

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 28 March 2019 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 22 March 2019.

Present: County Councillor Dianne Rees (Lord Mayor).

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

140 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Congreve, Davies, Goddard, Gavin and Philippa Hill-John and Morgan.

141 : WELCOME

The Lord Mayor welcomed back Councillor Jennifer Burke-Davies on her return from maternity leave.

The Lord Mayor welcomed Christopher Lee, Corporate Director Resources and Section 151 Officer who was attending his first meeting of Council since taking up his post earlier in March.

A warm welcomed was also extended to pupils from the School Council at Coed Glas Primary School who were on an educational visit arranged by Councillor Bale.

142 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct: -

Councillor	Item	Interest
Councillor Bowen-Thomson	Item 9: Pay Policy Statement 2019-2020	Personal and prejudicial interest as partner is an employee of the Council.
Councillor Carter	Item 15: Motion 2	Personal Interest as an employee of a Charity campaigning on air pollution.

Councillor	Item	Interest
Councillor McGarry	Item 21: – Urgent Decision- St Peters RC Primary School	Personal Interest as a Local Authority School Governor at St Peters RC Primary School.
Councillor Taylor	Item 15: Motion 2	Personal - Employee of a Charity campaigning on air pollution
Councillor Williams	Item 9: Pay Policy Statement 2019-2020	Personal Interest as Parent are in employment of the Local Authority.

Senior Officers affected by Item 9 the Pay Policy Statement 2019/20 have a pecuniary interest and will leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

143 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Lord Mayor welcomed the two Public Questioners to the meeting of Council.

Public Question 1 – *Ms Bronwen Davies*

Lleisiau Merched Cymru / Women’s Voices Wales are concerned that girls are avoiding using mixed sex toilets, to the detriment of their health, well-being and education.

Does Cardiff Council know how many schools in Cardiff do not meet the statutory requirement for separate male and female toilets?

Reply – *Councillor Merry*

There are no mixed sex toilets in Cardiff Schools with the exception of some accessible toilets in early year’s settings - nursery and reception classes -where children are supported to develop independent toileting.

New schools are built with open to the corridor style hand-washing areas as per current industry and best practice guidelines. These open plan areas are separated into defined male and female areas with signage as appropriate. The male and female areas are clearly segregated by the peninsula wash hand basin units. Sanitary bins are provided to female toilets in accordance with the assigned layout as described. All toilet cubicles are intended for use by one pupil as secured from the inside and a full height sides and doors from floor to ceiling.

Supplementary Question– *Bronwen Davies*

I think we might have some difference of opinion on what mixed sex toilets mean because of the situation you describe,

I am relieved to hear that there are no mixed-sex toilets in existing older schools, but if new schools are being built with opened corridor style hand-washing areas, I believe it is correct to say that those do not meet the statutory requirements.

In that case, I would like to know if there has been any evaluation in Cardiff Schools, in particular the new schools that have these toilet arrangements, into the impact of that change on the girls in the school, how that has affected female pupils?

Reply – Councillor Merry

We are always keen to engage with pupils and get their views about the facilities we provide and what I would say in terms of the toilet facilities they are. As I said these are best practice guidelines, but that does not mean that, we stop there in terms of consultation.

We recently did a survey as part of our *Period Dignity* work, and the biggest issue that girls raised was problems about privacy within the toilets and around locks on cubicles that could be opened from outside, or cubicles that were not enclosed from top to bottom, because there have been issues where even in a single sex toilet cubicle there is obviously still scope for bullying or victimisation, and that has been the drive behind the open facilities

I am happy to meet with Women's Voices Wales to listen to their concerns but any changes that we make to toilet facilities is always going to be an issue about engaging with pupils to actually get their views about how they feel about the facilities.

Public Question 2 – Lyndsey Halliday

Will Cardiff Council ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches lead to the reduction of carbon emissions to net zero by 2030 and reduce consumption levels?

Reply – Councillor Michael

The Council has been taking action for some time to manage and reduce energy consumption and associated carbon emissions from our estate. The latest carbon reduction commitment return showed that, emissions for 2017- 2018 sit at 30,900 tonnes of CO₂, a significant reduction compared to 51,000 tonnes in 2013-14.

We have also been working on a series of projects to increase local renewable energy generation and currently we have almost 2 megawatts of renewable energy generation capacity installed in the form of roof-mounted solar panels and Radyr Weir hydroelectric scheme.

Plans for a solar farm at Lamby Way are in progress and will add a further 8.5 megawatts to the generation capacity of this total.

A low-emission fuel strategy has also been approved by Cabinet will start to tackle both the carbon emissions and other pollution resulting from our fleet activity over the next two financial years.

You will probably be aware that the Welsh Government has recently published its low carbon delivery plan, which includes an ambition for all Public Sector organisations in Wales to be Carbon Neutral by 2030.

In response to this, the Council plans to start preparations for a Carbon Neutral Strategy in the forthcoming financial year. This will include a detailed audit of our current overall carbon position, quantifying the gap between this and a carbon neutral position. The Cabinet will then consider a range of strategic options for achieving this.

Supplementary Question– *Lyndsey Halliday*

Firstly, I would like to say how exciting it is to hear that the National Labour Party have declared their support for a National Climate Emergency declaration.

What pressure will Cardiff Council put on the Welsh Assembly and UK Parliament to declare a climate emergency to support Cardiff and other cities in rapid decarbonisation?

Reply –Councillor Michael

I am not sure what kind of pressure we can put on them to declare an emergency. It is a matter for them. However, we are working very closely with Welsh Government in light of the developments at last Thursday's launch of the Low Carbon Strategy that brings together a lot of the policies with the aim of actually doing something about this and we are fully committed to working with them on that.

144 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were received:

Councillor	No of signatures	Request
Councillor Patel	247	Petitioning the Council to review and reduce the extent of the recently imposed double yellow lines in side streets in Canton.
Councillor Stubbs	88	Petitioning the Council to urgently improve the conditions at the Early Years Unit at Moorland Primary School.
Councillor Molik	90	Calling on the Council and Cardiff Bus to ensure that the Bus Service at Lake Road West & Celyn Avenue is maintained

Councillor	No of signatures	Request
Councillor Simmons	30	Raising concerns on the rotation and consistency of the rota for the Wardens within Sheltered Accommodation at Sandown Court complex.
Councillor Ford	419	Calling on the Council and Cardiff Bus to maintain some level of service in Fairwater on the routes – 64, 65 and 66
Councillor Driscoll	135	Calling on the Council to resolve the issue of the closed right of way between Insole Estate and Llandaff village by providing suitable alternative access for residents between the two areas.

A petition was submitted by Councillor Wood of 75 signatures requesting the Council to introduce anti-idling zones outside schools. In order to progress this petition Democratic Services are awaiting receipt of the petition in the correct format.

145 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Details of the [Lord Mayors Duties and Events](#) had been published.

The Lord Mayor was delighted to welcome his Royal Highness Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge to Cardiff for the final game of the Six Nations - Wales against Ireland. It was a wonderful day and a marvellous achievement for the team winning a fourth Grand Slam. The Council congratulates Warren Gatland and the Wales Rugby team on their remarkable success.

The Lord Mayor reported that the Lord Mayor's Charity, Tiny Lives, Noah's Ark Appeal had so far fundraised nearly £114,000. The Lord Mayor drew Members attention to forthcoming Charity Events. The fundraising would culminated in a Gala Dinner on Friday 17 May 2019 at the City Hall and the guest of honour will be the Parton of Noah's Ark Dame Shirley Bassey.

The Lord Mayor was delighted to announce that a Special Meeting of the Council would be held on Friday 17 May to bestow the Freedom of the City to Dame Shirley Bassey as agreed by Council back in February 2012.

146 : LORD MAYOR AND DEPUTY LORD MAYOR ELECT 2019 - 2020

The Council received nominations for the positions of Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor for the 2019 - 2020 Civic year.

Councillor Huw Thomas proposed the nomination of Councillor Daniel De'Ath as Lord Mayor elect. Councillor Joe Boyle seconded the proposal.

Councillor Robson proposed the nomination of Councillor Jacqueline Parry as Deputy Lord Mayor elect. Councillor Keith Parry seconded the proposal.

There were no other nominations

RESOLVED – That the nomination of

1. Councillor Daniel De’Ath as Lord Mayor Elect for the Civic year 2019 - 2020 was approved;
2. Councillor Jacqueline Parry as Deputy Lord Mayor Elect for the Civic year 2019 - 2020 was approved.

147 : DRAFT ECONOMIC STRATEGY

The Cabinet Member, Investment and Development, Councillor Goodway introduced the Draft Economic Strategy that had been developed following the Green Paper consultation. The Strategy was deliberately being brought to Council in its draft form to allow all Elected Members to have an input prior to the strategy being considered by the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee and before approval of the final document by Cabinet.

In presenting the draft Strategy, the Cabinet Member advised that the proposals represented the administrations ambitions for the future of Cardiff and how they would be achieved. The Council had a responsibility to provide leadership and direction; engage and work with partners, including stakeholders, the UK Government, Welsh Government and Local Authorities across the Capital Region and private sector business to deliver the outcomes; and engage with communities.

As a Capital City, Cardiff is the economic dynamo that needs to be dynamic and change to keep growth and employment to benefit those that live in the city and its region. Productivity in Cardiff lags behind the UK average and Cardiff has more people living in economic deprivation than any other Local Authority city in Wales, but it is the largest city.

The economic strategy is designed to tackle all of these principles and link into other strategies such as the spatial strategy; the industrial strategy; and our strategy to encourage and nurture investors.

The strategy identifies key opportunities in areas of the city including City Centre and bay for commercial office base industries; distribution and green technologies to east of the city; developing education establishments; creative and digital industries and life sciences.

The Cabinet Member advised that comments made during the debate would be captured and considered to ensure the final strategy makes sure that Cardiff does for Wales what other capital cities around the world have achieved for their countries.

The Lord Mayor invited contributions from across the chamber during which the following matters were raised: -

- The lack of time frames and clear deliverables so that outcomes actions can be monitored and measured;
- The lack of integration within the strategy with the Local Development Plan and a Transport Strategy, and no consideration of the principles of a one Council approach.
- There is no reference to how Cardiff will take advantage of the removal of the Prince of Wales bridge tolls; and how it is going to work with partners to:
 - i Secure changes to the business rates collection and allocation by the Welsh Government.
 - ii Push for progress on a solution for the M4 Relief Road.
 - iii See progress on the delivery of Cardiff Bus Station.
 - iv Consider the effect of Brexit on our economy.
- Lack of opportunities and engagement with ethnic minority Groups
- Reducing inequality and tackling poverty
- Lack of connections in the Strategy to Cardiff Universities and outcomes to underpin skills and specific skills development.
- Reducing NEETs (young people Not in Education, Employment and Training) and improving Job Opportunities for Young People in Care
- Developing Skills – by schools and colleges working in partnership with Cardiff universities and businesses
- Infrastructure to allow citizens to access transport or more about the city by foot and bike.
- Address the need to refresh St Mary's Street and the 24-hour economy of the city.
- Were young people and schools involved in the consultation.

During the debate, Councillor Robson proposed a Motion without Notice to refer the Draft Economic Strategy back to Cabinet in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 25(a). Councillor Jenkins seconded the motion.

The Lord Mayor explained that the reference back was to an appropriate Committee or body under Rule 21 Green Papers, and in this instance the Cabinet was the appropriate body and decision maker. There was no requirement for a vote, as Draft Economic Strategy was to be considered by Cabinet in April.

The Cabinet Member was disappointed with the lack of constructive contributions from Elected Members to shape and influence the policy direction of the Council. He expressed the importance of working with private sector to generate investment so that public monies can be used for Council services. There were organisations who were expressing interests in Cardiff. The Strategy was just one component of the economic development in Cardiff.

148 : SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

The Cabinet Member, Strategic Planning & Transport proposed the Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) for Flat Conversions and for Student Accommodation that
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had been due to be considered at Council on 31 January for approval by Council. Both SPG's had been subject to a six week consultation process.

The final draft Flat Conversion SPG sets out new planning policy in terms of the development of flats that are converted from other uses, and has taken into consideration principles submitted as part of the consultation process to ensure that developments are of a suitable design and space standards and align with wider planning aspirations, such as sustainable transport and parking standards and waste collection and storage facilities. It also clarifies Planning Obligations concerning triggers for affordable housing and other commitments.

The Student Accommodation SPG outlines the authority's planning guidance in terms of purpose built student accommodation. It does not apply to Houses of Multiple Occupation or students living in private accommodation or parent's homes.

The Planning Authority recognises the key cultural and economic role that universities and students play in the city and the consequential need for accommodation for students. It also recognises that poorly located and poorly designed developments can have potential negative impacts upon local neighbourhoods. The SPG's focus therefore is on ensuring that student accommodation is of a high quality and delivered in appropriate and sustainable locations.

The main concerns raised as part of the consultation process was related to the design of, and demand for, student accommodation, and concerns about future changes of use to non-student uses. This is not something that the SPG can consider, other than clarifying the standards and requirements for student accommodation and emphasising that any changes would require planning permission in the future.

The Chair of Planning, Councillor Keith Jones seconded the proposals and commended the work of Planning Officers in developing the SPG's which supported Planning Policy and gave the Committee the tools to ensure that development meet design standards; sustainability criteria and are acceptable addition to Cardiff's built environment.

The Lord Mayor invited debate and a number of matters were raised in relation to Flat Conversions; HMO's design guidance; Space standards particularly for flat conversions housing families; sustainability and accessibility to public transport infrastructure; safer environments and amenity space. The Cabinet Member respond to matters raised and welcomed the support of Councillors to the two new SPG's

RESOLVED – That the Council approved the Supplementary Planning Guidance on:

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- Flat Conversions
- Student Accommodation

as proposed.

149 : PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2019 - 2020

(Councillor Bowen-Thomson having declared a personal and prejudicial interest left the meeting during consideration of this item.

Senior Managers present affected by this item declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting during consideration of this item).

The Cabinet Member, Finance, Modernisation and Performance, Councillor Weaver presented the Annual Pay Policy Statement for 2019 - 2020 prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and to be published by 31 March 2019. The Council in line with its commitment to fairness and transparency is required to publish the gender pay gap report as part of the annual Pay Policy Statement.

The Cabinet Member reported that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (the NJC) pay agreement for 2018/20 following local negotiations with Trade Unions was introducing the new pay spine on 1st April 2019. The Cabinet Member reiterated that the Council was committed to the challenge of reducing the gender pay gap in accordance with its obligation under the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017. It was noted that there had been a slight reduction in the number of females, and slight increase in the number of males, employed by the Council last year.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas seconded the report.

The Lord Mayor invited debate. Observations were raised around the pay award to senior management particularly with regard to the recent 4.9% Council Tax rise; the increase in numbers of officers receiving a salary of £87,000 or more; and the significant difference in impact of the pay award to front-line and middle managers compared to Senior Managers.

During the debate, Councillor Williams proposed a Motion without Notice under CPR25 (iv) to refer the report back to Cabinet. Councillor Robson back seconded the reference.

The Lord Mayor invited the Cabinet Member to respond to matters raised before a vote on the amendment was taken.

In accordance with CPR 29 (d) immediately before the vote was taken a request was made that the vote be recorded for inclusion in the minutes:

A recorded vote on a Reference back as proposed by Councillor Williams was as follows:

For: Councillors Cowan, Driscoll, Ford, Gibson, Hudson, Jenkins, Jones-Pritchard, Kelloway, Lancaster, McEvoy, Owen, Parkhill, Keith Parry, Phillips, Robson, Graham Thomas, Walker and Williams.
(18)

Against: Councillors Ali Ahmed, Ashgar Ali, Dilwar Ali, Bale, Berman, Bowden, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke-Davies, Carter, Cunnah, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Ebrahim, Elsmore, Goodway, Gordon, Henshaw, Hinchey, Howells, Jacobsen, Keith Jones, Owen Jones, Joyce, Lay, Lent, Lister, Mackie, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Molik, Naughton, Jackie Parry, Patel, Sandrey, Sattar, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Taylor, Huw Thomas, Thorne, Weaver, Wild and Wong.
(47)

Abstained: Councillors McKerlich and Wood.
(2)

Vote on the Reference back was LOST

RESOLVED – That the Council approved the Pay Policy Statement 2019 – 20 for publication by 31 March 2019.

150 : CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

The Chair of the Constitution Committee, Councillor Goodway presented the recommendations of the Constitution Committee 11 February 2019 in relation to updates and inclusions in Cardiff's Constitution:

- (i) Code of Corporate Governance is the overarching document prepared in line with the seven good governance principles developed by the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Society of Local authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) in their publication '*Delivering Good Governance in Local Government framework*'.

The Code underpins the good governance processes in providing clarity and consistent approach to assessment to ensure sound governance and improvement that Members can rely as guardians of the public purse.

- (ii) Substitute Committee Members – the proposal to include a rule in Committee and Scrutiny Procedure Rules was to allow for permitted substitute Committee Members provided they met one of the six criteria. A substitute system would help to preserve political balance on committees and ensure all groups the ability to ensure their views are properly and fully represented in the decision making process.
- (iii) Public Questions at Full Council – the proposal was that as a matter of respect for the public questioner, and so that the proceedings are clear and transparent, particularly to those watching on the webcast, that members of the public should be allowed to read out their question at the Council meeting.
- (iv) Scrutiny Committees Size and Membership of Task and Finish Group – it is recommended that the size of Scrutiny Committees should be
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included in the Scrutiny Procedures Rules (Rule1) and the recommendation from the Constitution Committee was that the size of Scrutiny Committee should be 9.

The Constitution Committee also considered the current provisions relating to the size and membership of Task and Finish Groups, and proposed that the Scrutiny Procedure Rules 1 and 2 be amended to allow that the membership of Task and Finish groups may include any non-Executive Elected Members, subject to a maximum of nine Members on each Task and Finish group, and that non-Councillors may be invited to participate in Task and Finish inquiries as expert advisors to a Task and Finish group.

- (v) Planning Committee Delegations – following a review by the Planning Committee a number of amendments has been considered and were now being recommended by the Constitution Committee for adoption by full Council

Councillor McKerlich as a member of the Constitution Committee seconded the recommendations.

There were no questions or comments on the proposals.

RESOLVED – That Council

- (1) approved the Code of Corporate Governance to be incorporated within Part 5 of the Constitution;
- (2) approved the proposed amendment to Council Meeting Procedure Rule 18 'Public Questions', to allow questioners to read out their questions at Council;
- (3) approved the procedure rule for the Appointment of Substitute Members for including in the Committee Meeting Procedure Rules and the Scrutiny Procedure Rules;
- (4) approved amendments to the Scrutiny Procedure Rules 1 and 2 in relation to size of Committees and make up of Task and Finish Groups; be amended as set out in Appendix C; and
- (5) approved the changes to the Planning Committee delegations in respect of planning functions and highways functions for incorporating in the Scheme of Delegations in Part 3 of the Constitution.

151 : DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The Chair of Democratic Services, Councillor Jones-Pritchard presented the 2018 Annual report for the [Democratic Services Committee](#). As part of his presentation,

the Chair paid tribute to for the valuable contribution to the work of the Committee since its inception of Councillor Jim Murphy who sadly died late last year.

The Chair referred to the work of the Committee and the support services received by Councillors to enable them to fulfil their varied duties as elected representatives, community leaders and advocates for constituents who come to them with a wide variety of casework. The Members Enquiry system was an excellent facility for Members to logged casework and improvements had been seen in response turn around.

The Committee was continuing to focus on:

- ensuring that the needs and requirements of Councillors are addressed, whilst also being mindful of the financial challenges facing the Council;
- the provision of an Elected Member Learning and Development Strategy;
- The wellbeing of Councillors
- A review of Elected Member and Specific Role Descriptions
- reviewing and enhancing the current Mentoring scheme
- Developing a Personal Review process
- Actions following the Wales Audit Office Review of Scrutiny
- Outcomes and recommendations of the Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny review on the impact of scrutiny in Cardiff
- Working with other bodies including the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and Democratic and Scrutiny Networks to implement best practice in governance and services to Members

The Lord Mayor invited contributions and questions to the Chair from Elected Members. A number of matters were raised

- Scrutiny engagement and democracy and openness and the importance of webcasting meetings;
- Increase the number of meetings being broadcasted to improve accessibility for all citizens;
- Members personal safety and security to be reviewed by the Committee, including the provisioning of appropriate devices;
- Involving young people in better understanding of governance and engagement and participation in the democratic processes
- Developing better access to wellbeing opportunities for Elected Members.

The Chair welcomed the comments received and undertook to consider these items as part of the Committee's future work plan.

RESOLVED – that the Democratic Services Committee Annual Report be noted.

152 : ELECTED MEMBER LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The Chair of Democratic Services, Councillor Jones-Pritchard presented the [Elected Member Learning and Development Strategy](#)

The Chair commended the report, emphasised the importance of learning for Elected Members, and whilst it was recognised that it might not cover such support how to deliver bad news or views that may be in opposition to the Council.

The Lord Mayor invited questions and comments and a number of matters were raised including:

- The concentrated learning available as part of the induction programme and the need for this can continue for the duration of Elected Members term of office.
- Individualised learning solutions and development of individual's training needs.
- The excellent WLGA Leadership Academy annual courses and the important of accredited learning.
- Cardiff Academy support for managers and whether the same attention can be given to Elected Members.
- Networking and external training opportunities.
- Organisational culture and benefits of scrutiny and improving decision making
- Focus on wellbeing was welcomed in particular the challenges and impact of being an Elected Member on family life and caring responsibilities
- Learning from each other and sharing of knowledge – e.g. how to deal with casework.
- All Elected Members are encouraged to take yup sessions that have been put on for Members and the time and efforts made by Officers for example Corporate Parenting.
- Provision of IT and developing of tools to support Elected Members.

The Chair responded to the matters raised recognising the demand on Elected Members and undertook to consider these issues with the Committee and more importantly seeking to set standards of excellence in these areas for the future.

RESOLVED – That the Council approved and adopted the Elected Member Learning and Development Strategy as proposed.

(Deputy Lord Mayor in the Chair)

153 : STATEMENTS

The following statements were received: -

1 [Leader Statement](#)

The Leader responded to questions raised

- Areas where there was work to be done so that we are prepared for Brexit and sustainability of the Council's own actions.

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- Work for the Council and Elected Member against anti-racism and encouraging diversity.
- Great Western City agenda.
- Support for the M4 relief road.
- Looking to the west of the city to support a union with other Welsh Cities.

2 [Housing & Communities Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member requested the opportunity to update Elected Members verbally on matters that had taken place earlier in the day concerning tents in parkland off Museum Avenue.

The Cabinet Member reported the Council had been particularly concerned about this area because of incidents of antisocial behaviour as well as health and safety issues.

The Council's Outreach have made numerous attempts to engage with tent occupants there to provide information and to help them access accommodation and support services, however, some are refusing to engage with us.

As the encampment was in breach of by-laws prohibiting tents being erected in Cardiff Parks, a notice to leave was issued on the tents yesterday, Wednesday, giving individuals 24 hours to remove the tents. Council officers supported by the Police had earlier in the day, attended to remove the tents.

Outreach had also been on hand to offer accommodation as we continue to have space available in a range of options in the City and strongly urge anyone outside or in a tent to take up our offer to come inside.

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on

- The rollout across other libraries of the very successful Harry Potter Night and other similar events to encourage reading.
- The opening of the Maelfa Regeneration Scheme and some snagging issues
- The range of approaches to supporting rough sleepers into centres and to receive services and support into other accommodation.

3 [Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on

- Accuracy of the Recycling Education Campaign data and appropriateness of streets targeted and why Councillors were not contacted for their experience. Concerns about elderly residents and not cold calling.
- Concerns that missed collections were increasing.

4 [Children & Families Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on

- Improving recruitment and retention and the current restructure in Children's Services and the progress on appointing a permanent Assistant Director of Children's Services
- An update the progress being made to reduce the number of children going into care
- Bringing forward of the rollout of the 30 hour childcare offer across the city.

5 [Social Care, Health & Well-being Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on

- The support provided to the elderly and vulnerable with the 'Get me Home' service
- The success of the Active Body event
- Welcomed the services provided to citizens by the Independent Living services.

6 [Strategic Planning & Transport Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on

- Concerns about the withdrawal and future of bus services such as routes 28, 28A and 64 and 86.
- Separating cycle ways, and details on the 5th cycle way, and consultation with local members on schemes.
- Clamping and removing of vehicles.

7 [Investment & Development Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on

- Proposals for the canal quarter redevelopment and request for assurances that Guilford Crescent would be included.

8 [Culture & Leisure Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on

- Play sufficiency consultation and how money is spent.
- Support for the sport turf traineeship and the hope that it will move away from artificial turf.
- Thanks to council officers for the St David's day parade and a request that funding be found for a parade in Cardiff.

9 [Education, Employment & Skills Statement](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on

- The period dignity programme was welcomed and awareness of staff to ensure it is accessible by transgender pupils who may not present themselves as female access to all was encouraged.
- Criticism around LGBT in education
- The impact of unisex toilet on the period dignity programme.
- Congratulations to all of the schools on their Estyn Inspection reports and the Cabinet Member highlighted the work being undertaken by the Education Consortium to drive up standards encouraging school-to-school working, and the discussions with schools and partners on the Cardiff 2030 strategy, which aims to bring a further stepped train.

10 [Finance Modernisation & Performance](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions on

- In relation to modern slavery concerns around the use of employees and ways of reporting.
- Meaningful result on fly tipping prosecutions.

154 : MOTION 1

The Lord Mayor advised that the notice of motion proposed by Councillor Carter and seconded by Councillor Wood had been received in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules for debate and had been included on the Summons for the meeting. One amendment had been received to the motion.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Carter to propose the motion as follows:

This Council recognises that reducing carbon emissions from homes bring financial benefits to the occupants and environmental benefits to society.

This Council notes

- The Welsh Government target to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by at least 80% by 2050, against the 1990 baseline.
- Residential buildings make up 7.5% of Welsh emissions.
- 23% of Welsh households are in fuel poverty.
- The success of institutions such as Cardiff University in showing how zero carbon homes could be built at low cost.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to:-

1. Commit to ensuring that council houses built after 2022 are zero carbon with clean supplies of energy and high energy efficiency designed in from the start.

Develop Supplementary Planning Guidance to increase the number of private homes built to zero carbon standards.

Councillor Wood seconded the motion.

The Lord Mayor invited the proposer of the amendment Councillor Lynda Thorne to table her amendment.

After Bullet point 3 add the following three bullet points: -

- *The Council's 'Cardiff Living' programme has specific criteria for the energy performance of both the Council and private homes requiring the use of a 'fabric first' approach – making the fabric of the building as energy efficient as possible, thus reducing the demand for energy/heating and helping to tackle fuel poverty.*

- *The Council is piloting a 'PassivHaus' development in Phase 1 of the Cardiff Living programme and has received Welsh Government Innovative Housing Programme funding for this.*
- *The Council is piloting a highly energy efficient modular build project in phase 1 of the Cardiff Living programme and has received WG Innovative Housing Programme funding for this.*

Bullet Point 4 becomes Bullet point 7 and deletion of the words 'low cost to be replaced by scale.

Resolution 1 - deletion of the words 'ensuring that council houses built after 2022 are zero carbon with' and replace with

review all pilot schemes that have delivered zero carbon homes (or nearly Carbon Zero homes) using...

Resolution 2 deletion of resolution and replace with: -

2. *To commit towards reducing carbon emissions in line with emerging WG and UK governments regulations at the earliest possible time*

Addition of a 3rd resolution as follows:

3. *To commit to delivering a Zero Carbon pilot project in Phase 2 of the Cardiff Living Programme as a study in collaboration with WG providing cost analysis comparison of properties built to building regs, to Fabric First, to Passivhaus and to Zero Carbon.*

The Amended Motion read:

This Council recognises that reducing carbon emissions from homes bring financial benefits to the occupants and environmental benefits to society.

This Council notes

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- 23% of Welsh households are in fuel poverty.
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- The Council is piloting a 'PassivHaus' development in Phase 1 of the Cardiff Living programme and has received WG Innovative Housing Programme funding for this.
- The Council is piloting a highly energy efficient modular build project in phase 1 of the Cardiff Living programme and has received WG Innovative Housing Programme funding for this.

- The success of institutions such as Cardiff University in showing how zero carbon homes could be built at scale.

This Council calls on the Cabinet to:-

2. Commit to review all pilot schemes that have delivered zero carbon homes (or nearly Carbon Zero homes) using clean supplies of energy and high energy efficiency designed in from the start.
3. To commit towards reducing carbon emissions in line with emerging WG and UK governments regulations at the earliest possible time
4. To commit to delivering a Zero Carbon pilot project in Phase 2 of the Cardiff Living Programme as a study in collaboration with WG providing cost analysis comparison of properties built to building regs, to Fabric First, to Passivhaus and to Zero Carbon.

Councillor Michael seconded the amendment.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion and the amendment.

At the end of the debate, the Lord Mayor invited Councillor Carter to respond to items raised during the debate. Councillor Carter did not accept the amendment.

The Lord Mayor moved to the vote on the Amendment proposed by Councillor Thorne.

The Amendment was CARRIED.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Thorne as the proposer of the Substantive motion had the right of reply.

The Lord Mayor moved to the vote on the Substantive Motion.

The Substantive Motion was CARRIED as follows:

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(Lord Mayor in the Chair)

155 : MOTION 2

The Lord Mayor advised that the notice of motion proposed by Councillor Gordon and seconded by Councillor Owen Jones had been received in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules for debate and had been included on the Summons for the meeting. No amendments had been received to the motion.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Gordon to propose the motion as follows:

This Council notes the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) '*Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C*', published in October 2018, which found that:

- Human-induced global warming reached approximately 1°C above pre-industrial levels in 2017, increasing at 0.2°C per decade.
- A 1.5°C rise will result in multiple negative impacts, including increases in frequency, intensity and/or amount of heavy precipitation in several regions, and the majority (70–90%) of warm water (tropical) coral reefs that exist today will disappear.
- A 2°C rise will result in much more severe harm, including a greater risk of water scarcity in some regions and increased frequency of severe weather events, droughts, floods, higher sea level rises, crop failures and destruction of land and marine eco-systems.

- With current strategies, the world is on track to overshoot the 1.5°C limit of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Paris Agreement before 2050 and exceed 3°C by 2100.
- Limiting global warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities.

This Council further notes:

- the commitment of the administration to progress a wide range of projects in support of the existing Carbon Reduction Strategy, which include:
 - the Radyr Weir hydroelectric scheme;
 - the proposed Lamby Way solar farm;
 - the proposed district heating network scheme serving areas of Cardiff Bay and the City Centre;
 - energy saving initiatives, including the conversion of street lighting to LED;
 - the increased use of electric vehicles (e.g. buses, taxis and council vehicles) and provision of charging points within the city;
 - the commitment to achieve a 50:50 modal split between car and sustainable modes of travel for journeys to work by 2026;
 - the construction of new energy efficient council homes; and
 - the commitment to work with the Pensions Committee to consider divesting Council investments from fossil fuel companies.
- the £13.9m investment in clean and sustainable energy generation that formed part of the 2019/20 budget that was agreed on 28 February 2019.
- the participation of children and young people from Cardiff and across the world in demonstrations to demand global climate change action by national governments.
- that bold action to reduce carbon emissions can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities, and can contribute to achieving the Well-being Goals set out in the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. join with other councils across the UK in declaring a global 'climate emergency' in response to the findings of the IPCC report.
2. support the implementation of the Welsh Government's new Low Carbon Delivery Plan, as well as a range of measures to further reduce carbon emissions from the Council's own operations, to help achieve the Welsh Government's ambition for the public sector in Wales to be carbon neutral by 2030.

3. make representations to the Welsh and UK Governments, as appropriate, to provide the necessary powers, resources and technical support to local authorities in Wales to help them successfully meet the 2030 target.
4. continue to work with partners across the city and region to develop and implement best practice methods that can deliver carbon reductions and help limit global warming.

Councillor Owen Jones seconded the motion.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion.

At the end of the debate, the Lord Mayor invited Councillor Gordon to respond to items raised during the debate.

The Lord Mayor moved to the vote on the Motion as proposed.

The Motion was CARRIED as proposed.

156 : ORAL QUESTIONS

Question - Councillor Hudson

How many people have been made redundant in Cardiff Council, whether voluntary or forced in the term 2012-2017 and since the start of 2017 to date?

Reply – Councillor Weaver

Its sobering reading, in the five financial years from 2012/13 to 2016/17, 1,755 employees, both school and council based, were made redundant and in the two financial years since, the figure is 296 employees. So that's a total of 2051 employees who have been made redundant by Cardiff Council, this is a figure very similar figure to different size authorities in Wales and indeed England, reflecting the significant drop in employment in the public sector during the years of austerity.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Hudson

How many of these have been subsequently re- employed either full-time or part-time and temporary contracts?

Reply – Councillor Weaver

I am sorry Councillor but I do not have the information to hand.

There are rules about re-employment from any organisation from which you are made redundant you cannot be immediately re-employed, whether or not years down the line, some people may have done but I would not have the information to hand. However, I will try to find it for you after this meeting.

Question – Councillor Berman

Will the council be responding positively to the Welsh Government's consultation entitled '*Healthy weight: healthy Wales*' which sets out its national ambitions to prevent and reduce obesity in Wales?

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

Can I congratulate Councillor Berman on his recent charitable expedition to the Himalayas, demonstrating a level a physical condition that we can all aspire to.

The Cardiff Public Services Board (PSB) will be responding to the Welsh Government consultation, with this work being led locally by the Director of Public Health from Cardiff & Vale University Health Board. All partner organisations, including the Council, have been given the opportunity to feed into this.

The Director of Public Health, on behalf of the PSB, will also lead the development of a local action plan as a positive response to the national ambitions to reduce obesity in Wales that have been set out by the Welsh Government. A wide range of council initiatives will feed into this work including, for example, the new Cardiff Food Strategy and our work to promote active travel. The Director of Public Health will report future updates on this work to the PSB.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Berman

Given that the Welsh Government strategy does contain many proposals that mirror the ones that the Lib Dem Group put forward in our motion on this topic last year, which a Labour amendment - you recall subsequently removed - ideas like curbing the advertising of unhealthy food, working with local businesses to improve the provision of nutritional information from water refill stations, using the planning system to help promote healthier lifestyles, promoting local action plans, promoting use of community sport and also working with schools.

Do you perhaps regret that you were not willing to support such good ideas earlier when Councillor Sandrey and I were putting them forward?

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

No I do not, and as was made clear at the time there were very good reasons and very good examples that were being taken forward as a Council in support of such initiatives, but I congratulate the Member on his lobbying of Welsh Government.

Question - Councillor Keith Parry

What measures does the Council intend to take to subsidise Bus Route 64/65 to provide an hourly bus service between University Hospital, Whitchurch, Danescourt, Pentreban, Bwlch Road, Canton and Westgate Street? The service being proposed from April Fool's Day is very poor and of little use to many people who cannot walk far and wish to visit the U.H.W. or city centre. The service proposed has two and a half hour gaps in the timetable and no Sunday service.

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Reply – Councillor Wild

This service was due to have been withdrawn by Cardiff Bus because not enough people were using it, at the end of this month but, following discussions between council officers and the company, I am pleased that some of the service has been saved, subject to some timetable changes. It will continue to provide an important direct link to the University Hospital of Wales and the city centre, which would have otherwise been withdrawn.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Keith Parry

Unfortunately, the replacement bus service has two and a half hour gaps in the timetable and is of little use to people who wish to travel conveniently to the Heath hospital from Llandaff North, Llandaff, Danescourt and Fairwater.

Can you make further steps to get this service put on a subsidy so an hourly service can be provided?

Reply – Councillor Wild

As we have made clear, we cannot continue to provide subsidies on every route. I am, absolutely, keen to see if we can improve this service but most importantly to see if we can get more people using it. I ask you and actually put some responsibility back on ward colleagues in terms of asking you to think it is more or less likely that people will use the bus when you describe it as very poor and little used to many people. This is about us all taking responsibility for encouraging people to use the buses.

Question - Councillor De'Ath

A report into the UK's live music scene by Westminster's Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) committee has concluded that "Prejudices against grime artists risks stifling one of the UK's most exciting musical exports." DCMS is calling for new guidelines for the police and English local authorities, which would "ensure that urban music acts are not unfairly targeted". Could the Chair of the Licencing Committee make a statement as to the situation in Cardiff?

Reply – Councillor Mackie

The DCMS report on live music provided a wide-ranging review of many aspects of live music in the UK. It included commentary on the repeal by the Metropolitan Police of one of their risk assessment forms after concerns that it unfairly targeted urban acts and grime music over potential crime and disorder issues at concerts.

One of the recommendations in the report is that the relevant stakeholders should work together to develop guidance for licensing authorities, police forces and music venues on how to ensure that urban music acts are not unfairly targeted.

The Council would support this approach and already recognises the importance of cultural vibrancy in its statement of Licensing Policy, which encourages a diverse entertainment sector whilst, at the same time, supporting the promotion of the four Licensing objectives.

Supplementary Question – Councillor De’Ath

If there were more specific recommendations around this genre of music going forward to the Council's music strategy would you consider making recommendations of your own to ensure that this particular genre of music continues to flourish in the Welsh capital?

Reply – Councillor Mackie

Our licensing policy statement already supports the diversity of all genres of music and Cardiff wants to host events that our residents want, we would be happy to work with the police and urban music promoters and event venues to ensure that all types of music events are available in Cardiff and are held in a safe and responsible way.

Question - Councillor Graham Thomas

Can the Cabinet Member please update me on progress on the 20mph zone roll out across the city?

As a Councillor of a Ward towards the back of the queue due to the 'city centre outwards' policy, and with concerned residents asking me when this might come to Creigiau, can you please include how many have been completed so far, and timescales on the remaining areas?

Reply – Councillor Wild

It is really pleasing to see so many Councillors coming forward requesting 20 mph zones, they were not particularly popular a number of years ago. As you know we are going out from the centre of the city, as you will appreciate areas to the north of the A48 will have some unique features and will need to be properly assessed to ensure that schemes will work well when they are installed.

You will be pleased to know that a bid for funding has been made to the Welsh Government to support a feasibility study for these areas to take into account these considerations.

It is difficult for me to provide a clear timescale because of what we are doing at the moment as you may have heard is that we are calling on the Welsh Government to bring forward default speed limits for the whole of Cardiff which will make it far easier and also more efficient to implement across the City.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Graham Thomas

I should start by saying I very much support the 20mph zone policy, but my issue really is with the way it is being rolled out across the city.

I believe there is a strong argument to make for the rural areas. Whilst the roads maybe less congested, they have much faster traffic going through them, people using the villages as rat-runs potentially more dangerous and resulting in parents maybe being afraid to let their children move freely around the village.

How can I influence this policy of City Centre outwards which obviously is not helping the rural areas, and will you be looking to see whether there are other areas that maybe have a greater need of this zoning than the ones currently with priorities?

Reply – Councillor Wild

I am committed to seeing 20mph zones across the whole city as I think you know.

In terms of going out from the centre that is also the part of where you are likely to get the biggest uptake of active travel in terms of people walking, cycling. That is as part of the thinking for starting there.

Any Councillor who wishes to try to bring things about quicker we can see if we can do that. We are also calling on the Welsh Government for the default limit, that would absolutely help, and I am happy to discuss that with you.

Question - Councillor Taylor

What steps are being taken to divest the more than £86m of pension funds currently invested in fossil fuels?

Reply – Councillor Weaver

It is an important question that is probably why you asked it as a written question as well, so I would refer you to the answer and I'm happy to take any supplementary.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Taylor

I just wanted to ask what opportunities are you pursuing in relation to investing in clean energy and how we can use that to benefit homes in Cardiff. Some recent research shows that portfolios that have divested in fossil fuels and invested in clean energy have outperformed those schemes. Are you still invested in fossil fuels or if you could outline what we are doing to proactively chase those opportunities.

Reply – Councillor Weaver

The Pensions Committee and officers and the Cardiff and Vale Pension Fund are looking at a whole range of things that involve both reducing our exposure to carbon emissions across the piece of all our investments and potentially divesting from fossil fuel extraction or another form of wording to that effect and also investing in green and clean energy.

Local Government pensions are at a relatively early stage in this. There are only a couple of authorities that actually declared divestments in fossil fuel extraction or fossil fuel companies, but the intention is to come up with a climate change policy and investment strategy that reflects that and one that will be iterative and constantly

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reviewing and revaluing overtime. It sounds very positive and we will try to keep abreast of the most innovative things that other funds are doing and then seek to see if they are suitable to be copied by Cardiff and Vale.

Question - Councillor Ford

There are issues with traffic on Fairwater Road and Doyle Avenue and St Fagans Road. Fairwater Road has a very narrow partial footpath and bad lighting. Doyle Avenue is used as a rat run for traffic. Therefore, these routes are not safe routes to school. Which are currently the main routes to Cantonian School for pedestrians and traffic?

Reply – Councillor Wild

I can assure you that when you talk about road safety that officers are always looking into all the points you have raised, I can assure you that they have done so. Officials have advised me that there have been a number of pedestrian improvements made in that area in recent years including pedestrian crossings, zebra crossings, speed humps and even a 20mph limit, so there are suitable safe routes for pedestrians.

As you are aware, as part of the Band B programme, there are proposals to re-develop the Cantonian site and to provide an entirely new school facility. Councillor Merry and I are committed to ensuring the very best active travel provision at all of these new schools including the school there.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Ford

Could you advise me - because you have mentioned about the new build for Cantonian school - what entrances would be used for access to Cantonian School?

Reply – Councillor Wild

I do not have that information to hand, but I will get back to you about those entrances to see if they are at those stages with the plans although I do not know what status they have now.

Question - Councillor Burke-Davies

There were reports that taxis in Cardiff were refusing 'short fares' following the Super Saturday. What is the council's response and what can we do to ensure that people who live or are visiting Cardiff are not stranded and put at risk?

Reply – Councillor Mackie

We understand there are problems with short fares being refused on taxis. Hackney Carriages that are on a rank or stop to pick up a passenger on the street must take any fare that starts and begins within the city boundary. To refuse to do so without a reasonable excuse is an offence. Any instances of refusals should be reported to the Licensing team who will investigate and take formal action where appropriate.

This may include prosecution or putting the matter before the Public Protection Committee who will consider the suitability of the driver to hold a licence. In addition to routine patrols every weekend, Licensing staff have also undertaken a number of 'mystery shopper' exercises throughout the year, which have led to driver prosecutions or sanctions

I have also met recently with staff and two representatives of the recently established 'Cardiff Hackney Alliance', a trade body recognised by the Council. They accept that some drivers let the wider trade down on big event days in the city and are working with the Council, as well as stakeholders such as FOR Cardiff, to improve compliance going forward.

The Council's Communications and Events teams also issue advice and information to people who are attending major events to plan ahead when they travel to and from the city and to not leave things to chance.

Question - Councillor Walker

Following our recent correspondence, it is clear that the demand from those moving up from Welsh Medium primary schools in the catchment area of Ysgol Glantaf exceeds the places available for admission of such pupils at that school. This is a result of growth of WM places provided at primary level not being matched by increased capacity at Ysgol Glantaf.

As you are aware, that leads to seemingly arbitrary admission refusals of applicants from schools within catchment. Such pupils will have attended preparation days at that secondary school and planned to join their friends and classmates there in September. The unexpected refusal of a few such children can be a severe blow to them and their families.

What plans are in train to increase the capacity at Ysgol Glantaf to match the growing demand within its catchment area?

Reply – Councillor Merry

The Council gained approval for three capital-funding bids from Welsh Government for expanding Welsh-medium provision last year. Unfortunately, we were not successful in our bid towards expanding secondary provision.

There is though, currently enough capacity in the three existing Welsh-medium secondary schools in Cardiff to meet current demand. In the short to medium term, an increase in demand could be met by increasing places at these schools.

Proposals to increase Welsh-medium secondary school places and to realign the associated catchment areas will be brought forward in 2019/20. Expansion of school provision must be brought forward in a strategic and timely manner, which does not compromise existing provision, significant expansion in one school can inevitable impact on the take up in places at other schools and in turn on the ability of schools to balance budgets and to attract and retain staff.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Walker

I really need us all to think about it from the point of view of the parents, the children involved, and there are only a few of them that would be excluded from this opportunity.

I think there does need to be a capacity match between the primary schools that are feeding into a secondary school within the catchment area and that secondary schools' ability to take them. I think there is a mismatch here, which people just do not understand. It is no good saying to them well there is another school over there that you have to send your child to while all the other kids are going to this local school Ysgol Glantaf.

Would ask if the officers could look and you mention 2019, there may be an opportunity to look at whether that can be a balance, a match between the demand and the capacity?

Reply – Councillor Merry

We will be seeking to match capacity but that is not only about increasing places but also just in catchment areas and I think we all have a role to play in this Chamber when it comes to advising parents about completing the applications for school places.

We have already recognised that we've got a significant pressure on secondary school places in coming years until we bring in our additional places under Band B and it's really important we all advise our parents about completing the applications and put it in the number of choices that they're allowed to do.

It is absolutely imperative that we do that there is never a guarantee that even if you are within a catchment area for a school that you will get a place at that school and that has always been case and there is never a perfect situation because even as you change places and catchment areas the picture will shift again.

Question - Councillor Howells

What powers does the council have to ensure landlords educate their tenants in the proper disposal of their household waste?

Reply – Councillor Michael

The Council does not generally have any legal powers to force a landlord to educate their tenants. However, we do work with them to provide information packs and make it as easy as possible to educate their tenants about recycling and providing the correct recycling containers. Waste education officers also engage directly with tenants through face-to-face door knocking.

Where a HMO licence has been granted on a property, landlords must also ensure that proper arrangements are in place for the storage and disposal of waste, in accordance with the Council's scheme, and take reasonable steps to ensure

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compliance. The Housing Enforcement Team within Shared Regulatory Services will assist in those exceptional cases where existing waste management powers are insufficient.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Howells

It is clear in some instances that the current system is not working. In my ward there is a badly managed property converted into flats where residents continually present their rubbish on the wrong days. Enforcement officers have taken necessary education and enforcement this is either ignored or new residents move in and the process starts all over again and when the landlord has been approached by residents he just shrugs his shoulders and says nothing to do with me.

Surely, there is some way we can get landlords to take some form of responsibility for the waste generated by the tenants.

Is this not something we could include within the landlord registration scheme or if we don't have that power could you lobby the Welsh Government to see if it is a power local governments could be given?

Reply – Councillor Michael

I am disappointed if after a visit from enforcement officers and others, the offence continues to happen. I am happy to have a meeting with you to discuss it and see what steps we could take to help.

Question - Councillor Dilwar Ali

Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the latest figures for people living on the streets in Cardiff?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

The Outreach Service is currently engaging with 73 individuals who are sleeping rough.

There are currently 25 tents situated around the city, which is a reduction from the 43 tents that were in place on 2nd February this year.

It is important to recognise that, as Council and partner services support people to come into accommodation or remove tents that have been abandoned, there will also be new arrivals of rough sleepers and new tents.

The Outreach Service has supported 40 individuals into accommodation since January, and continues to provide advice and support to everyone who is sleeping rough, even if they choose not to come in off the street.

Question - Councillor Owen

Following the motion passed in November's Full Council, can the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health please update Council as to what work she has

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undertaken with the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and the Alzheimer's Society to map the needs of people living with dementia across Cardiff, and establish where additional services are needed, in particular in the North of Cardiff?

Reply – Councillor Elsmore

I was pleased to provide a comprehensive update to Members in January on our achievements thus far, suffice it to say we work very closely with the University Health Board and the Alzheimer's Society to understand the need for additional services and we are developing the way we work to reflect the evidence. For example, it is clear from this work that there is a need to improve diagnosis rates across the city.

Most people living with dementia at an early stage are supported to access services locally to where they live and from your perspective for the North of Cardiff, the launch of Community Well-being Hubs next month, supporting dementia activities specific to the needs of the area, will go some way towards meeting the needs of your residents.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Owen

You are spot on in terms of needing to improve the diagnosis early. It is actually accepted generally now that 40 thousand people across Wales are living with dementia. We have talked about an emergency tonight, but I think this is an emergency we need to wake up to in Cardiff and I would suggest that possibly thousands of Cardiff residents are living with dementia on a daily basis.

You take the population of Whitchurch, it has a population of six years above the mean age of Cardiff, the population of Lisvane has a population, which is 11 years above the Cardiff mean, and a population of Rhiwbina has a population, which is 12 years above the mean age of Cardiff.

The Council therefore has the facts, which show where the oldest residents in Cardiff live, so can I please ask you once again to give real consideration to opening a day-care centre with specialist dementia services in the North of the City thank you?

Reply – Councillor Elsmore

I am always happy to meet with Ward Members from the North of Cardiff because I know the attention that you are putting on this issue - but so are we. For instance at the first ever Alzheimer's Society Cymru conference that took place in City Hall at the beginning of this month, Sue Phelps the Director of Alzheimer's Society Cymru Wales talked about Cardiff as being a City which is an exemplar to other Welsh cities. She paid a compliment to Cardiff because she said if there is one City and she complimented me particularly as the individual driving this agenda, who is going to make it happen it will Cardiff.

As I said my offer is always open, my door is always open, please come and see me and we can discuss how to take this forward.

Question - Councillor Carter

Could the Cabinet Member outline a timetable for the building of new primary and secondary schools in the expanding Pontprennau and Lisvane developments?

Reply – Councillor Merry

A report outlining proposals for the first new primary school facilities at St Edeyrn's was considered by the Cabinet last week. Consultation is planned later this year for a September 2021 opening.

A Section 106 agreement is also in place to secure a new primary school on the Churchlands development. In addition, further primary schools and a secondary school form part of the wider LDP allocation for Strategic Site F between Lisvane and Pontprennau.

Any new school provided as a developer contribution is to serve the additional need generated by the development. As this is predicated on the sale and completion of new homes, and in the absence of planning permissions for large sites of the area, it is not possible to provide exact timescales for the delivery of the schools at this time. School phasing is carefully planned to avoid destabilising existing schools in closest proximity to these sites.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Carter

What discussions are you having with the developers to try to plan for that eventuality? I appreciate the land is there but what ongoing discussions are you and your officers having to try and pin the developers down towards identifying the patch of land for the High School which will serve the new development and parts of my ward as well?

Reply – Councillor Merry

I believe the actual site is already identified, but in terms of discussions for timescales I actually refer you back to my previous comment and it is largely in the hands of the developers about when the properties are completed.

Question - Councillor Dilwar Ali

Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the latest update on Lydstep flats re-cladding and other issues?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

I was pleased to attend the public meeting that you arranged recently and was genuinely sorry to learn first-hand about the problems with condensation that many of the tenants have to deal with.

As you are aware, we are investigating options to improve the insulation of the blocks and are currently taking advice from a technical consultant to ensure that we identify the best possible solution.

Monitoring equipment has been placed in a number of occupied flats to measure issues like, moisture levels and effectiveness of existing ventilation and heating systems. Thermal imaging of the building fabric will also be undertaken.

The results of this work should be available in May and residents will be fully informed and consulted on any future improvement plans.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Dilwar Ali

Can you confirm that timeframe for the works to be carried out?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

Unfortunately, I am not able to confirm any timescales because until we know what we need to do to address those issues we will not know what we need to put in place and what sort of contract we need, but as soon as we have that information in May and know about what the proposed solutions are to address those problems, we will consult with residents and yourselves.

Question - Councillor Robson

How often is Lamby Way, the closest waste household waste recycling centre for north Cardiff, shut because of skips being full?

Reply – Councillor Michael

Not very often.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Robson

On the occasions it is. Are there any ways of getting the message out more widely. I have had a few issues where constituents have made the effort to go to Lamby Way, they have to trek down there now that Wedal Road has gone and obviously, it is very inconvenient to find that the place is shut even for a fairly short period because of the skips being full.

Is there any way you can improve the communications that the Council gets out on this issuer?

Reply – Councillor Michael

Bearing in mind that the site is open for 364 days a year, since the new Lamby Way site opened in 2017, it has shut three times for less than an hour due to operational issues.

1) a fire; we had to shut the site down for that one

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- 2) a member of the public breaking down on the exit ramp, and
- 3) in the last week, due to a breakdown of the vehicles that service the skips.

It is worth noting that the former Wedal Road site would shut on average 50/60 times a year so I think it is fair to say your constituent was unlucky.

Question - Councillor Sandrey

It has been said that there are currently two charities interested in occupying the empty Pentwyn Arms/My Local building on Pentwyn Drive; however, not all local members have been made aware of this.

Can the relevant Cabinet Member please provide an update on the situation?

Reply – Councillor Goodway

You will be aware that the Council does not have an ownership interest in this property.

I know that Councillor Jacobsen has been actively working with a number of organisations to explore whether the building could be brought back into beneficial use.

However, more recently, officials have been discussing the situation with both the property's owner and the tenant and it appears that the tenant is now attempting to negotiate a surrender of their lease and would therefore not consider any subletting it at this stage.

If those negotiations are successful, it is likely that the landlord will sell the site for redevelopment.

I have asked officials to continue to monitor progress and I will provide any updates accordingly to local members.

Question - Councillor Dilwar Ali

What steps has the Council taken to improve the personal safety of Councillors, particularly in light of Brexit and recent comments made by the UK Prime Minister?

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

The Council takes the health, safety and well-being of all Councillors very seriously. To date, no Brexit-related or other risks have been identified locally that have required additional personal safety measures to be put in place, that doesn't mean that we shouldn't remain vigilant and I personally was concerned to hear the language used by the Prime Minister in her address to the Nation last week, seeking to clearly position Members of Parliament in isolation to her Policy and indeed some of the language that we see used in the media used by Politicians and by the media themselves, the talk of traitors and betrayal, I think contributes to a sense of concern

amongst all Politicians of every party, about what some people out there may be planning so we do take those concerns very seriously.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Dilwar Ali

Council Members do important community case work and often lead on high profile campaigns and policies.

Can the Leader guarantee that any Councillor who requests a personal safety device can actually get one?

Reply - Councillor Huw Thomas

I understand that currently all Councillors have been given an opportunity to undertake a personal safety assessment with a suitably qualified officer and I understand to date there are five Councillors that have done so. These assessments assist in addressing any safety concerns that a Councillor may have while undertaking their role and identifying any additional support, which may be needed.

I understand that Democratic Services Committee has also agreed for personal safety briefings to be scheduled for all Councillors in the near future. These sessions will provide advice and enable Councillors to escalate any concerns they may have and provide some simple precautions that can be used to minimise any potential risks which may arise. With regard to your specific question, I understand that is not currently the policy, the policy is that you go through the assessment process and I am quite happy to work in my capacity as Leader with the Democratic Services Committee and with all Members to understand whether that policy remains the only appropriate response at this time.

Question - Councillor Jones-Pritchard

In the light of the announcement of a joint development of a recycling campaign to show that recycling is now the social norm, will the cabinet member agree that a joint HWRC located to the north of Cardiff, or south of RCT, capable of serving parts of RCT, Caerphilly and North Cardiff, would be a good example of regional working, bringing added efficiencies and cost savings to meet the needs of local communities?

Will he work with other authorities to see if this can be brought about or can he explain why it will not be supported?

Reply – Councillor Michael

We have had discussions with neighbouring authorities about shared investment. In addition, officers are working with the Welsh Government to build up a picture of the waste and recycling infrastructure that is needed across the region.

Cardiff has a proven track record of working with other local authorities and we are always open to discuss joint projects. Currently, there are no such opportunities relating to household waste recycling sites, but we remain open to the possibilities.

This document is available in Welsh / Mae'r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg

Question - Councillor Boyle

When will Howardian Primary School get its own catchment area?

Reply – Councillor Merry

Proposals to establish a catchment area for a primary school must identify and take account of implications for secondary school arrangements. The proposals to expand Cardiff High, Cathays High and Willows High Schools – each in similar proximity to the Howardian site – form part of Band B of the 21st Century Schools Programme.

The progress through consultation on each of these proposals will inform the process of reviewing secondary school catchment area boundaries. It is anticipated that consultation with schools, parents and other stakeholders on changes to catchment areas in this part of the city would be undertaken in the 2020-21 school year.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Boyle

That's very odd because when I asked this question in 2017, I was told in an answer on the 10th October that the establishment of a catchment area for Howardian Primary School would be undertaken no sooner than the 1 September 2018 and completed by the 1 March 2018 - three weeks ago, for implementation in September 2020.

You are now telling families in Penylan that instead of implementing it in September 2020 you are going to start consulting it in 2020 is this not grossly unfair?

Reply – Councillor Merry

I think it would be unfair is to review catchment areas when we know that we are going to review the size of the schools in location which would not be known at that stage.

The expansion is part that Band B of the 21st century schools the only reason to accelerate that process Joe would be if the alternative secondary schools that those children would attend with full currently there are places available for those children so they are not excluded from attending either Cathays or Willows because of not being within those catchment areas.

If you would prefer that the catchment area for Howardian was amended prior to the expansion of Cardiff high and the removal of Howardian from nestling within the Marlborough catchment area and Cardiff High then perhaps we could have that conversation outside the Council Chamber.

Question - Councillor Dilwar Ali

What steps has the Council taken with Welsh and UK Government to all mosques in Cardiff, Wales for the personal safety of worshippers and communities with the holy

month of Ramadan starting in May and long prayers at night, particularly in light of recent terrorist attacks in New Zealand and the UK?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

I am very aware of the concerns within the local Muslim community that have inevitably been generated by the horrific terror attack in New Zealand. I want to reassure residents that we are working in close partnership with the Police and communities in Cardiff, particularly the Muslim community, to ensure that the city provides a safe environment in which people can visit the city's mosques without fear.

Additional police presence has been highly visible at mosques across the city following the events in New Zealand. Security advice is also being offered to all places of worship by police counter-terrorism advisers, as well as assistance from the Home Office through a specific crime prevention scheme for places of worship.

Our Community Safety and Prevent teams have been engaging with local mosques to listen to the concerns of communities and to provide support wherever possible. Officers are in regular contact with key stakeholders to monitor tension levels locally and ensure that early interventions are made, as necessary. However, I am advised that there have been no observable changes to levels of hate crime in Cardiff, which remain consistent.

Above all, we want to provide reassurance to communities and encourage people to have the confidence to report any concerns. This will result in a prompt and effective partnership response that will ensure that Cardiff continues to be a safe, open welcoming city for people of all cultures and religions.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Dilwar Ali

As the holy month of Ramadan is coming from May can I request some additional support to the community in Cardiff?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

If you contact me and speak to me about further details, I can speak with the officers and see what is needed.

157 : URGENT BUSINESS

The Lord Mayor advised of notification in accordance with the CPR of an urgent item of business. The Party Group Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Councillor Boyle seconded by the Party Group Whip, Councillor Joe Carter requested that the Council consider a request for approval of absence under the six-month Councillor attendance rule in accordance with relevant legislation for Councillor Wendy Congreve who, due to ill health and ongoing medical treatment, had not attended a Council or Committee meeting since 7 November 2018.

The Council can only consider approval of any reasons for non-attendance before the end of the relevant six-month period, which will end on Thursday 6 May 2019. Councillor Congreve was due to attend the meeting today but unfortunately was unable to at the last minute.

The Lord Mayor certified this matter as Urgent Business.

RESOLVED – That

1. the request to approve the absence of Councillor Wendy Congreve pursuant to Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds of ill-health and ongoing recovery was approved; and
2. the absence was approved for a further 6-month period, to expire on 6 November 2019.

158 : APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Council was requested to approve the recommendations of the Local Authority Governor Panel 18 March 2019

RESOLVED – That

1. the following appointments be approved to existing vacancies: -

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Appointment Approved
Creigiau Primary School	Creigiau & St Fagans	08/10/2016	David Warren
Marlborough Primary School	Penylan	01/09/2018	Jake Howarth-Brown
Meadowbank School	Llandaff North	08/02/2019	Elsbeth Webb
Meadowlane Primary School	Trowbridge	31/01/2018	Sheila Hunt
Moorland Primary School	Splott	19/11/2018 30/01/2019	Lowri Wynn Jones Sarah Scullion
Radyr Comprehensive School	Radyr & Morganstown	02/10/2018	Mike James
St Bernadette's R.C. Primary School	Pentwyn	30/01/2019	Patricia Arlotte
The Court School	Llanishen	05/12/2018	Jonathan Shimmin
Ton Yr Ywen Primary School	Heath	05/02/2019	Phillip Elliot
Windsor Clive Primary School	Ely	10/01/2018	Janet Palmer

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Appointment Approved
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf	Llandaff North	30/06/2018	Karin Phillips
Ysgol Gymraeg Coed-Y-Gof	Fairwater	29/11/2018	Elin Cousins
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad	Butetown	10/01/2019	Alison Lynch
Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Caerau	Caerau	27/06/2018	Owain Rhys
Ysgol Gynradd Gwaelod Y Garth	Pentyrch	02/05/2018	Rhys James
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr	Fairwater	30/01/2019	Huw Jones
St David's Catholic College	Penylan	07/03/2018	Jackie Jones

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

School	Ward	Start of Vacancy	Appointment Approved
Cardiff High School	Cyncoed	26/05/2019	Jill Davies
Llandaff C.W. Primary School	Llandaff	26/06/2019	David Oliver
Llanishen High School	Llanishen	19/05/2019	Elizabeth Taylor
Oakfield Primary School	Trowbridge	26/06/2019	Joanne Gordon-Smith
Ysgol Glan Ceubal	Llandaff North	26/06/2019	David Saunders

159 : COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There were no notification from Party Group Whips of any appointments to vacancies. The vacancies would be filled at the Annual meeting.

160 : APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no notification from Party Group Whips of any appointments to vacancies. The vacancies would be filled at the Annual meeting.

161 : URGENT DECISIONS - ST PETERS RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

This report was submitted for information only.

162 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17 (f), [Written Questions](#) received for consideration and response had been published.

(The meeting closed at 10.10pm)

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