Council contracts.

Since the launch of the Council's Living Wage Accreditation Support Scheme for small and medium businesses on 1 April 2017, seven Cardiff based organisations had now become accredited Living Wage employers.

The Cabinet Member drew attention to achievements and recognition in awards that the Council had been selected for including:

- Finalist in the national Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development (CIPD) People Management Awards – 'Best Employee Engagement Initiative' category. The winners will be announced on the 26 September 2017.
- Winning the SOCITM's Better Connected Award for "Best Welsh Unitary" at the Connected Local Government Live.

The Cabinet Member responded to questions and comments on the statement in relation to support to small and medium businesses and the procurement delivery plan; C2C response times to requests for service. The Cabinet Member would confirm how many employees were covered by the seven new accredited Living Wage employers and was pleased with progress being made on the real living wage, but noted concerns raised by a member with regards to wages paid in the care sector.

### Housing & Communities Statement

The Cabinet Member's statement provided an update on the suspension of the Right to Buy Scheme in Cardiff; fire safety in Council Housing and Private Residential blocks; the delivery of 1,000 new Council Homes over the next 5 years; the Rough Sleeper Strategy; Community Living Scheme at Sandown Court that opened on 29 June 2017; the reconfiguration of the John Kane Court, 150 Thornhill Road; work in Libraries and Hubs; the range of Home Office-funded projects underway in the Council with partners; and work on Community Cohesion.

The Cabinet Member responded to questions and comments on delivery of Council housing; reassurances about the safety of residential blocks and Council housing; and the suspension of the right to buy and effect on the housing waiting list.

### Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment Statement

The Cabinet Member's statement provided information on Waste Management; Neighbourhood Services; Bereavement Services; Cardiff Dogs Home; Shared Regulatory Services; the Coastal Risk Management Programme; and Carbon Management and energy projects.

A number of questions were raised around progress on a new reuse facility and the future of Wedal Road. It was noted that new Household Waste Recycling Centre at Lamby Way was formally opened on 18 July 2017. A Member requested information on the overt and covert work being undertaken on perpetrators of fly-tipping around the city and details of prosecutions made. The Cabinet Member advised that better camera coverage was supporting this work.

### Children & Families Statement

The Cabinet Member, provided an update on this new portfolio area for him and the identified priorities and challenges going forward. The integrated strategic approach introduced by the previous Cabinet Member was coming on stream and beginning to be embedded and these including:

- Signs of Safety – the new national best practice model for social work with families.
- Adolescent Resource Centre – new centre opening in July designed to keep young people at home and based on national best practice.
- “Not in Our City, Not to Our Children” – the Cardiff Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy continues to go from strength to strength with a new permanent team being established during the next few months.
- Disability Futures Programme – a ground breaking integrated regional strategy, led by Cardiff and designed to significantly improve services to disabled children and adults.
- National Autism Service – Cardiff is leading for the region as one the first regions to establish this integrated social services, education and health service based on a national model.
- Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) – now entering its second year of operation, we can see interagency working has significantly improved, leading to more effective and timely joint intervention where risk is identified.

- Early Help Front Door – a new service designed to strengthen our preventative capacity is now being progressed as part of the Families First funding programme.
- Families First –to move forward on an opportunity to steer a more focused preventative agenda.

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on the Adolescent Resource Centre; the need to adequately resource support to Look After Children and manage demand; and the role of the Council as a Corporate Parent.

#### Social Care, Health & Well-being Statement

*(Councillor Joel Williams in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct declared a personal interest in this statement as a Director of Diverse Cymru)*

The Cabinet Member's statement highlighted ongoing work in relation to improvements in Social Care, Health and Wellbeing in Cardiff. The statement provided an update on Preventative Services; Day Opportunities for Older People; a new Dementia Initiative for combating social isolation; Direct Payment regime and the support given through the Asylum and Refugee Service.

The Cabinet Member responded to a number of questions and comments made in relation to the diversity and community needs; assurance around direct payments. The Cabinet Member was keen to support communities and the hard to reach groups and ensuring all needs can be considered and met going forward.

#### Strategic Planning & Transport

The Cabinet Member provide details in his statement on Ely Bridge cycling and pedestrian ways; preparations for the wider strategic roll-out of 20mph limits across the city; LED Street lighting; and the highway maintenance programme.

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on savings generated from street lighting improvements and whether money could be invested into alleyways and pathways to make these areas safer at night for residents; the highway maintenance regime and dealing with pot holes; investment in cycleway development and improvements; and plans for 20mph zones in the outer wards.

#### Investment & Development Statement

The Cabinet Member's Statement provided an update on the closure of the Tesco Contact Centre in the Heath ward and the support given for a taskforce to help those affected to find alternative employment; inward investment opportunities in Cardiff and interest from businesses looking to re-locate to Cardiff; and Cardiff Central Square & Bus Station development and comments received from the Joint Scrutiny Committee held on 18 July 2017.

The Cabinet Member responded to questions and comments made on support and training offered to displaced Tesco employees and how long this support would remain in place; the timescales for the bus station project. Members welcomed the announcement of a new station at St Mellons and the importance of improvements to infrastructure networks to maintain a healthy economy.

Culture & Leisure Statement

The Cabinet Member provided an update on initiatives in the Park Services; Sport Development; Cardiff Harbour Authority and Events.

The Cabinet Member responded to questions and supportive comments made on the Tafwyl Festival and whether there was opportunity for this event to move around Cardiff; work within parts to maintain and achieve Green Flag status; matters in relation to event parking and a building maintenance matter in relation to the GLL contractor.

43 : NOTICE OF MOTION

The Lord Mayor advised that a notice of motion proposed by Councillor McKerlich and seconded by Councillor Parkhill had been received in accordance with the Council procedure rules and was included on the Summons for the meeting.

The Notice of Motion as proposed by Councillor McKerlich was as follows:

This Council notes:

1. Cardiff Council raises nearly £200 million a year in business rates (NNDR) paid into a central pool from which a portion is returned to Cardiff.
2. In 2015/16 and 2016/17 Cardiff has “lost” an average of £86million per year because of the pool and a similar amount is projected for 2017/18.
3. Without action, the potential loss of Cardiff business rates over this 5-year Council term could be £450million. No other Council or major City in the UK loses such a high proportion of the NNDR which it raises.

This Council further notes that:

1. In addition to the associated costs of being the Capital City of Wales, Cardiff plays host to about 80 thousand daily commuters who work in Cardiff but pay Council Tax elsewhere.
2. The revenue support grant (RSG) allocates Cardiff £313 million in the current year which, on a per capita basis is £860 - putting Cardiff 20th out of 22 Welsh councils. It could be seen that some of this grant is a return of the NNDR ‘lost’ to the pool.
3. Cardiff Council is investing capital and officer time in developing our city which will achieve and increase the level of NNDR received, yet it is manifestly unfair that the financial benefit of this investment is taken away from Cardiff.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to:

Develop a key strategy for a negotiation with the Welsh Assembly Government, with the aim that Cardiff Council receives a much greater share of the NNDR it generates in 2018/19 and beyond. This should be achieved without accepting a compensating reduction in the RSG.



Councillor Parkhill formally seconded the motion.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion. At the conclusion of the debate, the Lord Mayor invited Councillor McKerlich to sum up.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the motion as proposed by Councillor McKerlich.

The Motion was **LOST**.

44 : ORAL QUESTIONS

QUESTION – COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON

Have you had an opportunity to discuss the proposed “Cardiff Parkway” station with Ministers in Welsh Government and Westminster?

REPLY – COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

If I may I’d like to take the opportunity to partly respond to the point made by Councillor Cowan earlier about Cardiff Parkway as well as part of this answer and to welcome the announcement of the support for the Cardiff Parkway initiative made today by the Transport Secretary.

I have not yet had the opportunity to meet with the UK Government Minister but certainly this is an exciting project, I have met with Nigel Roberts the developer I would like to congratulate him for the years of work that he has put into bringing this about and to be honest I would express my surprise that it has taken the Department for Transport so long to give approval to what is essentially a private funded project. I am meeting the developer again tomorrow to look rapidly at what the Council can do to expedite the realisation of this scheme.

I will also be requesting a meeting with the UK Government Minister for transport not least in light of the more serious announcements concerning the cancellation of the electrification of the main line between Cardiff and Swansea which I think is a betrayal of promises made to the people of South Wales, my question back would be will he join me on calling on the Minister to reverse this decision.

SUPPLEMENTARY- COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON

I just wanted to add to the tributes made to Nigel Roberts and the team; they have worked for many years to get a new station in Cardiff East. It was something that when the LDP discussions were going through this chamber, we absolutely realised we as a City needed. It is one example of a private enterprise taking the lead over public enterprise at all levels of Government I’ll add. It is only the second example of a private station that is going to be built in the UK, so will you join me in paying tribute to those such as Mr Roberts and his team who have worked for years to get this and wish them all the success going forward?

REPLY – COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

Yes, I would most certainly join you in offering my warmest congratulations to Nigel as I will do tomorrow when I meet him in person and also more widely to the many people including Councillors in this chamber who over a period of ten years have helped the project progress albeit with small steps and I would very much hope that following this announcement today we can move on at some pace.

SUPPLEMENTARY- COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH JONES

I would also like to reiterate and commend the work of the Cardiff Labour Council and yourself as Leader, Councillors Michael and Goodway have been passionate exponents for this.

My question would be this is obviously not the end of it, when it does come to fruition the Council will commit to look for at the infrastructure and transport to connect up with this Cardiff Parkway and release Llanrumney residents out into the world.

REPLY – COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

I can only say Councillor Jones that I have no doubt there are many more like you in Llanrumney and I look forward to meeting all of them, but more seriously I think there is a transformative opportunity here for the entire East of the City - one of the most deprived areas of Wales, and to really grow the St Mellons business park and through the industrial strategy that we set out to plan for in the Capital Ambition to really get this City motoring if you excuse that pun.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

On Tuesday this week Welsh Government announced plans to significantly overhaul Local Government elections, including votes for 16 and 17 year olds, the ability to conduct elections under STV, and far greater measures to make voting and registering to vote easier. Will you commit this Council now to making the positive case for the electoral reform local government so desperately needs to properly engage citizens and ensure truly representative local government?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER

Members may want to know the provisions of the Wales Act 2017 in respect of Electoral and Registration matters are due to come into force in 2018 that is why this week they started a 12-week consultation on Electoral Reform elements for Local Government in Wales that ends on 10<sup>th</sup> October. I won't be making the specific commitment you asked me to make that is because I would like to consult across the chamber to hear the views of all Members before formulating my response to the Welsh Government.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

What are the Council's plans or intentions in this early stage to consult with communities on the question of these changes, especially young people under 18, to

ensure that the information about the proposals are widely circulated and that as many people as possible take part in the consultation?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER

This is a Welsh Government consultation but we can happily spread it and of course it does include proposals for 16/17 year olds to vote which is fantastic so we would want all people to hear of this. My colleague Councillor Dilwar Ali has been appointed as a Cabinet Assistant for Citizen Engagement, he will be leading on engagement activity with groups in the City. This is obviously only 12 weeks and is Welsh Government consultation but we are promoting it where we can.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MCEVOY

I just want to refer to what the Minister said in the white paper about the proposal to stop Councillors being AM's at the same time. I declare an interest.

There are people, AM's of all parties who have been Councillors and AM's at the same time since 1999. Lots of people have generally done a good job in both places. I think it is highly undemocratic then, if you take me for example, I put myself up for election; everyone knew I was an AM and they still returned me, thankfully.

In my opinion, I think this measure has more to do with the thin skin of the Minister, and his experience in 2016 rather than any kind of principle. The question is what do you think of it especially that Members of the House of Lords will still be allowed to be AM's but Councillors won't be?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER

I'll be entirely honest I've paid more attention to the exciting bit about making voter registration and voting more easily which I fully support. I haven't given much thought to Councillors who are also AM's but I would strongly encourage you to fill out the consultation.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Could the Leader of the Council give an update of allegations of bullying of staff at the Castle?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

No doubt the Councillor will have investigated this matter thoroughly and will therefore understand the serious complexities and sensitivities that exist around this case. The Councillor will also no doubt be aware that this is fundamentally a personnel matter and, therefore, one properly to be raised with the Chief Executive as Head of Paid Service and certainly not in open council.

If you do have concerns about any allegations regarding the conduct of staff then he would do well to do as I did when raising this matter prior to the election as a

backbencher, referring them to the Chief Executive forthwith to be addressed through the proper council processes.

SUPPLEMENTARY – COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

I'm disappointed with the reply because I think sometimes there is a need to air things in public like we are doing now. In terms of the treatment of staff, I'll give you an example; if a pregnant woman is prevented from going to the toilets and told to stay in her position that is fundamentally wrong and cannot be justified.

I'm disappointed with Councillor Thomas' response because before the election via email you did say you were pretty shocked by, worried to learn of so on and so forth expressing lots of concern with the Chief Executive but I'm disappointed that you've not been in touch up until the end of last week with the people who have raised the concerns with you. I'd ask that you as Leader of the Council and also a Member for Splott to actually reply to your constituents and look into this matter urgently please will you do that?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

I go back to what I said previously Councillor McEvoy, this is a very serious matter and I trust that you understand there are two sides to every story, the situation as expressed to me prior to the election does strike me as being particularly serious, shocking in some cases but the matter is most appropriately dealt with through the Head of Paid Service who can take into account all the various aspects of this story.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI

Will the Leader make a statement on the latest update for votes at 16?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

Yes, as my Cabinet colleague, Councillor Weaver, stated earlier in his response to Councillor Taylor, the Welsh Government has published a consultation document, which seeks views on proposals to allow 16 & 17 year olds to vote at local government elections.

This is something that I would support personally and would help to improve democratic engagement among young people and allow them to have their say at the ballot box on issues and public services that affect them locally.

It is also consistent of course with a motion agreed by the previous Council back in November 2015.

SUPPLEMENTARY – COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI

Will you make a commitment to promote the consultation and work with the Welsh Government to get as many views?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

Yes, absolutely and I know that yourself as Assistant Cabinet Member for Citizen Engagement which of course includes Democratic participation, have already got some ideas on how we take the consultation out to the communities and new constituencies that in particular could be affected by these proposals and I fully look forward to working with you to make sure this is extended as widely as possible so we get the strongest and richest possible response to this consultation.

SUPPLEMENTARY – COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER

Leader, bearing in mind that this is a proposal that has a lot of consensus hopefully will get passed, what steps do you envisage the authority taking locally to actually ensure that 16/17 year olds in schools and colleges are aware of their rights to vote and actually are engaged in the system. I'm conscious that while it's a policy we have long supported as a party that the creation of a 2 tier system where people can vote at 16 in one form of election but not others can create confusion. Would you agree with me that we have a role as Councillors and as a Council to try and ease that transition and support people to actually understand their right to vote?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

I fully agree there is a risk of confusion. There is a growing momentum for UK Government to take similar steps for General Elections. In terms of raising awareness and clarification of the process I think there is a role for the Council through our schools but also I would hope that would be recognised by the Welsh Government through the curriculum to take steps through the education process in educating our young people about the various complexities and indeed the responsibilities that comes with the extension of the franchise so we look forward to see what proposals come down the line from the Welsh Government and playing our full part in that.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS

Data recently released by Ordnance Survey shows just 8% of Cardiff being as accessible open spaces, with only about half the open spaces of a city like Birmingham. With green space key to our objective of being a liveable city, and Cardiff one of the cities in the UK with the lowest figures, what policies are in place to increase the number of accessible open spaces for our residents?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

The article that is referred to in the question is fundamentally flawed. The open space data set released by Ordnance Survey, which informed the Wales Online article of Monday 10 July, was collated through a nationwide aerial and desktop exercise. In short, it is a very crude assessment, which is very misleading.

My understanding is that the assessment was visually based and did not involve input from any of the local authorities identified in the article, to either refine the data or define the extent of local open space in their ownership or control.

In terms of policies, the Local Development Plan sets out the Council's future land allocation, including the provisions of new open spaces, which will ensure that Cardiff remains one of the greenest cities in the UK.

From my perspective, the assessment has no status and should be disregarded.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS

Interesting response to say that the survey has been disregarded. What percentage area of open green space do you think the City has at the moment and with regards to the LDP that's accepted that you are planning the open spaces properly there but how do you distinguish that from the existing areas of the City which may or may not have insufficient areas of open green spaces at the moment?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

The LDP falls within the portfolio of my colleague Councillor Wild but I wish people would have read the article of February 2016 which in a European wide survey named Cardiff as one of Europe's most liveable, one of the criteria being the amount of green space we have, it's my job to ensure that the green spaces are still in place for many many years to come to be enjoyed. Putting a percentage on it, I hope we have much more than 8% which was named in that article, I think we do and I think it's important that we promote this city and talk it up and not bow down to articles such as the one referred to in your question.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD

In terms of green spaces in our city which is important when we have the opportunity to expand existing parks in our city - for example from neighbouring developments when land is available.

Do you and the Council support the principle of the expansion of existing parks for example Maitland Park in my ward where there is potential for expanding the current park? Would you support the expansion of Maitland park in this circumstance?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

I'm not going to make specific promises right here right now, but I'm happy to meet the Member to talk about the case that he is talking about and also with any other Member who wants to talk about the future of our parks service.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

How many members of the Cabinet actively participated in 'Catch the Bus Week' (July 3<sup>rd</sup> – July 9<sup>th</sup>) by using the bus instead of other transport methods, to get around the city?

REPLY- COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD

Thanks Councillor Sandrey and thanks for coming in to see me, I know what a great advocate you are for bus travel in Cardiff. Good luck I know you and other Members around the chamber that are on the Cardiff Bus Board, I think you met yesterday for the first time. Obviously as I've discussed before and in our Capital Ambition, the importance of the bus for Cardiff is absolutely vital and for us its every week of the year that we want to be promoting bus travel, we are going to be doing that as a Council by increasing bus priority measures, better signalling, and also looking at how we get buses across Cardiff better, including the interchanges.

I don't want to really discuss personal situations, exactly who has done what because there may be other things like caring responsibilities or what they have done that week in terms of that but I am proud to say in terms of activists for sustainable travel on the Cabinet we have a number of some of the City's best cycling advocates as you probably know we have got a Member who is one of the growing number of car club members who actually formally shares a car with someone else to try and decrease congestion in Cardiff and we also have a Member I understand who has just picked up their first bus pass.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

I'm glad to hear so many of you are supportive of sustainable transport, hopefully this will lead to behaviour change and won't just be a novelty thing. Would you agree that all colleagues around the chamber should also lead by example in this regard to encourage the must needed behaviour change?

REPLY- COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD

I agree with you completely and I think we all should. Bus services are something we need to see improving and I know that Cardiff Bus are making improvements and things like contactless payments have just come in so yes let's all just get on the bus and thank you.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

It's really good to see Councillors in this chamber are supporting Catch the Bus week but on a serious note we have a 50/50 modal split that this administration has set as a target, how many Councillors in this chamber tonight on the Labour benches drove to this Council meeting. It's not my groups policy it's your policy, 50% of people to use bus, walk, cycle.

My question to the Cabinet Member is I thought Councillor Sandrey made a very good question but it wasn't actually answered, how many Cabinet Members in Catch the bus week actually used the bus or public transport to get to work.

REPLY- COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD

I don't think you quite understand the commitment of the Labour Group to this. Asking questions as if we are all taking cars, the commitment from this group is

absolute on this, the number of people coming to me to say they have got bikes recently, bought for the first time and want to learn to cycle and where to get a good recycled bike. It's something we are completely committed to. I'm quite happy for you to keep challenging us about how many of us are doing it. I hope as many from your group are doing it as well. In terms of public transport, that week, we aren't shying away from the question, it was 60% of Cabinet Members used the bus that week, all members of the Cabinet used some form of sustainable travel that week.

QUESTION COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Could the Leader of the Council comment on allegations of racism at Cardiff Castle?

REPLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

Does the Councillor understand that I cannot comment on any specific allegation beyond to say that any allegations must be seriously and fully investigated.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

I've got a zero tolerance attitude to discrimination, to racism, and what I have in front of me I'm not actually going to say in Council out of sensitivity but what I will ask is that there is a full investigation because the evidence that I have in front of me, the allegations that I have in front of me are that there was no formal investigation and the witnesses and the people who made a complaint to senior managers heard nothing after their complaints which is unacceptable. Will you give an undertaking that these allegations which I'm not going to read out, it's that bad I don't actually want to repeat what was said, will you undertake that a full investigation is undertaken and staff will be told about the results.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

Yes, please send those allegations to myself and to the Chief Executive.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATEL

Would the Leader agree that these kind of questions should be directed at the Head of Paid Services and not in a Council Chamber, especially when it comes to staffing issues, it is not appropriate for Elected Members to start asking questions because obviously only our officers would have the knowledge of those details, and it's not to be exposed in a public arena either. As an Elected Member especially one who had been in this chamber for a number of years should know that process and would you agree that it should be down to the Head of Paid Service, Paul Orders?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS

I would entirely agree that this is, as I said in response to my earlier question, most appropriately a matter for the Head of Paid Service. As Councillors we have tremendous responsibility to our residents and of course to our staff and that makes it absolutely right and proper that such concerns are flagged but the appropriate way to



do this I would suggest is in confidence through the appropriate channels and Chief Executive and I'm not sure the merit of raising it in this Chamber.

QUESTION -COUNTY COUNCILLOR MACKIE

During the recent 'clear out' of students we have had to report numerous incidents of waste being left on the pavements. Even though it has improved from last year, the level was still unacceptable. What plans do you have to ensure this situation is improved?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

Every year, the Education and Enforcement teams work alongside the Student Liaison Officer and Environmental Champions to ensure that students get the message to clear out their waste responsibly at the end of term.

In addition, officers work with landlords and letting agents to try to reduce the amount of waste presented incorrectly at the end of term.

This year, as in previous years, any waste that was incorrectly presented has been removed swiftly and pro-actively by education, enforcement and cleansing officers.

Each year, we look for ways to improve the campaign and, moving forwards, we will be rebranding 'Get it Out for Cardiff' and linking it with the 'Love Where You Live' changing the campaign and enhancing the educational parts of and hopefully that will ensure that students also love the area when they leave.

SUPPLEMENTARY -COUNTY COUNCILLOR MACKIE

I understand that it was better this year than the year before but it still really wasn't good at all, and I think all of us as Councillors had to report issues.

What can we do to get that message out, especially to the people maybe who have more responsibility for the waste than we as a Council do; the things put out on the pavements are very often from the landlords, maybe universities could get the message across a bit better, I think we still need to be doing more, what more can we do?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

We are changing the nature of the campaign and will be a lot more proactive than we have been. One of the other things I said I would do was to invite Councillors from all wards to meet in my office and discuss with myself and Councillor Henshaw the Assistant to the Cabinet Member, what we can do to actually help them in their wards using their local knowledge to tackle these issues that invitation is going out to everybody so I'm hopeful you will all respond and the information we get from them will actually help us to get cleaner streets.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON

Do you think that our young people and our students are responsible adults when you're advocating lowering the voting age to 16/17 year olds when they are not responsible for their own cleanliness?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

I think if you really want me to answer that could you do me a favour and give that to me in writing and I'll read it in my own sweet time and give you an answer.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GAVIN HILL-JOHN

In the Capital Ambition document you state you will support staff to be entrepreneurial and increase Council revenue. How will you specifically do this and how will you know when you have achieved it?

REPLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER

Thank you for the question about supporting Council Staff to be more entrepreneurial and increasing Council revenue, there are three elements to this so front line staff, senior management focus and the organisation development plan.

Firstly, Council staff are entrepreneurial every day in many ways there are examples of staff ideas that have raised money or saved money and we will continue to support in particular through the pitch perfect development training scheme.

Secondly, Revenue generating proposals are considered by an officer group, chaired by the Chief Executive, that focus on Commercial activities which reviews and receive updates on commercial activities ongoing throughout the Council.

Thirdly, we expect that revenue generation and innovation will also be key enablers in a new change programme, the organisational development plan that is also in the Capital Ambition document.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER

That was a very interesting answer to the question, but would you admit that over the last five years we have seen increasing reluctance by officers to actually engage in innovative approaches. We have seen an increasing tendency at this Council to want to keep things internal rather than commissioning services outside so would you join me in looking for the future and looking to make our services more open and positive.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER

I certainly want to make services more open and positive, I possibly disagree with the idea that staff have not been and I think there are many examples that have come through in the last few years of staff giving their ideas and actually achieving that entrepreneurial change but perhaps what we have to reflect is that the organisation

itself its development plan its change plan must encourage and promote that so I think that's possibly a key driver we need to get right over the three years ahead.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

The 'Doctor Who Experience' exhibition has proven to be a popular tourist attraction in Cardiff Bay during the past five years. Please advise what consideration, if any, the council gave to retaining the exhibition beyond this coming September, including by advising what discussions were held on this issue with BBC Worldwide and whether any consideration was given to moving the exhibition to an alternative site?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY

It's no surprise that a Dr Who aficionado would put down this question, especially one who was responsible for taking the original decision to bring the attraction to Cardiff. I'm bound to say it's not the only decision he took that cost the Council an absolute fortune.

The decision not to extend the lease on the facility was taken by BBC Worldwide because I understand the returns have not lived up to expectations and, I am advised, an extension of the lease would have required significant further investment from BBC Worldwide, which they were not prepared to make.

He will appreciate that, based on the financial impact on the Council to date, that I could not justify a case for a further council contribution either.

However, the Councillor will be pleased to know that discussions are on-going with BBC Worldwide about an alternative Dr Who experience elsewhere in the city.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

Thank you for your answer, I do understand that it does take two to tango and if BBC Worldwide didn't want to carry on with the Dr Who Experience then we would have been the only one player in there so I'm encouraged to hear that you are still exploring the possibility of another replacement facility so can you perhaps assure me that in view of the fact that Dr Who yet again has been hitting the headlines this week not just nationally but no doubt internationally, it is something that is perhaps one of our most prominent products in recent years here in this city, we should be capitalising it and that it's something we should cherish and not seek to exterminate.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY

I'm encouraged by the Councillor's enthusiasm so I'll go one step further and when we evaluate what is proposed as the alternative I'm more than happy to involve you in those discussion because you are more likely to be more expert than I as to whether it will appeal to the Dr Who fan base that you are clearly one of.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON

Thank you Councillor Goodway for the good news about Dr Who and that you are trying to seek some form of alternative attraction, I think that's absolutely essential and I wish you and the Economic Development officers every success in that, getting something that will keep that tourist market interest in Cardiff vibrant. Can you just ensure that you update the whole chamber once something is arranged? It's too big a market for us to lose out on.

REPLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY

I'm quite prepared to extend the offer to Councillor Robson too, to be involved in these cross party discussions about the future of the Dr Who attraction, and let us meet soon.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

Could the Cabinet Member outline the costs of a child in care in Cardiff and what that child can expect for the money?

REPLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY

It is very difficult to provide you with an indicative cost figure as our main priority is that each child is looked after according to their specific individual needs, not the cost of the service.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

That's such a poor answer; Councillor Hinchey the average cost is £56,000 per child so maybe you could get officers to tell you that next time. It would have been nice to know what services are provided because when I speak to kids who have been in care they say actually not much.

My main concern this evening is a family who visited my surgery crying this week and I'd like you to undertake to investigate so hopefully the answer will be yes, because there are allegations that young fathers are not given the right to be dads in some circumstances and that children are put up for adoption without dads hardly being consulted. I've had one young man in my surgery who was told not long before the baby was born and the baby was taken off him into care and adopted and he's been fighting ever since to try and get back into the child's life. There's another which came up today, same issue. I'm flagging this up it's a really important thing, I've asked the lead Councillor on this to pledge to investigate these matters.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY

I'm not going to even engage with Councillor McEvoy's sensationalising of these particular subjects in Council as he does with a number of things but rarely comes up with actual evidence. Let's give some figures just to correct then, as of last month the Council had 756 looked after children.

However 173 of these were either placed with parent or placed with adoption or independent supported living. I assume that by children in care you mean the remaining 583 who were either in residential or fostering placement, be that internal or external. Ill correct your figure Councillor McEvoy, the average direct cost therefore of such a placement is £45,730.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALKER

I think as Councillor Hinchey will well know the Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel have a very full and expansive explanation of how the system works including all the costs and issues that Councillor McEvoy has raised, would it be sensible for that to be made available to other Councillors who would wish to take advantage of it because maybe there is some lack of knowledge on the part of some Members about these matters.

#### REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY

Absolutely I think Councillor Walker takes a more serious tack on this and absolutely did attend the Corporate Parenting as did a number of us, and takes this very seriously as I will be over the next five years. I can make those figures available I just do not feel that going down an individual path or speaking about particular cases in the Council Chamber is the appropriate thing. We here have signed up to be Corporate Parents and take a responsible view of those children who are in difficulties or have to be taken in care at the worst point and this is not the format or place for those kind of comments but I'm more than happy David to share that information with us as fellow Corporate Parents.

#### QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOYCE

Importantly, Cardiff's Day Opportunities Strategy will ensure the future of centres in Ely, Llanrumney and Fairwater. Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the refurbishment of Minehead Road centre in Llanrumney?

#### REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE

I'm delighted to announce in fact slightly different information from my statement that actually the refurbishment of Minehead Road was completed and the centre re-opened earlier this month. Positive feedback from both individual attendees at the centre and staff. It pays repetition to look at the intention of the Day Opportunities Strategy which was to ensure that these new centres were providing modern facilities and in dementia friendly ways and I'm delighted that Minehead Road also includes a sensory loss awareness environment. Personal invitations will be extended to you and your Ward colleagues so that you can see the refurbishment for yourself.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOYCE

Thank you Councillor Elsmore for your reply, slightly disappointed that local Councillors weren't made aware because we have had lots of residents asking us about it and we kept telling them that we will let you know when its opening so it would have been nice had we known it was going to be opened, just an email to the

local Councillors I think would have been appropriate. We welcome it and yes we welcome the invite so we can go along and see it for ourselves.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE

I don't know the circumstances, in my diary, I've got that it would be opened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, so I think it's probably the refurbishment was ready earlier so they wanted to get users in but I absolutely take on board your comment and I will find out at the earliest time, I emailed you earlier this evening, to when you can go and visit.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN

Can I say that I welcome the improvements to this centre in Llanrumney and speaking as somebody who has experience of someone in our family who has suffered from dementia and representing Rhiwbina which has one of the most elderly populations in Cardiff; could I ask Councillor Elsmore would she bear in mind the North of Cardiff could also do with these facilities. There is a great demand and it's getting more and more every year.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE

Your absolutely right, which is why in September 2014 I brought forward a motion which is going to be coming into fulfilment in March next year in terms of Cardiff becoming an accredited Dementia Friendly City. We absolutely have got a long way to go I'm happy to have discussions with you.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR LANCASTER

The 2017 Population Needs Assessment by Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Integrated Health and Social Care Partnership identified 50,580 adult carers and 1579 young carers recorded in the region. How many of these receive respite care, and how long is the waiting time to receive such respite care?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE

I'm afraid it isn't possible to say which of those identified in the Population Needs Assessment receive respite because the figures were based on the 2011 census, they are self-selecting and the figures for the PNA are gathered anonymously.

What I can say in relation to the Social Services & Well-being Act that actually what counts as respite for individuals are services for the individual who is cared-for. Absolutely understand the important roles that carers play but we are not able to disaggregate without a real, it would an extensive significant amount of work in terms of manual examination of files.

But, I can confirm that 3230 carers aged 18 and over are currently known to Adult Services that means they are entitled to a carer's assessment. No young carers are counted as currently receiving respite in their own right. Once an assessment is done there should be no wait for respite.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR LANCASTER

According to recent research published by the carers support charity Carers UK, 40% of unpaid carers have not had a break from caring for over a year, whilst 25% have not had a break for over 5 years and this particular experience is borne out by the anecdotal evidence from people in my Ward, who find the access to respite care takes several years. This lack of respite care has a negative effect on the carers mental and physical health, under the Social Services & Wellbeing Act of Wales 2014, which you alluded to earlier, local authorities are obliged to provide this care.

What is the new administrations plans to improve its provision?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE

Your absolutely right, we need to do as much as we can as an administration, as a Council to ensure that carers who provide very very important services and support for individuals, receive the support and assessment in their own right, as you say caring has a very deep impact on physical and mental health but it will also have impact on people's ability to carry out employment so very happy to have a conversation with you in terms of how we can improve our service offer.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER

New Members might not be aware of this but certainly the last few years in particular Councillor McGarry's stewardship in CASSC, we have consistently asked questions about carers assessments and whilst we all recognise the good work that's been done to increase the numbers of known carers who are being assessed, I think your answer highlights the challenge of us knowing those carers in the first place. Bearing in mind your answer about your statement today, that none of our younger carers are receiving any respite care, what efforts do you think are needed going forward as a Council to branch out to try to make younger carers aware of our services and indeed the vast number of adult carers who aren't aware of the services that we do offer?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE

Your right and it's the role of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act in terms of the information and advice and support that should publicise better the services that are available. In terms of young carers, not that I want to ditch my responsibilities of course, my responsibilities are for adults, but I know that we are doing, providing some support to young carers because I recently went to a YMCA young carers showcase at the Senedd and I spoke to many young people and I've engaged both with the Cabinet Member for Education and the Cabinet Member for Children and Families to ensure that we have a joined up approach to the offer. What I can say to the Chamber is we had a small team in terms of providing carers support, that team has grown.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

At the peak of our tourist season, one of the most recognised iconic buildings of Cardiff is the Lighthouse at Roath Park Lake. It attracts large number of footfall every

year. What is the council's commitment in ensuring the park is well maintained and safely accessible for all visitors?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

I agree that the Lighthouse is an iconic attraction in our city. I referred to the success that the Council has had in respect of its Green Flag Parks in my statement earlier.

As part of the independent assessment for the award, the Council is required to demonstrate that arrangements are in place to effectively manage not only maintenance & safety, but also a number of other issues, including equality of access and the conservation of buildings & structures.

The award underlines the Council's commitment to managing its parks, recognising how important they are to residents, and we aim to continue this excellence for years to come.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

I'm also delighted to see Roath Park get the Green Flag Status, I commend the work of the Friends of Roath Park Group in supporting that agenda. I seek commitment from the Cabinet Member today on maintenance of the lighthouse appearance and safe crossing on both Lake Road East and West at the entrance of the lake.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

I'm happy to talk to you about that, I'll playfully say that there is no footfall to the lighthouse as it's in the middle of the lake but I'm happy to discuss it with her and during the last financial year the Council has overhauled the lighthouse clock mechanism and reinstated the leaded glass in the housing of the structure, the exterior of the lighthouse has been improved and painted with masonry product during the spring of 2016, obviously I am knowledgeable of all these items, discussions are taking place between the Council and Scot Memorial Society regarding further fundraising for the improvements you are talking about, I'm happy to meet with you and the friends of Roath Park to discuss further improvements.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

People in Pontprennau and particularly the outer wards of the City have expressed concerns to me about the frequency of cutting within our parks in Pontprennau and on the outer wards. Are you able to look into this and in particular in my ward of Pontprennau and Old St Mellons a number of cuts particularly in summer months where parks become overgrown and so on, so whether you are able to perhaps meet with me and Councillor Rees to discuss this further.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

Yes I'm happy to discuss that with the Member and in all seriousness, happy to discuss the cutting regime, an invitation will go out to any Member who wants to discuss it with me.



QUESTION -COUNTY COUNCILLOR HENSHAW

Could the Cabinet member outline the latest timetable for the introduction of further 20mph zones in the Splott ward and confirm that they will extend to all residential streets in the ward?

REPLY COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD

As we discussed earlier the intention to start with the centre and move out, I would have thought that 2019/20 would be likely obviously subject to funds being available. Interesting part of your question about residential streets and the areas that they have gone in, it's not a complete blanket where there are arterial routes generally they have often stayed as they are but importantly with those we will discuss those with local Members to try and make sure we make the right decision on those with local Members.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HENSHAW

We are looking forward to the 20mph zones reaching Splott in 2019/20. Can I ask you what steps will the Council take along with the Police to ensure that the new speed limits are effectively and robustly enforced?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD

It's great that everyone is so keen on the 20 mph zones that Councillor Patel brought in last year, the speed thing is something that's coming back a lot, we do need to keep on expressing the message that this is about calming all the speed down, which it is doing, but it's not going to mean that suddenly everyone is doing 20 mph. We will look and see how the speed is going, we can then look at putting further mitigation which is sometimes expensive. Let's see how the speed goes and how people are with it but I do agree with you that we do need to increase enforcement which as I said earlier we are going to take up with the Police about how we do that.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

I'd like to ask exactly the same question but substituting Adamsdown for Splott please.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD

Same answer except possibly for the 2019/20, I'll find out when in the plan it's likely to be.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

Cardiff Labour's manifesto was to keep the Wedal Road Waste Facility open until an alternative facility to serve residents in the North of the City is opened. Could the Cabinet Member please outline what discussions he's held with stakeholders and

external bodies regarding a new Waste Facility to serve the residents of the North of Cardiff and list which Wards the proposed site could be located?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

I'm heartened to know that Councillor Williams reads Manifesto's. I am not sure which manifesto you have been reading, but the Labour Manifesto clearly said that we would:

*'Boost city recycling rates as well as open a new re-use centre in partnership with a third sector partner....and....Open a new Household Waste Recycling Centre to meet predicted future growth in the north east and north west of the city'*

There is no mention of the Wedal Road anywhere in the Manifesto.

The second part of your question, we are looking at suitable new sites for the future growth of the city, you asked for a list of wards we were looking at, we are looking at every ward in the North including Pontprennau and Old St Mellons, and I'm sure should we decide to put one there you will enthusiastically support us because you enjoy recycling.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

I've read the Labour Herald Heath Newsletter put out by Councillor Hinchey; 'Wedal Road Household Waste Recycling Centre is not closing any time soon and certainly not until we have something better in place first' so my question to Councillor Michael is, the people of Cardiff North are keen to know when this wonderful facility as promised by Labour Councillors in Cardiff North, a number of whom lost their seats I must add to Conservatives in Cardiff North, we are keen to know when this facility will be in place.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

So we understand the confusion, what you were reading was not a manifesto, so therefore I would recommend you get the manifesto and read it page 15, what you will find and what I will deliver is every one of those promises soon.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR ASGHAR ALI

In the past Council has spent thousands of pounds to grant this site for the purpose, why are we wasting another half a million to develop another site, I don't understand. I thought Michael would have been wise to hear people but I think he is plugging his ears and not listening.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

I am putting them on top of my hearing aids especially when you get on the microphone. All I can tell you is if you can get a Household Waste Recycling Centre for half a million I will give you the contract.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

The deadline for making a submission towards the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index is Friday 8th September 2017. How is Cardiff Council's submission progressing?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER

The Council's LGBT Network supported by HR and Equalities officers is currently working on submitting an application for the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index in September 2017.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

Can I welcome this news and as you know I've been raising this question every year for the last five years ever since the previous administration took the retrograde step of withdrawing from the Index, so can I wish you well, wish the group well with the submission, hopefully we will be proudly once again within the top 100 employers in the UK and can I ask that you redouble your efforts to engage with LGBT staff, many of whom have approached me over the last few years on how disappointed they feel with the Council during this process.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER

I'll be meeting with at least one of the co-chairs of the LGBT network very soon and I'm going to meet with the Chairs of all the employee networks very shortly as well to discuss all those matters. The Council and the administration over the last five years has actually done a lot to support LGBT staff and I think it's important to say that because it is very important to all of us. I accept that we were not admitted to this index and I'm looking forward to meeting with the employee networks soon.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE-DAVIES

I was pleased to see our commitment to the protection and enhancement of Cardiff's parks & green spaces. Can I gain a personal commitment from the cabinet member to work with community groups such as our Friends of Hailey Park in my own Ward to support the achievement of a Green Flag award for our Park and, in the future, improved amenities such as a café on the soon to be renovated bowling Green?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

Yes, absolutely. I would be happy to work with local Members and the Friends Group to try to achieve these ambitions for Hailey Park.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE-DAVIES

Thank you for your personal commitment Councillor Bradbury, I'm sure you will join me in congratulating the Friends of Hailey Park on ten years of hard work in Hailey Park this week. They were awarded the Green Flag for the meadow portion of Hailey Park and they would like to extend that down to the main recreational side of the

park. This weekend Councillor Ali and I are hosting a consultation of residents in Llandaff North to get feedback and ideas on how they can work with the Council cooperatively to achieve their aspirations of getting that green flag award for the rest of the park and making the park truly a space for all users whether that's dog walkers, families or cyclists who do pass there on the Taff Trail.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

I look forward to seeing what the results of your local consultation brings, I know how important parks are to inner city wards, I have a large park which hasn't yet got green flag status in the middle of my ward which I would like to see have green flag status. I would like to talk about developing and improving the green flag status for the whole of Hailey Park, and I look forward to discussing it with the Friends of Hailey Park, who I am sure would put on record their thanks to the officers of the council as well as the Lord Mayor for the work that they did in securing that green flag for another year.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE

The preservation of our open space is obviously becoming something that's harder and harder for the parks department to do and we are seeing it for example in grass cutting being reduced in some areas including one in my ward, to just one a year, the grass is getting very high and as an amenity is now out of use effectively, but we have residents who are willing to take on the grass cutting responsibility for example at a knockdown price, so long as they are not out of pocket in terms of petrol this that and the other. It strikes me that this is an opportunity now for the Council to begin developing ways of genuinely working with communities who are willing to take on some of the responsibilities that the council can no longer do so long as they are not out of pocket by doing so. Is this something you would be willing to investigate?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

I'm glad you ended the question with asking me to investigate because I can't make any such commitment here today. I am happy to discuss that with local Members, I applaud you for your way of linking grass cutting in your Ward to a question on Hailey Park but in all seriousness I've worked with community groups in my own ward about in terms of improving our parks and taking responsibility and helping the Council in maintaining our parks, happy to discuss it with your constituents as well.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN

Will the Cabinet Member advise how many out of County placements are there currently for young people and older people and provide the furthest distance away from Cardiff for both categories and the total cost for all placements?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY

Congratulations as a constituent being elected to this Chamber. We are committed to improving outcomes for Looked After Children and further enhance their

experience of care, with a particular focus on reducing the number placed out of area.

At 30<sup>th</sup> June, there were 219 children and 208 adults in out of county placements. I should emphasise that the majority of adults, or their families, chose the placement and its location.

Of these placements, the furthest distances away from Cardiff was 328 miles for children and 391 miles for adults.

In terms of the annual projected spend on placements for 2017/18, external residential placements for children are expected to cost around £8.5million. This includes placements that are 'in county' because of the high value.

External out of county fostering placements for children are expected to cost £5.87million.

External residential, nursing and college placements for adults are expected to cost £12.587million.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN

Thank you for your comprehensive response on that issue, could I ask you are you having any conversations with your colleagues in neighbouring local authorities to see how they take this forward and also being able to spread best practice in this field.

#### REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY

The simple answer to that is yes.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR EBRAHIM

My question is in terms of placements, has there been any measures to develop hard to reach groups to take up placements for young people in terms of need whether its religious needs, dietary requirement needs, has there been any push to get more people onto the register to take young people as a matter of care.

#### REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY

That is an excellent question I think that it's intrinsically important in Cardiff that we look at all these avenues to try to appease some of the issues that are undoubtedly being felt in other cities. Certainly, our Assistant Director has been meeting senior leaders of various backgrounds over the last couple of weeks and we are doing a specific piece of work and I'm more than happy to sit down and talk to you about.

#### QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACOBSEN

The state of Pentwyn Lake is a concern for many residents in my Ward. What plans does the Cabinet Member have for cleaning Pentwyn Lake?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

The Pentwyn Lake at Parc Coed Y Nant suffers from problems with littering and the Council is reliant on park users acting responsibly by using the litter bins provided and/or taking their litter home with them.

Bin emptying and litter picking is carried out on a twice weekly basis by staff in Neighbourhood Services and this is supplemented through litter picks undertaken by the Community Park Rangers, Keep Wales Tidy and volunteer groups, in particular, the Cardiff Rivers Group.

The lake also suffers from unauthorised fishing and associated litter. To address this problem, the Council is seeking to regulate this activity by offering a licence for Fishing Rights. Such arrangements are in place at other parks and have contributed to improvements. Officers will assess the site and take action as appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACOBSEN

I did have a supplementary question but it's been clearly answered.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

Just to add that earlier Councillor Bradbury and others mentioned the Friends Groups who do fantastic job for this City, I was going to suggest we use your knowledge of the area as a local champion to perhaps to start a friends group for the lake, I'm happy to make arrangements between myself and yourself and Councillor Bradbury to see if we can take this forward.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

As you said litter picks regularly take place around Pentwyn Lake, however more bins and cutting back of the overgrowth around the lake would aid volunteers in keeping this area tidy, is this something you will look into.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL

More than happy to meet you and discuss any problems you have got in the area and I'm sure that a Friends group with liaison with parks and with us would do a really job for the area.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARKHILL

Welsh Water have recently announced plans to drain Llanishen reservoir. What discussions have the council had with Welsh Water and Natural Resources Wales regarding this decision?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

It's important to know that the necessary permission for a temporary drain down has been secured by Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water from Natural Resources Wales. This will allow the company to inspect the structure and undertake any appropriate works over an estimated 3 month period, with the reservoir being refilled once any such works have been completed.

Members should also be aware that the Leader had a productive meeting recently with Welsh Water senior management to discuss a further strengthening of the relationship between the Council and the company.

This included discussion of plans to invest significant capital into visitor and recreational facilities, as part of the overall strategy to restore Llanishen and Lisvane reservoirs and bring them back into public use.

We will continue to work closely and meet regularly with the company in support of our Capital Ambition and manifesto commitment to work in partnership to return sailing to Llanishen Reservoir.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

I welcome that the Council Leader has met with Welsh Water to strengthen their relationship, can I just ask for him to work with Welsh Water to determine a timeline involved in allowing the public to regain access to the reservoir.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

I've looked at my Leader who has nodded so yes.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR SINGH

What support and reassurances can the Cabinet Member give for removing the needle exchange facility situated opposite two well used children's parks?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE

The facility in question is not operated by the Council, but I do appreciate and share your concerns particularly about this service and related drug activity and because of its location near to the parks.

I would be more than happy to facilitate a meeting involving local Members, relevant council officers, the Police and the third sector organisation involved to discuss the facility and to try and find a conclusion to the problem.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR SINGH

South Riverside is a highly concentrated area for social services for vulnerable people with serious life issues; including drink and drug addiction, we have a needle exchange, probation services, wet houses, a homeless centre and recently the

Council just gave planning permission to a facility to remain open until 4am for people with drug and depression issues. My question is how the Council assesses which areas these services go into.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE

These services are not provided by the Council, it's not the Council that assess them, but I do, as I have said share your concerns because they are normally in areas which are close to the city centre, and your ward suffers from it, my ward suffers from it and I know that Councillor Ebrahim has similar problems in his ward. I do think we need this discussion because they are the poorest wards and yet it seems our wards are probably being used and probably made worse.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON

Last year, Cardiff's social services was the most improved across Wales; on which areas in Adult Services will you concentrate for improvement this year?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE

It's great to remind the Chamber that last year Cardiff was the most improved social services across Wales. In partnership with Health and the Third Sector, we provide care and support to over 5000 citizens in Cardiff and our improved performance demonstrated the excellent progress that has been made in this area.

For the forthcoming year, we will be focusing on a number of areas of improvement particularly in relation to driving up the number of adults who actually take up Direct Payments, that's very important in them being able to exercise voice and control.

We have a very strong working relationship with our colleagues in Health and will continue to work in partnership to maintain the reduction in Delayed Transfers of Care.

I will also be working closely with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities to develop a Housing Strategy that meets the care and support needs of our most vulnerable older citizens.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGEMAN

Can the Cabinet Member clarify the Council's position on the 3G pitch in Llanrumney on the Eastern Leisure Centre site?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

Congratulations on your maiden speech earlier on Councillor Bridgeman. I am pleased to advise you that the Council has committed a sum of £120k for the conversion of the hard court area at Eastern Leisure Centre to become a 3G surface.

GLL have also committed to contribute to the scheme and I anticipate the installation taking place during the current financial year.



The proposed scheme evidences this administration's commitment to investing in improved sporting facilities through partnerships.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGEMAN

I thank the Cabinet Member for that positive reply, could the Cabinet Member ensure that the Community teams are prioritised and that they are affordable to local teams.

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

We have put in place in other 3G schemes, a thing where preference is given to local teams to ensure that the local community do get first use of the facilities, I'm happy to talk to you about that, I can't make a commitment on fees but I would imagine they would be in line with our strategy on parks which of course means that under 16's teams on a Saturday morning would be able to use the facility for free. Can I, while I'm up congratulate my friend and colleague on his team's fine hospitality on Friday and their credible performance against the mighty Cardiff City and I think the whole chamber should applaud Taffs Well on the very credible 1-0 defeat.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL

Danescourt have a number of successful football teams who are experiencing difficulty accessing artificial pitches in the area for a training facility I know that there will be new facilities in the proposed new school in the future however in the meantime can I ask the Cabinet Member will he work with me to try and secure access to an all-weather training facility that the boys can play on locally.

REPLY- COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY

I will work with you and Councillor Philippa Hill-John to discuss this, I played against many of the successful teams you've outlined in your question and I think it's important for the development of football all across the City that more of these facilities are available. We won't be able to deliver them all ourselves and you've alluded how we will be using schools money creatively to deliver facilities, I'm happy to sit with you and your colleague to discuss how we can try and make that happen.

QUESTION - COUNTY COUNCILLOR AHMED

What is the amount of business rates that we collect from Cardiff businesses?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER

The National Non-Domestic Rate income collected in 2016/17 was £189.057m. After adjusting for the cost of collection allowance and provision for non-payment, £186.465m was paid into the national pool. The Council received £105.994m of redistributed rates back.

For 2017/18, the Council has budgeted to pay £192.53 million into the pool and to receive £115.48 million back. However, the actual Non-Domestic Rate income will be dependent upon the collection rate achieved.

These figures do not include any Non-Domestic Rates collected in relation to the Cardiff Business Improvement District which is paid over to the Cardiff BID Company under a separate arrangement.

SUPPLEMENTARY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

Can I ask how many of those businesses pay their business rates by direct debit?

REPLY - COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER

I have no idea but I will email you with the answer.

45 : URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business for this meeting.

46 : MEMBERS' SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION 2017 - 2018

The Members' Schedule of Remuneration 2017-18 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 2017-18 based on the proforma schedule provided by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales was approved for publication by 31 July 2017;
2. delegated authority was approved for the Monitoring Officer to update the Members' Schedule of Remuneration and to make any necessary amendments to the 2017-18 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.

47 : COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Council received nominations from Party Groups to fill vacancies on Committees of the Council.

RESOLVED – That the following appointments were approved: -

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Appointment</b>
Audit Committee	Councillor Chris Lay
Health & Safety Advisory Group	Councillor Jim Murphy

Works Council	Councillor Lee Bridgeman to replace Councillor Ed Stubbs
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48 : APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council received nominations from Party Groups to vacancies that exist as Council representatives on Outside Bodies.

RESOLVED – That the following appointments to Outside Bodies were approved: -

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Appointment</b>
Cardiff Biodiversity Partnership <i>(soon to be known as Cardiff Local Nature Partnership)</i>	Councillor Bob Derbyshire
Cardiff & Vale Regional Partnership Board	Councillor Lynda Thorne
Sport Wales Community Chest	Councillor Sean Driscoll
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)	Councillor Jane Henshaw

*(The meeting closed at 20.40)*

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