

COUNCIL, 28 SEPTEMBER 2017 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CHAIR OF PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE (COUNCILLOR JACKIE PARRY)

W1

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

A cross-party group of MPs are lobbying Transport for London to ban the company Uber from the UK capital. The MPs allege Uber is [endangering the public](#), pointing to claims that the firm's drivers carry out a sexual assault every 11 days. The Metropolitan Police have also [accused the taxi firm of not reporting all alleged sexual assaults](#) by drivers on passengers. The MPs also argue that the company mistreats its workers, paying them as little as £2 per hour and accuse Uber of not paying VAT on its rides, allegedly escaping £40million in taxes.

In a letter on behalf of the group of MPs sent to the head of Transport for London calling for Uber's operating license not to be extended, Ilford North MP Wes Streeting said:

"The safety of Londoners must be at the forefront of decisions taken about the taxi and private hire industry in our capital city. We do not believe that Uber has shown itself to be a fit and proper operator."

In light of these developments, what is Cardiff Council's position on the desirability of Uber operating in the Welsh capital and is the authority considering lobbying to have Uber's operating license discontinued here?

Reply

Uber Britannia Ltd was issued with a private hire operator licence by the Council in September 2016 and the current licence remains in force for a maximum of five years. In issuing any operator licence, the Council has to be satisfied that the applicant is fit and proper to hold the licence.

As part of the conditions of licence, the operator must ensure that they use properly vetted licensed drivers and vehicles and the Council retains the power to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the Operator Licence when it expires if there are sufficient grounds to do so.

I can confirm that the Council is not considering revocation of the operator licence that was granted to Uber last year.

Any decision by the Public Protection Committee to revoke an operator or a driver licence must be evidence based and is accompanied by a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court where the basis of the decision would be tested.

We work closely with the Police in investigating any allegations of assault undertaken by drivers licenced by the Authority, irrespective of whether they are operating as a private hire or a Hackney Carriage, and will not hesitate to take action to suspend or revoke licences in order to protect the public where appropriate.

We have no evidence that Uber drivers operating in the city pose any specific risk to the public and the Licensing Authority will continue to respond to any complaints received and work with the Police and other Licensing Authorities to investigate allegations of misconduct.

In relation to allegations regarding tax avoidance and the contractual arrangements between Uber and the drivers they use, these are matters outside of the scope of the Licensing Authority to regulate.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
(COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY)

W2	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH</u></p> <p>Families First has invested a great deal of money in training a workforce in parenting programmes, the majority of which are employed by the third sector. Will this skills base be lost under the Council's new commissioning plans, as it is unlikely that services will be similar enough that TUPE would apply?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>It is expected that many of the staff currently employed in Families First funded parenting services will be subject to TUPE under the new arrangements for delivering parenting, aligned to the Flying Start service. It is therefore anticipated that many of the staff previously trained via Families First funding will continue to deliver parenting services as part of the new Families First Programme.</p> <p>Families First has always had a role to play in developing the children and families sector. Training has been opened out to other partner organisations and allied services in order to promote a shared practice base for work with families. In this respect, it is hoped that those employees who do not wish to TUPE to the Local Authority, or for whom TUPE does not apply, will have opportunities to continue utilising their skills and knowledge in other organisations or projects delivering parenting and family support services in Cardiff, so that the sector will continue to benefit from their skills and expertise.</p>
W3	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH</u></p> <p>Research indicates that families are much more likely to engage with third sector providers than with statutory providers. Several of our third sector providers have often exceeded their targets and have developed a RAG rating system, which ensures that people get the right service for their needs. Going on a parenting course is now seen more as proactive and normal, which supports prevention and escalation of need. Will this be lost if such groups are provided by statutory services?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The value of third sector providers, their ability to engage with families and the crucial contribution they make to the delivery of</p>

Cardiff's Early Help Strategy and preventative agenda is without question.

The central Families First team within Social Services has worked with Lead Providers and the current parenting providers to develop better arrangements, such as the RAG rating system that was introduced following the review of parenting. However, the feedback that was received during stakeholder consultation (with families as well as providers) still pointed to a lack of clarity about the service offer because of the number of different services and providers.

The arrangements for the delivery of parenting services under the new Families First programme are to align it with Flying Start within the Education & Lifelong Learning directorate.

Flying Start has an excellent track record of delivering parenting services across the city and good engagement with parents. The programme is able to evidence extremely positive and sustained outcomes for the children who have benefited from the programme since its introduction 10 years ago.

The plan to locate Families First parenting services with Flying Start provides an opportunity to address some of the inequalities that the Flying Start catchment process has created, whilst building on a strong and successful infrastructure for delivering high quality parenting services that achieve the desired outcomes.

The Families First team is confident that the new arrangements will not compromise the ability of parents to engage successfully in preventative services. In fact, it is expected that the new arrangements will build on the successes of Flying Start's ability to engage with parents with a range of levels of need. Additionally, the intention to locate Families First parenting services with one organisation rather than a range of different organisations is to strengthen the accessibility of services by streamlining the pathway by which parents can access them

W4

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

At present Families First is grant funding for 3 years and as providers we have to bear the risk of redundancy payments in the event that funding ceases as Families First funding will not cover redundancy. How will the Council cope with the additional burden of redundancy for the additional staff that will need to be employed when services are brought in-house?

Reply

The current Welsh Government funding in respect of Families First, and the current contract arrangements, end on 31 March 2018. From the beginning of the programme, it has been a condition of the financial guidance for Families First that funding cannot be used to pay costs associated with redundancy. Providers were asked to build in exit strategies and the responsibility for employment of staff lies with the contracted providers.

The Cabinet has approved plans for commissioning a new Families First programme. This still includes a number of externally contracted elements, but also the delivery of two key services in-house: Parenting and Youth Support. Managers within the Education Service will be responsible for the new services.

We recognise that the new arrangements are likely to require the Council to take responsibility for additional members of staff, which will include liability for redundancy payments in certain circumstances. Some staff would transfer under TUPE arrangements and their terms of engagement would be regulated by the TUPE legislation in the first instance. Where new members of staff are employed, contracts of employment would be temporary and linked to funding terms. However, they would still gain employment rights when they have been employed for over two years, with different rights being accrued depending on the length of service.

This risk was identified in the options paper that accompanied the report to Cabinet. However, the risk is mitigated in a number of ways.

Standing Orders encourage the delivery of services in-house where the Council is best placed to do this. The Council is already responsible for a range of staff members who deliver Families First services under the current arrangements, which includes responsibility for redundancy payments. The new arrangements will provide opportunities for current Council Families First staff, as well as other employees with relevant skills and experience, to be redeployed into the new services, rather than being made redundant. On past experience, there is also a turnover of staff and, therefore, not all staff employed would accrue the right to redundancy and/or redeployment.

There are also wider considerations for the Council. Overall, there would be a benefit in terms of the additional funding coming into the Council, as well as enhancement of services for families in Cardiff. The new arrangements are being introduced to give us a much

	<p>greater focus on identifying and providing support for families at an earlier stage before situations escalate to the point where they need higher tier interventions. Among other things, this is targeted at reducing the demand on statutory services.</p>
W5	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH</u></p> <p>As a percentage, how many social workers currently have 10 or more 'child in need' cases in their caseload?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The category of "Child in Need", as defined in the Children Act 1989, has been superseded by children entitled to "Care and Support" pursuant to the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.</p> <p>100% of social workers within Children's Services have children entitled to "Care and Support" in their caseload.</p>
W6	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON</u></p> <p>Could you give a breakdown of the total number of vacancies in children social services and break it down by team and specialism?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>As of 19 September 2017, there are 55 vacancies in Children's Services, which are listed below by team and pay grade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looked After Children Services 12 x Grade 7 posts (due to recent promotions) • Placement With Parents (PWP) Team 1 x Grade 9 post (newly created) 4 x Grade 8 posts (newly created) • PA Service 5 x Grade 5 posts (3 newly created) 1 x Grade 6 post (newly created) • Fostering 3 x Grade 8 posts (2.5 FTE) • Targeted Services 2 x Grade 10 posts

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CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT
(COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MICHAEL)

W7

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BALE

Following concerns expressed about the poor condition of the Aneurin Bevan statue on Queen Street, will the Cabinet Member confirm how often this and other Council maintained statues are cleaned in the city centre?

Reply

Statues form an important and prominent part of Cardiff's street scene. Whilst there is no fixed schedule for cleaning statues, officers have confirmed that they will be cleansed as and when required.

With specific reference to the Aneurin Bevan statue, this is cleansed every two months but, as it is tall, specialist equipment is required to allow officers to work at height.

CULTURE AND LEISURE
(COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY)

W8	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BALE</u></p> <p>Will the new Administration confirm that the Council will continue to provide its full support to Pride Cymru in bidding to bring Europride to Cardiff?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Yes, as you will be aware, we have been in discussion with Pride Cymru regarding their aspiration to host a future Europride event in the Capital City for some time. We look forward to progressing those discussions over coming months to see how we may be able to assist them in securing and staging this event.</p> <p>You will also be aware that the decision to support any prospective event is taken on a case-by-case basis and is dependent on the business case for each event. It is unlikely, in the current financial climate, that the Council will be in a position to provide a direct financial subsidy, but it may be able to offer the type of support given to other events, such as making available council staff and council assets to the event organiser. However, the exact nature of any Council support will be dependent on the business case.</p>
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EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS
(COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)

W9	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>In March 2017, the Education Secretary Kirsty Williams announced that local authorities would be reimbursed for their contribution to National Youth Arts Wales for 2016/17 to ensure they are able to continue the support of young people with musical talent. This was on the understanding that local authorities would reach agreement to continue support in future years. Has Cardiff Council engaged to date with Welsh Government, the WLGA or other stakeholders to ensure adequate funding is continued?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I can confirm that Cardiff has continued its annual contribution to the Welsh Joint Education Committee (WJEC) at the same level as in previous years, which includes the agreed contribution towards the National Youth Arts Wales provision.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing with the Welsh Government, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and other Welsh local authorities about the continuation of this arrangement.</p>
W10	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>In March 2017, the Education Secretary announced that £10,000 will be made available to each local authority in Wales for the purchase of musical instruments. The intention is to ensure that young people most in need of an instrument will have access to one. How does Cardiff Council intend to use this money?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I can confirm that the Music Service in Cardiff will be utilising the £10,000 grant to purchase instruments, which will enable more pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds to access music learning.</p> <p>The purchase of sets of instruments enables schools to provide whole class teaching. This grant also ensures that pupils who would not be able to afford their own instruments can learn and play, particularly in the case of woodwind and brass instruments. It will also contribute to the repair and maintenance of existing instrument stock.</p>

	<p>All of these music resources will be targeted to those who would not otherwise be able to have an instrument.</p>
W11	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>Given the large number of children from parts of the Cardiff High catchment area (including many living in the Marlborough Primary catchment area) who have failed to secure places at Cardiff High in recent years when progressing from primary to secondary (including for this coming September) please can you advise what consideration the council has given to tackling this problem going forwards, including by advising what consideration has been given to a possible expansion of Cardiff High?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>In the short to medium term, the Council is not considering making changes to the Cardiff High School admission number or to the catchment area. There continue to be places available in neighbouring catchment areas and, therefore, families have more than one option to consider in addition to any preference they may express for their catchment school.</p> <p>Work has been undertaken on planning for Band B of the 21st Century Schools capital programme, but the development of specific scheme proposals is subject to confirmation of funding allocations by Welsh Government, which is anticipated towards the end of October 2017. As such, there are no proposals planned and any associated consultation that may be required in the future has not been programmed to date.</p>
W12	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>Under the council's current schools admissions policy, pupils living further from their catchment school are afforded lesser consideration in the event of over-subscription than those living in closer proximity even though they may have lived within the catchment area for a considerably longer period of time. Representations were made last year, including by many parents in Penylan, for consideration to be given to amending the criteria so that the length of time a pupil has lived within the catchment area could also be factored in. Will the Cabinet Member consider drawing up options for amending the schools admissions criteria in this way, so that such options might be included when the schools admission arrangements are next put out to consultation?</p>

Reply

The Admission 'Oversubscription Criteria' are clearly set out in the admissions information supplied to families at the point of application. It is clear that there is a view among some Cardiff residents that living in or attending a primary school in catchment should entitle families to a place for their child at their catchment high school. Several have requested changes to the criteria to include a longevity criterion.

The Cabinet considered a report on Admission Arrangements on 16 March 2017 and authorised officers to consider further the Council's school admission arrangements, including wider research into alternative options and the impact of each, in advance of consultation on the Council's School Admissions Policy 2019/20.

This research is being undertaken and will inform a further report to Cabinet on Admission Arrangements for 2019/20, which is expected to be considered later this year, prior to annual consultation that must be concluded by 1 March 2018.

W13

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

Please can you update Members on what consideration has been given to date to the provision of a fourth Welsh-medium high school for Cardiff and advise what the current assessment is as to whether the current three Welsh-medium high schools will have sufficient capacity to meet demand going forwards?

Reply

In recent years, there has been an increase in demand for Welsh-medium at entry to Reception and there has been significant investment in primary provision to accommodate this. However, the larger cohorts entering the sector at the bottom have not yet moved into the secondary sector.

Between 2016/17 and 2021/22, the number of pupils taught through the medium of Welsh in Cardiff is projected to increase to 15.2%, which will make a significant contribution to meeting the targets set in the Council's Bilingual Cardiff Strategy. The Council recognises that continued growth in the Welsh-medium primary sector will necessitate an increase in provision in the Welsh-medium secondary sector.

There is currently a 16% net surplus capacity within the secondary sector following the opening of the third Welsh-medium high school, Ysgol Bro Eder, in the 2013/14 academic year. The Council will continue to monitor pupil projections, conduct feasibility studies and undertake planning and development work to ensure sufficient numbers of Welsh-medium secondary places in the city. This will be particularly important in the Local Development Plan (LDP) major housing sites in the north east and west of the city.

Based on recent take up at primary level and the numbers of children expected to progress into Welsh-medium secondary education, it is expected that there will be sufficient places available in the secondary sector across the three Welsh-medium high schools throughout the timescale of Band B of the 21st Century Schools programme (2019-2024), with investment being required post-2024 to increase the number of places provided assuming that current population projections (including recognising LDP developments) and take up rates continue.

FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE
(COUNCILLOR CHRIS WEAVER)

W14

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

Cardiff Council needs to submit data in line with gender pay gap reporting by March 2018. What work has been undertaken towards this?

Reply

The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017 requires the publication of gender pay gap data based on a 'snapshot' date of 31st March. The Council's 2016/17 Pay Policy referred to this requirement and indicated that the data for 31st March 2017 would be included in the 2018/19 Pay Policy Statement.

The position in Wales has been a matter of discussion and the Arbitration and Conciliation Service (ACAS), together with the UK Government Equalities Office, has provided much needed clarity on the requirements for Welsh local authorities.

Their guidance states that Welsh public authorities listed in Schedule 19 to the Equality Act 2010, which includes local authorities, are subject to their own devolved regulations. These already include gender pay gap reporting and the need to give due regard to having an equality objective to address any causes of pay differences of a person or persons employed by the authority as a result of any protected characteristic. This has been identified within the Council's current Strategic Equality Plan 2016-20 and will form part of annual review reports.

Based on this, the Council is therefore not required to fulfil the Gender Pay Gap reporting requirement set by the UK Government. However, the Council is still covered by the Public Sector Equality Duty, which refers to the need to manage gender pay differences, rather than publish data in the specific format required by the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017.

As a result, the Council is not required to make any changes to its current reporting arrangements; however, consideration will need to be given to the level of data that the Council wishes to publish on a voluntary basis. In this regard, there are ongoing discussions with the WLGA and local authorities to seek to establish a common approach across Wales.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES
(COUNCILLOR LYNDA THORNE)

W15

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

With Universal Credit due to be implemented fully in February 2018, what work has the council undertaken in preparation for this, specifically in terms of preparing for the 42 day transition period during which benefit claimants will receive no funds?

Reply

Universal Credit (UC) replaces a number of income related benefits including Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance and Housing Benefit and tax credits. Since November 2015, UC has been rolled out gradually in Cardiff to a limited number of claimants. As a result, just over 2,200 people currently receive UC in Cardiff.

From February 2018, Cardiff will move to “Full Service” and more residents will be required to make a claim for UC. It is anticipated that over 5,500 claims a month will be made until all cases claiming legacy (old benefits) have moved to UC. The Council has carried out extensive preparatory work ahead of the implementation in Cardiff.

UC “Full Service” must be claimed and maintained online; therefore, help to get online is available in all Hubs and other community locations across the city. The Into Work Advice Service will also help people to carry out job searches and to maintain UC accounts, which is essential to avoid benefits from being sanctioned. All Hub staff will be upskilled to support customers needing to claim UC.

UC is paid monthly in arrears and the first payment is not received until at least five weeks after the claim is made. As a result, assistance from the Money Advice Team is available within all Hubs and now also at foodbanks across the city. The team can help with Personal Budgeting Support, which – as well as showing clients how to budget more effectively – also ensures that clients claim all grants, discounts, hardship or emergency payments they are entitled to. The Money Advice Team has received full training and is already successfully supporting UC clients to apply for an advance payment of UC directly from the Department for Work and Pensions when needed.

An increase in rent arrears is a particular concern as UC payments (including the housing cost element) are made directly to the

claimant, not directly to their rent account. The Council and its Registered Social Landlord (RSL) partners have been given trusted partner status as part of a pilot run by the Department for Work and Pensions. This allows social landlords to request more frequent or split payments of UC for clients. We can also request that the housing cost element of UC is paid directly to the landlord. These arrangements can only be made in certain circumstances – for example, when a claimant is already in rent arrears. The ability for social landlords to request these from the Department of Work and Pensions without challenge has meant that appropriate and timely support can be provided for UC claimants to ensure that tenancies remain sustainable and rent arrears are minimised.

Managers will be visiting areas in 'Full Service' in order to help establish best practice. A publicity and training plan has been developed that will be actioned in time for the start of "Full Service" in Cardiff. The Council will also be holding various partner and stakeholder events to raise awareness of these changes in the run up to February 2018.

INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
(COUNCILLOR RUSSELL GOODWAY)

W16	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>With the Doctor Who Exhibition having closed this month, can the cabinet member with responsibility for this portfolio confirm whether any discussions have taken place between the council and BBC Worldwide, in terms of a replacement attraction being in the works?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Councillor will be aware that, in response to a question from her colleague, Councillor Rodney Berman, at the July 2017 meeting of the County Council that I confirmed that discussions had been ongoing with BBC Worldwide to secure a replacement Dr Who related attraction in the city. At that meeting, I committed to involve both Councillor Berman and the Leader of the Opposition in those discussions at the appropriate time. I can confirm that my officials have now indicated that they are in a position to share proposals and a meeting will be arranged shortly.</p> <p>In terms of the former Dr Who Exhibition building in Cardiff Bay, discussions are ongoing with both Igloo, the land owners, and Welsh Government, with a view to agreeing an extension of the lease arrangements following the expiry of the original 5-year lease. If a new lease can be secured, there are a number of potential leisure based uses for the building that the Administration will consider.</p> <p>I will make a statement in the near future regarding the financial impact on the Council of the original decision to bring the Dr Who Experience to Cardiff Bay.</p>
W17	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BALE</u></p> <p>Will the Administration provide an update on work to remedy electrical faults in some Cardiff schools and confirm the officer(s) and Cabinet Member(s) who are leading on the Council response?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I can confirm that works have now been completed to make all schools compliant.</p> <p>To ensure ongoing compliance, the new Administration has introduced new governance arrangements through its Corporate</p>

	<p>Landlord function. The lead officer overseeing this function is the Assistant Director for Commercial and Collaboration within the Economic Development directorate, supported by the Corporate Health & Safety Manager and Schools Organisational Planning Manager.</p> <p>Political leadership is shared between myself as Cabinet Member for Investment & Development and my colleague the Deputy Leader of the Council, who is the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Education, Employment & Skills.</p>
W18	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BALE</u></p> <p>What action and support has the City Council provided in relation to recent job losses announced by Barclays Bank in Llanishen?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The County Councillor will appreciate that he is more likely to understand the action taken by the County Council following the Barclays announcement since those arrangements were established in March 2017 when he was responsible for the then Administration's economic development portfolio.</p> <p>I am advised that those arrangements remain in place with council officers meeting with senior representatives from Barclays to find out more about the financial and support packages available to affected employees. The company confirmed that a comprehensive scheme was available, including mentoring, retraining (if required), redundancy and potential relocation to Dundee in Scotland.</p> <p>The Administration continues to liaise with Barclays to help introduce companies investing in Cardiff to well-trained Barclays employees affected by the closure who are seeking new employment.</p>

LEADER (COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS)

W19

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON

With the loss of European social funds, and the anticipated loss of social housing funds, due to Brexit, has the council undertaken any work to quantify what the overall financial loss might be for Cardiff, and how the shortfall might be addressed?

Reply

There are currently three operational programmes in Cardiff funded by the European Social Fund (ESF), which are:

- Inspire to Work (I2W) – which aims to promote employment, education and training opportunities to the young people, supported by £0.3m of ESF funding for Cardiff;
- Inspire to Achieve (I2A) – which aims at reducing the number of young people at risk of becoming NEET, supported by £1.1m of ESF funding for Cardiff; and
- Communities for Work (C4W) – which is a voluntary programme to help those adults furthest away from the labour market into employment, supported by £1.4m of ESF funding for Cardiff.

Further discussions are also taking place with regard to additional employability projects.

ESF funds are allocated on a bid basis and there is no guarantee of areas being successful in attracting funding. The European Social Fund is also not used to support social housing in Cardiff.

With regard to the future loss of EU Structural Funds, the UK Government is proposing to establish a ‘shared prosperity fund’ as a replacement. The level and scope of this are yet to be determined.

In light of this, we have made a commitment, as outlined in our Capital Ambition document to: *“Work with others to make sure any European funding lost to Cardiff from leaving the European Union is replaced by the UK Government, advocating strongly for unfettered access to the Single Market, and guarantees for international students and workers.”*

W20

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BALE

Will the Leader publish the terms of reference of the independent investigation into the management of the Council's property estate (Para 55, Page 10, Q4 Cabinet Performance Report dated 6 July 2017)?

What individual has the Council appointed to carry out this review and when will they report the findings?

Reply

The Council has committed to an independent review, not an independent investigation. As you will be aware, the Terms of Reference for this were set prior to May 2017, but I can provide you with a copy if required. The decision to appoint Orion 360 to undertake the review was also undertaken before May 2017.

I understand that the report is currently being finalised and is expected to set out a number of key recommendations to improve management of the Council's property estate.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
(COUNCILLOR CARO WILD)

W21	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR</u> <u>McKERLICH</u></p> <p>I have a number of road safety issues distributed around the ward; I wrote to you on 20th June requesting a site visit to discuss them and I repeated the request on 20th July; on 24th July you advised that you were on the point of discussing my concerns with officers. Since then I have heard nothing. When will you be coming to Radyr and Morganstown to view and resolve my various concerns?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I want to apologise for not getting back to you about a possible site visit to your ward. I was under the impression that you were in productive dialogue with officers and didn't necessarily require me to personally visit at this stage. I can assure you that I have been kept regularly updated on issues in the area raised by yourself and others. I would like to come and visit and will arrange a visit at your convenience.</p>
W22	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR</u> <u>McKERLICH</u></p> <p>What was the total cost of the project to make Cathedral Road and abutting streets into a 20mph zone with appropriate signage, road markings and regulatory orders?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>This work forms part of an ongoing three phase project installing 20mph limits in the wider Canton and Riverside areas, which is due to be completed in the current financial year.</p> <p>The combined cost of the on-street installation works for the first two phases of the scheme in the north of Riverside and Canton is around £180,000. As you can appreciate, it is difficult to individually cost each road.</p> <p>I would also add that, in some cases, it may actually be more costly and confusing to exclude certain roads, as there would be a requirement to inform users of speed limit changes at multiple locations.</p>

W23

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

McKERLICH

In each of the last 3 years, how many pedestrians have been injured by motor vehicles on Cathedral Road?

In how many of these cases were the vehicles moving at between 20 and 30 miles per hour prior to impact?

Reply

Firstly, it should be noted that the 20mph scheme is a zonal one, which aims to reduce overall speeds across an area, not street-by-street. I would also point out that the outcomes of the 20mph areas are not just about reducing collisions, but also about other benefits such as making the area more amenable to cyclists and pedestrians.

A review of the Police injury-collision database, from which the following information for Cathedral Road has been extracted, shows that between 2013 and 2015 there was only 1 recorded vehicle/pedestrian collision.

The data for 2016 is not yet available. In addition, the Police do not record speed data on the injury-collision database.

W24

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

What progress is the Council making towards introducing a Community Infrastructure Levy in Cardiff to ensure that large developments, such as those in my ward of Gabalfa for 361 student rooms, do not adversely impact the local community by requiring developers to invest in the local infrastructure?

Reply

Work has been undertaken on the preparation of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Cardiff; however, this is not yet in place.

Following the publication of the 'CIL Review' by the UK Government Department for Communities and Local Government earlier in the year, we are currently awaiting the views of, and guidance from, the Welsh Government regarding how CIL will be progressed in Wales prior to moving ahead. It should be noted, however, that the current Regulations only require 15% of any Levy to be spent within local communities.

The viability of development was considered in preparing the Local Development Plan (LDP). Policies requiring planning obligations, affordable housing and community infrastructure are all included in the adopted LDP. Furthermore, the Council has prepared approved supplementary planning guidance (SPG), which describes all the obligations required from different types of development to ensure that necessary infrastructure is delivered. Section 106 planning obligations continue to be secured and are the best mechanism to deliver contributions towards local community infrastructure from development.

Whilst I cannot comment on a current, as yet undetermined, planning application, I would stress that all applications are considered on their planning merits, having regard to all material planning factors. The introduction of any CIL would not alter this position.