

COUNCIL

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT
(COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MICHAEL)

W1	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>How many fines have been issued for spitting in the street since October 2013 (broken down year by year)?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I can confirm that no fines have been issued for spitting in the street since October 2013.</p>
W2	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH PARRY</u></p> <p>Residents in Fairwater are disappointed to see the fairly new Waungron Road Recycling depot left unused for the last three or more years. Regardless of what the Council may say, fly tipping and general litter seems to be on the increase in the West of Cardiff. Is it not time that the Waungron Road Recycling depot was brought back into use?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I would refer you to the answer that I gave you on this issue at last month's Council meeting when you asked a question linked to my statement.</p>
W3	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>Has the council done an analysis to assess how many of the 9,000 Tidy Text customers they expect to switch over to the Cardiff Gov app?</p> <p>What steps are being put in place to help those who rely on this service but who can't switch to this app due to a lack of a smart phone?</p>

	<p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>There is no way of knowing how many users of the Tidy Text service will switch to the new Cardiff Gov mobile app, but we would expect the vast majority of users to make the switch as smart phone usage is a fast growing area of the market.</p> <p>Residents who do not have a smart phone can still sign up to email reminders or access information on household waste collections on the Council's website.</p>
W4	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>Several local authorities across Wales now send their nappies to be recycled. Is this something Cardiff Council will consider?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council has continued to monitor the hygiene recycling market for some years now. Unfortunately, the only recycling facility in Wales is located in Carmarthenshire so the high gate fee for processing the material, coupled with high transport costs, means that the cost per tonne is not a viable option for the Council. Markets are kept under review and, once the cost per tonne is at an affordable level, the material can be diverted to an appropriate recycling facility.</p>

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS
(COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)

W5	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>How many primary and secondary school children are currently not attending school due to waiting to transfer to an alternative school?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>In-Year Transfers for the 2018/19 academic year (received 1 July – 30 September 2018):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 835 in-year transfer applications were received. • 404 of these applications have been made an offer. • 52 families have withdrawn their applications. • 379 applications are being processed or have been refused.
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These in-year transfers occur because schools applied for by parents are full and, therefore, the Council has requested that they submit alternative preferences for schools that have places available and/or the applications received were made for schools that the Council does not administer (i.e. faith schools or in other Local Authorities).

Where transfer requests are without family relocation or within Cardiff, we strongly encourage families to work with their existing schools to avoid the disruption of transfer wherever possible. If the transfer is unavoidable, families are advised to continue to attend the current school whilst waiting for a new place.

Of the total received, 144 applications have not been made an offer and do not currently hold a school place at another Cardiff school.

Year 7 Transfers (September 2018)

Currently, 22 children who are due to make their primary to secondary transfer continue to be out of school. Of these, 14 have been allocated places and the Education Welfare Service is working with families to ensure that children start at new schools.

Currently, 8 children have not submitted applications or have been refused, and they have not submitted alternative preferences. We are continuing to make every attempt to contact these families, but either no response has been received or the contact numbers provided are void. The Education Welfare Service has scheduled visits to those families where contact numbers have become void since their application was submitted.

W6

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

How are we monitoring safeguarding and racial incidents in our schools and how many have been recorded in the last year, 5 years ago and 10 years ago?

Reply

Safeguarding (Child Protection) incidents are recorded by each individual school. In terms of the numbers recorded, this information is held by individual schools who would record details of any Safeguarding incidents and log the actions undertaken to address these concerns.

	<p>How these incidents are recorded is dependent on which system that individual school is utilising. Schools have previously used a 'Record of Concern' where any member of school staff (permanent, temporary or supply) would complete the form and share with the Designated Senior Person (DSP) for Child Protection at the school. It would be the decision of the DSP as to how this concern would progress, potentially resulting in a referral to Children's Services.</p> <p>The DSP would then record this concern on the Child Protection log for the individual pupil. This is stored in a locked filing cabinet, separate to the main pupil files, with any further information relating to Child Protection or Safeguarding concerns for this pupil.</p> <p>More recently, a number of schools have purchased an online safeguarding management system (My Concern), which is compatible with the Schools Information Management System (SIMS) used by all Cardiff schools.</p> <p>Racial incidents are also recorded by each individual school. How these incidents are recorded is dependent on which system an individual school is utilising. There is not currently a statutory duty on schools to submit this data to local authorities in Wales. However, schools do have a duty under the Equality Act 2010 to demonstrate due regard to the need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; • advance equality of opportunity; and • foster good relations. <p>In order to comply with this duty, schools would need to be aware of any issues concerning prejudice-related bullying and would need to take steps to address them. Council officers are able to advise and support schools in their compliance with this duty and work closely with Police School Liaison Officers to respond effectively to any hate-related incidents and ensure that victims are supported.</p>
W7	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>What role, if any, should schools be playing to help address the growing crisis of teenage girls resorting to self-harm?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council recognises the importance of promoting and supporting the emotional health and well-being of pupils in Cardiff.</p>

Every school has access to support and guidance from an educational psychologist and from specialist teacher services. More than 97% of schools obtain this support through Service Level Agreements with the Council, while a small number secure the services of independent providers.

The educational psychology service provides information leaflets about supporting pupils who self-harm, and can provide bespoke training and support on request. Educational psychology services across the Central South Consortium area are currently working together to develop and pilot a consistent regional tool for measuring well-being in education, although many schools are already using a range of measures for this purpose.

Through the Healthy Schools programme, schools are encouraged to have a method of assessing the well-being of their students so that they can then target individual support where necessary. Targeted support can include school-based counselling/Place2Be, Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSAs) and the school nurses, along with programmes to develop self-esteem, communication and well-being, such as Pyramid Clubs, Lego Build to Express and Talkabout groups.

In addition to individual support, schools are recommended to have a universal approach to promoting the emotional resilience of all children in school (e.g. SEAL – Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning).

Schools are also made aware of the relevant services to support the mental and emotional well-being of young people, which they are encouraged to share with pupils. These include:

- ‘Change, Grow, Live’ Emotional Wellbeing Service: <https://emotionalwellbeingservice.org.uk/>
- The bilingual MEIC helpline: <https://www.meiccymru.org/>
- Kooth online counselling: <https://kooth.com/>
- Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Cardiff Youth Council has also developed a really good website called MindHub (<http://www.mindhub.wales/>), which is meant to bring all the links to groups that provide help together in one place. This includes a specific section on self-harm.

The Council’s Healthy Schools team has been working with Samaritans to pilot their DEAL (Developing Emotional Awareness and Listening) resource in secondary schools. This online resource includes the themes of ‘Emotional Health’, ‘Coping Strategies’, ‘Dealing with Feelings’ and ‘Connecting with Others’. There are plans

	to roll out the programme to all secondary schools in Cardiff during this academic year.
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HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES
(COUNCILLOR LYNDA THORNE)

W8

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

Given the increasing demand for accessible and adaptable properties, do we have sufficient properties to meet current need and plans to meet future needs?

Reply

As of 1st October 2018, there were 965 applicants on the housing waiting list who required accessible or adapted accommodation, which represents 12% of those on the waiting list. Applicants with a disability in unsuitable accommodation will be given a high priority on the waiting list.

In the first six months of this year, 146 properties were let to these applicants, which was 19% of all lets. The majority of these lets were to applicants who require easily accessible accommodation.

The Council and Registered Social Landlord (RSL) partners all try to let any accessible or adapted property to an applicant that needs one and landlords work pro-actively to identify general needs properties with the potential for adaptations in order to address these pressures, where possible. Unfortunately, the pressure on social housing is such that it is not currently possible to fully meet the need of any client group.

The Council's new build council housing programme prioritises the development of more accessible properties that reduce the requirement for future adaptations. The intention is to build homes for life which are flexible and enable residents to live independently and can be adapted around a person's changing needs.

New properties are built to the Welsh Government's Development Quality Requirements (DQR), Lifetime homes and RNIB 'housing sight' standards as a minimum. We have chosen to build houses and ground floor flats with a larger floor area to be more accessible with increased circulation space, increased storage space and level access to the front door and back. Our ground floor flats incorporate level access shower rooms and provision for future installation of automated

	<p>door openers. They also incorporate shower rooms on the ground floor, as well as provision for future installation of a through floor lift or stair lift.</p> <p>In addition, we have implemented a programme of building new older person schemes to a 'care-ready' standard, promoting accessibility and reducing the need for future adaptations, and have also implemented a refurbishment programme of our existing sheltered housing schemes to a similar standard.</p>
W9	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>How many long term empty properties have been brought into use in the last 12 months?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Since June 2017, Shared Regulatory Services have taken concrete steps to address the ongoing blight and concern that empty properties can cause by dedicating resources to specifically tackle this issue. The additional resources have allowed us to not only respond reactively to complaints about empty properties, but also to proactively target empty property owners with advice and support for bringing these properties back into beneficial occupation.</p> <p>Despite the various complex reasons for properties being left empty, this two pronged approach has resulted in 80 long term empty properties being brought back into use during the 12 month period from October 2017 to October 2018, and we are pleased to confirm that the team is on track with targets for this year. Whilst we work informally and sensitively with owners to assist in bringing these properties back into beneficial use wherever possible, we will utilise enforcement powers where necessary and appropriate, as with the two Compulsory Purchase Orders that are currently being processed.</p>
W10	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>How many people are on Cardiff's housing list?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>As of 1st October 2018, there were 7,891 households on the common social housing waiting list. This is down from 12,000 in 2014, largely due to improved management of the waiting list and better provision of advice to applicants.</p>

W11

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY

How many people have been removed annually from Cardiff's housing list in the last 5 years?

Reply

The table below shows the number of applicants removed from the housing waiting list over the past 5 years:

Year	Applicants housed	Application withdrawn	Total removed from waiting list
01/10/2013 - 30/09/2014	1725	4035	5760
01/10/2014 - 30/09/2015	1413	4044	5457
01/10/2015 - 30/09/2016	1724	6728	8452
01/10/2016 - 30/09/2017	1530	2591	4121
01/10/2017 - 30/09/2018	1488	3185	4673

Applications are withdrawn at the request of the applicant; following two reasonable offers of accommodation or, more frequently, when the applicant does not return the annual screening form that is issued to them.

Applicants are written to annually or on a rolling basis to check that information held on the housing waiting list is accurate and up-to-date. To remain on the waiting list, applicants are asked to return their screening forms within 14 days. If there is no response within this time, reminder letters are sent out giving a further 14 days for return. If no response is received within the 28 day period, applicants are withdrawn from the waiting list.

W12

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

Some Mynachdy residents appear to believe that their properties are due for external maintenance works, notably roofing works. Can the council confirm whether council tenants in the Gabalfa area are due maintenance works to their properties, the nature of those works and timescales?

	<p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>There are no immediate plans to renew roofs in Mynachdy as these were previously replaced in the early 1990s and should therefore still be in good condition. However, I can confirm that all council houses in this area are due to be painted in 2019, which will improve their appearance considerably. Any potential roofing works will be identified as these properties are surveyed for painting and rectified should the need arise.</p>
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INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
(COUNCILLOR RUSSELL GOODWAY)

W13	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>Can the council confirm if the agreement of any new lease of a community asset, such as the Mynachdy Institute, to a community group requires cabinet approval?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I can confirm that Cabinet approval is required for the establishment or closure of any facility from which direct services to the public will be provided (e.g. libraries, leisure centres, day centres), except any temporary closure for maintenance or refurbishment or in the case of an emergency.</p> <p>The Council does not intend to deliver services directly to service users from this centre.</p>
W14	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>How many leases have been issued by Cardiff Council for £1 a year since the year 2000?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>125 peppercorn leases have been granted since 2000.</p>

LEADER (COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS)

W15	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH PARRY</u></p> <p>Many people in Cardiff are concerned that inadequate testing has been carried out on the 300,000 tonnes of mud being dumped just off Cardiff Bay from the nuclear power station site in Somerset. This mud potentially poses a serious threat to residents of south Cardiff. Can the Leader of the Council not urge the Welsh Government to ensure that further tests are undertaken or investigate what tests could be undertaken by the Council or the Port Health Authority?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council recognises the public concerns which have been raised in relation to this issue and notes the motion that was agreed by the National Assembly for Wales on 10th October 2018, which did not support any further testing and called on the Welsh Government to instruct Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to carry out further public engagement to explain the process and evidence to reassure the public.</p> <p>I want to reiterate that the responsibility for this matter rests with NRW and not the Council. NRW made its marine licence determination based on expert advice from the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS) and in accordance with the International Atomic Energy Agency procedures for radiological assessments. All tests and assessments concluded that the sediment to be disposed of is within safe limits, poses no radiological risk to human health or the environment, and is safe and suitable to be disposed of at sea.</p>
W16	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>Will Cardiff Council commit to continue flying the European Union Flag outside City Hall if the UK exits the European Union, to recognise our status as an outward looking European capital city and reflect the pro-remain majority in Cardiff?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Cardiff Council is committed to working with its local, national and European partners to ensure that, regardless of the final Brexit ‘deal or no deal’, the outcome of the final negotiations are understood and addressed both promptly and robustly in the interest of our residents,</p>

	<p>businesses and future economic prosperity. Cardiff is proud of its cultural and business links with our European neighbours and we remain committed to sustaining and developing those strong bonds.</p> <p>We are advised by the Welsh Government that any future protocol in respect of the European Union Flag will be subject to advice from the UK Government following the final Brexit agreement. The Council will make any related decision at that time, but this is not a matter that is currently at the top of our priority list in terms of the potential consequences of Brexit on Cardiff.</p>
W17	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>What discussions has the council had with the Director of Public Health for Cardiff, as well as with representatives of the Welsh Government, regarding the possibility of imposing a ban on junk food advertising on all council-controlled advertising sites including bus shelters, and have you indicated a willingness to impose such a ban?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Director of Public Health leads on matters relating to obesity, including any related discussions with the Welsh Government, on behalf of the Cardiff Public Services Board.</p> <p>I haven't personally discussed any proposals for such a ban with her, but I'm sure that this would be just one of a number of ideas and options that will be discussed when developing Cardiff's own commitments towards delivering the Welsh Government's forthcoming strategy on preventing obesity and encouraging people to enjoy active and healthy lives.</p> <p>As my Cabinet colleague, Councillor Wild, confirmed previously in response to a Written Question from you last month, the Council has been working closely with the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to develop a robust evidence base to support any future policy proposals.</p>
W18	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>What written representations were made by the Council Leader in relation to Hinkley's nuclear mud?</p>

Reply

I wrote initially to the Leaders of Newport, Monmouthshire and Vale of Glamorgan Councils on 3rd October 2017 to propose a meeting between us and the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs on this matter.

Since that time, as was made clear last month in the answer provided to a Written Question from Councillor Boyle, I have met personally with the Welsh Government Minister for Environment and representatives from both Natural Resources Wales and EDF to discuss this matter and to seek assurances about the process, including the sufficiency of the testing of the sediment at Hinkley Point.

SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
(COUNCILLOR SUSAN ELSMORE)

W19

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

What impact will Brexit have on our social care workforce?

How many and what percentage of the workforce are EU nationals and will be affected by Brexit?

Reply

Until the final deal on Brexit is negotiated and communicated, there is no clear or firm position on what the potential implications for the workforce will be, whether this is within social care specifically or any other part of the Council. However, the health and social care sector is recognised as being one of the sectors of the UK economy that is most vulnerable to changes in migration patterns.

The numbers of EU nationals in the Council's social care workforce is still to be established; however, if it were reflective of the sector wide data, then estimates suggest that this could affect around one in ten of the adult social care workforce's participation in the labour market.

The Council continues to monitor developments, including the EU Settlement Scheme, which EU citizens will have to apply for if they wish to stay in the UK beyond 31st December 2020, and a number of initiatives will be put in place in order to communicate relevant information to those employees who may be affected.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

Recent BBC report indicated that loneliness is more likely to affect young people. Where are we regarding working with cross generational communities and supporting schools, colleges and universities along with local groups and facilities to tackle loneliness?

Reply

The Council's Independent Living Service (ILS) works with adults and provides advice and information both over the telephone and through a home visiting service. They engage in a 'Better Outcomes' conversation, which assists in identifying individuals who are lonely and wish to engage with services and reconnect to their communities.

The Day Opportunities team supports individuals who are socially isolated or who have a sensory or physical disability and who wish to reconnect with their communities. The team will work with individuals to understand what it means to them to feel like a valued member of their local community, whether that is through social interaction at a local lunch club, becoming healthier and attending walking football, volunteering, or just being able to feel confident to visit the local shop.

A vital member of this team is the Community Co-ordinator. Whilst we will identify solutions to help resolve feelings of isolation, we believe that the community should also feel a sense of responsibility to ensure that the person has the opportunities available to them to feel valued in their social role. The Community Co-ordinator will therefore work with older people and community groups to find a solution to a gap in service provision or missing resource within a local area.

Through work with the older residents of Cardiff, the team has recognised the importance of bringing younger and older generations together, helping to strengthen community bonds. As a result, the team has worked in partnership with other organisations and facilitated intergenerational literacy projects. This involved children from four local primary schools and a group of older people who had engaged with the Day Opportunities team being invited to attend an event at Cardiff City Stadium to share their memories of Cardiff City Football Club, the city of Cardiff more widely, and their own sporting backgrounds and memories.

These events were extremely positive and, as a result, an intergenerational walking football event was organised last month in conjunction with another local primary school. The event took place at Channel View Leisure Centre and was a great success. Since this

	<p>event, the team has received enquiries about developing further intergenerational relationships and intends to organise another event in the future, as well as assisting in further developing the relationships that have already been created.</p>
W21	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>Has the council been in discussions with Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board about plans for a new GP surgery in Gabalfa?</p> <p>Can the details of those discussions be shared or discussions instigated if not?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>We are not in any discussions with Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board (UHB) about a new GP surgery in Gabalfa. However, we do have excellent joint working arrangements with the UHB to ensure a partnership approach to asset management across the city and therefore, should the UHB wish to raise the matter with us, then the route to do so is well established.</p>

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
(COUNCILLOR CARO WILD)

W22	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH PARRY</u></p> <p>When will blanket 20 mile per hour speed limits be introduced to Fairwater and Pentrebanne?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>20mph areas can bring a variety of benefits, including improving the liveability of our streets by reducing car use for local trips; improving safety by making it easier to cross the road and access local facilities; and improving the environment by encouraging more walking and cycling for local trips.</p> <p>The Council is currently implementing a programme to roll out 20mph speed restrictions in residential areas south of the A48 and schemes will be delivered incrementally from the city centre outwards, ensuring that new areas where schemes are implemented are adjacent to areas that already have the 20mph limits in place. This will make it easy for</p>
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drivers to observe the new limits and provide continuity for people choosing to cycle in the city.

Schemes have already been delivered in Canton, Riverside, and Gabalfa, and implementations in Adamsdown, Plasnewydd, Splott and Grangetown are being prepared for delivery this year, with areas in Butetown to follow in due course. The Council hopes that the remaining areas of Canton and Penylan will be completed by 2021/22 subject to funding.

Following completion in the areas south of the A48, the Council will then consider the best approach for areas in other parts of the city, including Fairwater and Pentrebane, and is complimentary to the Council's Safe Routes in Communities programme. The Council is liaising with South Wales Police to ensure they are fully briefed on the scheme moving forwards and consultation will take place with Local Councillors and through the Traffic Regulation Orders as each new area is implemented.

I recently attended the '20's Plenty' conference in Cardiff on Tuesday 2nd October and joined the call for the Welsh Government to introduce national guidelines on 20mph areas, which would be far more cost-effective for us in implementing a city-wide rollout.

W23

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD

Residents of Llantarnam Road and adjoining streets have longstanding concerns regarding traffic speeds, with accidents and many near misses in recent years. The introduction of 20 mph zones have had little effect as they are ignored by those drivers intent of exceeding safe speeds. When will the council deal with this issue?

Reply

As you will be aware, the Gabalfa 20mph limit scheme was completed in spring 2018 and a commitment was made to undertake monitoring at an appropriate point following completion.

A review of the accident statistics for the whole of Gabalfa from 2012 to 2017 shows a total of 1 serious and 15 slight accidents. There was one slight incident recorded on Llantarnam Road during this time.

However, recognising your residents' concerns about vehicle speeds, I have now requested that officers undertake early post implementation monitoring of speeds in this street. Subject to the results of this monitoring, it may be that the installation of physical

	<p>speed reduction measures may be considered appropriate, subject to funding.</p> <p>I should emphasise that enforcement of traffic speeds can only be undertaken by the Police and that concerns about excessive speed should be reported directly to them.</p>
W24	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>Clodien Avenue, a residential road, has suffered from rat-running and speeding for many years. Can the council confirm the status of a proposed scheme to tackle these issues and the timetable for consultation and potential implementation?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>As you are aware, a 20mph speed limit was installed in the area in spring 2018 and we anticipate that speeds in Clodien Avenue will gradually reduce as a result. We have also commissioned monitoring of speeds on Clodien Avenue.</p> <p>I am pleased to advise that a scheme is being developed which will be using funding from a Section 106 agreement relation to a nearby development. The scheme aims to create an improved environment within the area and will include tree planting and/or planters, subject to available finance and the related consultation process. The scheme will also include speed ramps that will be designed to self-enforce the recent change to a 20mph speed limit.</p> <p>It is hoped that, following the consultation process and detailed design work, the works will start on site before summer 2019. The improvements will be at the Clodien Avenue / Summerfield Avenue junction and, if there is sufficient funding, may also include the Clodien Avenue / Soberton Avenue junction.</p>
W25	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>Subsequent to the update I received in response to a written question in June, can you advise what, if any, further progress has been made towards piloting the installation of charging points for electric vehicles within existing street lights?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I am pleased to advise you that our bid to the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) Residential Charge Point Scheme has been</p>

successful and grant finding has been awarded for the installation of a number of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points across the city, including in Canton, Riverside and Penylan.

The equipment will be a combination of technologies, including lamp post based units (subject to suitable columns being available) and standalone units typically delivering slow charge facilities suitable for residential/longer stay use.

Work is currently underway to complete the necessary assessment of the proposed locations, most of which are located on street adjacent to residential areas. A number of units will be located in car parks that are available on a 24/7 basis and which are adjacent to residential areas. A Traffic Regulation Order consultation process will be undertaken to ensure that there is regular turnover in the use of the bays, thereby maximising their availability to EV users.

A procurement exercise is currently underway and the equipment will be installed and operational by the end of the financial year to comply with the requirements of the grant award. In due course, it is hoped that further bids can be made to OLEV for funding to extend the charging network to other areas of the city.

W26

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

In answer to a question I tabled in March, I was advised that the council would consider adding the northern section of Brandreth Road and Birchwood Road to the regular gritting route given that only the southern section of Brandreth Road has previously been routinely gritted. Can you advise if any progress has been made regarding this request?

Reply

Having considered the request to add the northern section of Brandreth Road and Birchwood Road to the preventative gritting schedule, I can confirm that it has not been possible to accommodate these routes at this time.

Currently, Brandreth Road is treated between its junctions with Port Road and Ty Gwyn Road primarily because it forms part of the link between Lake Road East and Ty Gwyn Road and, therefore, this section of Brandreth Road is treated as the vehicle passes through. This also enables the carriageway to the front of the shopping precinct to be treated.

	<p>It is not possible to treat all residential roads. Our salting routes focus on the strategic network and are designed to be efficient, whilst also reducing the distances that residents are required to travel to enter the treated road network.</p> <p>Although it has not been possible to include these additional routes within the gritting schedule, a number of grit bins are provided by the Council across the area in question. The bins are strategically located to assist local residents in treating any public road themselves if needed. The positioning of the grit bins can be changed if they are no longer considered to be in the most suitable locations.</p>
W27	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>At the last council meeting you advised that proposals to manage the location of fast food takeaways near schools within the Deposit Local Development Plan were not considered sound by the Planning Inspectors who conducted the Independent Examination of the Plan, and that they were subsequently deleted from it. In the light of this, will the council make representations to the Welsh Government of the need to change planning policy in Wales so that it might then be possible for the council to consider adopting local supplementary planning guidance for hot food take-aways which could require consideration to be undertaken of where children congregate, the numbers of hot food takeaways already in existence and the existence of high levels of obesity?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>As I confirmed last month, the Council has been working closely with the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to develop a robust evidence base, which has included looking at the density of hot food takeaways across the city, obesity levels and best practice in England.</p> <p>I can confirm that the findings of this work have been shared with the Welsh Government and dialogue is ongoing about the most appropriate way to take this matter forward, including any future policy interventions in this respect. However, the content of national planning policy in Wales is ultimately a matter for the Welsh Government to determine.</p>
W28	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>The development work currently being undertaken at Churchlands is causing a huge level of disturbance in terms of traffic, noise, fumes</p>

and dust around the area. What is being done to assure and compensate the residents who are currently living in the area?

Reply

Condition 9 attached to the Churchlands planning permission required the developer to submit a Construction and Environmental Management Plan for approval by the Local Planning Authority before works commenced. This document was approved in June 2018 and includes details of construction traffic management, dust management, core working hours and noise mitigation as well as contact details for site managers. The document is available to view on the Council's website. If residents consider they are suffering disturbance, then it is a matter for them to take professional advice in relation to the developer and its contractors.

W29

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY

Can the relevant cabinet member provide an update on the Street Play pilot, in terms of how many streets have applied to close roads on a monthly basis to enable children to play safely in the street, and what is the breakdown by ward?

Reply

The Street Play pilot in Cardiff has been developed as part of our UNICEF Child Friendly City programme and aims to streamline the road closure application process to enable residents to apply to close their street for a set period over a number of months so that children can play safely in their street.

Residents are required to consult with neighbours to ensure that the majority of residents are in favour of the initiative before applying to close their road for a set period of time each month. Several road closures can be applied for in one application, but road closures can only take place on minor roads or side streets to ensure limited impact on traffic flows. Street closures have to be staffed by local adult volunteers and approved street management cones and signs are provided.

The pilot programme has been developed and managed by the Cardiff Street Play Task Group, which includes representatives from Public Health, Play Wales and Council services such as Transport Policy, Education, Play Service and Housing & Communities. It started last month and will run until February 2019 in a limited number of streets in the city in order to ensure that the process is managed appropriately

along with community expectations. See below dates and times of all the pilot sessions:

Burlington Terrace, Canton (every third Sunday of the month)

- Sunday 16th September 2018 (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Sunday 21st October 2018 (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Sunday 18th November 2018 (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Sunday 16th December 2018 (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Sunday 20th January 2019 (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Sunday 17th February 2019 (2:00pm-4:00pm)

Barrington Road, Whitchurch (every third Sunday of the month)

- Sunday 16th September 2018 (2:30pm-4:30pm)
- Sunday 21st October 2018 (2:30pm-4:30pm)
- Sunday 18th November 2018 (2:30pm-4:30pm)
- Sunday 16th December 2018 (2:30pm-4:30pm)
- Sunday 20th January 2019 (2:30pm-4:30pm)
- Sunday 17th February 2019 (2:30pm-4:30pm)

Chamberlain Road, Llandaff North (every third Sunday of the month)

- Sunday 21st October 2018 (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Sunday 18th November 2018 (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Sunday 16th December 2018 (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Sunday 20th January 2019 (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Sunday 17th February 2019 (2:00pm-4:00pm)

Roath Court Road, Plasnewydd (every third Sunday of the month)

- Sunday 16th September 2018 (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Sunday 21st October 2018 (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Sunday 18th November 2018 (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Sunday 16th December 2018 (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Sunday 20th January 2019 (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Sunday 17th February 2019 (2:00pm-4:00pm)

Madoc Road, Splott (every third Wednesday of the month)

- Wednesday 19th September 2018 (3.30pm-5:00pm)
- Wednesday 17th October 2018 (3.30pm-5:00pm)
- Wednesday 21st November 2018 (3.30pm-5:00pm)
- Wednesday 19th December 2018 (3.30pm-5:00pm)
- Wednesday 16th January 2019 (3.30pm-5:00pm)
- Wednesday 20th February 2019 (3.30pm-5:00pm)

	<p>Residents in all streets involved in the pilot have received a letter and an opportunity to meet the local activator to share their views or become involved in supporting the activity. Residents can gain access to their premises during the two hour session, but ideally vehicular access is extremely limited and marshalled appropriately when required.</p> <p>The pilot programme will include a mid-point review to resolve any issues. Spot checks will also be carried out to ensure that the street closures are meeting requirements and to speak with the residents and children involved. A report on the outcome of the Street Play pilot, including recommendations, is expected to be provided to Cabinet Members in March 2019.</p>
W30	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>Resident regularly raise concerns about cyclists on pavements, including along North Road. What infrastructure investment is planned for the Gabalfa ward?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council's approved Integrated Network Map sets out a prioritised programme of schemes to improve walking and cycling routes across the city. Improvements in Gabalfa ward highlighted in the Integrated Network Map include the provision of segregated cycling facilities on Allensbank Road. Work is also being undertaken to design improvements for the existing off road route between the North Road car park and Excelsior Road, which will complement the recent improvements to the cycle route through the North Road car park. These schemes are, of course, subject to full consultation and Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) processes, as well as being dependent upon funding.</p>
W31	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>Residents are concerned about safety issues in Gabalfa, especially in rear lanes. Will the council consider installing street lighting in the lanes to the rear of Whitchurch Road where many entrances to flats are located?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Council policy is generally not to light back lanes unless the lane provides primary means of access to dwellings. Clearly, there are many exceptions to this, but these will be situations where sporadic</p>

	<p>lighting has been in place for some considerable time and continues to be maintained for historic reasons.</p> <p>For any new lighting to be considered or any existing lighting extended, then the lane has to form part of the adopted highway. Due to the narrow nature of some lanes, it may not be possible to install columns without creating an obstruction within the lane.</p> <p>If a lane is adopted, we can place the request on our list of outstanding requests for when necessary funding becomes available. However, it is not possible to offer a timescale for carrying out the work should it be deemed necessary.</p> <p>Where the lane is subject to planning permission for a new development, with lighting being a condition of planning consent, then the lighting needs to be designed and installed to the relevant British Standard and will be funded by the developer.</p>
W32	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>Can the council confirm whether Flaxland Avenue is scheduled for repairs in the next capital programme, owing to the poor state of the pavements?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The footway on Flaxland Avenue is part Pennant Stone paving and part tarmac construction. The Pennant Stone section is in good condition; however, the tarmac section is starting to deteriorate. As a result, it will be considered for inclusion in the 2018-19 Footway Microseal programme that will commence in February 2019.</p>