

ORAL QUESTIONS

1	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>With the news that shops in Wales had the worst June footfall in 20 years, what more can the Council do encourage shoppers back to the high street?</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>What is the council planning to do to tackle the huge number of void council properties?</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR FORD</u></p> <p>How many houses will be demolished to re-open the former Llantrisant to Waterhall Junction railway?</p> <p>What is the council doing to notify people affected?</p>
4	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER</u></p> <p>The Welsh Government has recently issued new statutory guidance for school uniforms which will come into effect in September. What is Cardiff Council doing to support schools in ensuring that uniform policies are in place and provide equal opportunities for all pupils?</p>

5	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PHILIPPA HILL-JOHN</u></p> <p>Can the cabinet member please confirm the cost to the council caused by reduced access to ‘void’ housing as a result of contractor delays?</p>
6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>Whilst the installation of electric vehicle charging points in Penylan is very much welcome, some residents are concerned about the amount of pavement space these need to occupy and the knock-on effect this has on its availability for other users. Is the council therefore still pursuing the possibility of fitting electric vehicle charging points within existing street lighting columns, as I previously suggested, or alternatively looking at the possibility of pop-up charging points which do not need to take up pavement space when not in use?</p>
7	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON</u></p> <p>Rightacres’ consultants AECOM predict excessive amounts of NO2 when the new bus station at Central Square is opened. What steps is the council taking to ensure NO2 limits are not exceeded in and near the new bus station when it opens?</p>
8	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES</u></p> <p>What powers do the Council have to deal with Rogue Traders?</p>

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**QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS
(LEADER PORTFOLIO)**

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

In Cardiff if you park on double yellow lines you risk being issued with a traffic fine. In Cardiff if you drive in a bus lane or stop on a yellow box you also risk being issued with a traffic fine. In Cardiff if you overstay the time on your parking you risk being issued with a parking ticket. In Cardiff there are rules and whether we like them or not they are applied to all in Cardiff, at least it would seem.

However it would appear that an unlawful protest shutting down the City Centre has not only been met with silence by Cardiff Council but with the Council formally shutting roads and using council resources to allow the protest to take place. Lawful protest and right of assembly is an important right of any free and democratic society.

There have been reports that workers have had their pay docked due to being late as a result of these protests and thousands of commuters have been unreasonably disrupted with many unable to get to work due to bus route cancellations and taxi diversions.

How can it be fair and just that the Council you lead has allowed these protests to happen and would you now call on South Wales Police to formally notify the protesters (and commit to doing so in any subsequent unlawful protests), giving them instructions to vacate the highway?

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**QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY
(EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)**

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

We understand that there are plans for new school builds; however, we question whether the cabinet decision not to address admissions issues until those matters are settled is right. What is happening to address the current, very real issues around lack of school places in Cardiff High School, Rhydypenau Primary and Lakeside Primary to cater for local children and general shortfall in school places in the northern side of the city?

11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></p> <p>Have plans been formed for a new County Hall and if so, will we be working in partnership with other agencies?</p>
12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>What was the rationale behind the change in layout for this year's Food and Drink festival?</p>
13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>What is the current availability of floor space provision for those experiencing homelessness in Cardiff and what has been the monthly availability (by percentage and numerical) over the last six months?</p>
14	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>This is the second consecutive year that Roath Park Lake (Cardiff beauty spot and tourist attraction) is closed on health and safety grounds due to blue-green algae during the summer period. The increasing traffic around the park and neglect of the park is making the Roath Park Lake unsafe for people to visit, what effort is being put in place to ensure Roath Park Lake is the most attractive and safe summer visiting place for families and all?</p>

15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>Many months ago it was reported in the press that a number of Officers in Cardiff Council are under investigation by South Wales Police, with a number of suspensions taken place in the Council’s Waste Dept. Whilst suspended these Officers will be in receipt of full pay and pension contributions. Suspension from duty is a neutral act. Can you provide an update to Council on the progress of the internal investigations and outline a timeline for concluding these ongoing matters as Cardiff Council tax payers are footing the bill to the sum of hundreds of thousands of pounds in suspension costs and agency fees?</p>
16	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>How does the council defend repeatedly turning down a family in my ward for a disabled parking space when they live in a terraced street which is heavily parked in the evenings, meaning they regularly have substantial difficulty when taking their disabled daughter, who is a wheelchair user, to evening activities because they most often cannot park close enough to their home on their return?</p>
17	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THOMAS</u></p> <p>Have the Council considered utilising the bus lanes in the city to help the promote climate friendly initiatives such as allowing Ultra Low Emission Vehicles and or allowing cars with 2 or more persons to use them?</p>

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**QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL
(CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT
PORTFOLIO)**

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN

What is the proposed timescale and location for a replacement household waste recycling site in Cardiff North?