

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 30 January 2020 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 24 January 2020.

Present: County Councillor (Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ahmed, Asghar Ali, Dilwar Ali, Berman, Bowden, Bowen-Thomson, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Burke-Davies, Carter, Cowan, Cunnah, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Driscoll, Ebrahim, Elsmore, Ford, Gibson, Goddard, Goodway, Gordon, Henshaw, Gavin Hill-John, Philippa Hill-John, Hinchey, Hopkins, Howells, Hudson, Jacobsen, Jenkins, Jones-Pritchard, Jones, Owen Jones, Joyce, Kelloway, Lancaster, Lay, Lent, Lister, Mackie, Rees, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sandrey, Sattar, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Taylor, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Lynda Thorne, Walker, Weaver, Wild, Williams, Wong and Wood

1 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

2 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received in accordance with the Member's Code of Conduct.

COUNCILLOR	ITEM NUMBER	NATURE OF INTEREST
Councillor Carter	6 – Transport White Paper	Prejudicial interest due to employment
Councillor Lay	13 – Cardiff Bus – Re-Appointment of Independent Non-Executive Directors	Personal Interest Non-Executive Director, Cardiff Bus
Councillor Sandrey	13	Personal Interest Non-Executive Director, Cardiff Bus
Councillor Owen Jones	13	Personal Interest Non-Executive Director, Cardiff Bus
Councillor Williams	9 – Social Care, Health & Well-Being Statement	Personal Interest, Director & Trustee, Cartref Care Homes
	9 – Strategic Planning & Transport Statement	Personal Interest, Owner of property on Westgate Street
Councillor Gavin	13	Personal Interest Non-

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Hill-John
Councillor Wild

9 – Strategic
Planning &
Transport
Statement

Executive Director, Cardiff Bus
Ward Councillor for Riverside

3 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28 November 2019 were approved as a correct record.

4 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were received

COUNCILLOR	NO OF SIGNATURES	REQUEST
Sandrey	1200	Calling on the Council to make the Pentwyn Drive/Glyncoed Road junction safer for drivers and pedestrians.
Simmons	300	Calling on the Council and South Wales Police to install speed management equipment on Heol Ebwy and Heol Trelai.

5 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor Goodway who received an OBE and Councillor Cowan who received an MBE, in the New Year's honours list. Councillor Goodway received his OBE for services to Local Government. A Councillor for more than 40 years, he was Britain's youngest Council Leader when he led South Glamorgan County Council in 1992. Now as a Cabinet Member for Investment and Development Councillor Goodway was a pivotal figure in the city's development.

Councillor Cowan received her MBE for political and public service. First elected in 1999, Jayne's dedication has been making a difference, promoting civic pride and community action throughout, with her involvement and organisation of numerous local charities.

6 : TRANSPORT WHITE PAPER: CARDIFF TRANSPORT VISION - 2030

The Council was given the opportunity to debate the White Paper, which was agreed by Cabinet on 23 January 2020. Cabinet had agreed to refer the Transport Vision White Paper to Council for noting.

Two reference backs had been received.

The first reference back was received from Councillor Adrian Robson and Seconded by Councillor Shaun Jenkins.

The second reference back was received from Councillor Rodney Berman and Seconded by Councillor Joe Boyle.
Councillor Caro Wild, moved the report.

Councillor Huw Thomas seconded the report.

Councillor Adrian Robson moved the first reference back. The reference back was seconded by Councillor Shaun Jenkins.

Councillor Rodney Berman moved the second reference back. The second reference back was seconded by Councillor Joe Boyle.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the Transport White Paper.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Caro Wild as proposer of the report to respond to the matters raised in the debate.

The Lord Mayor moved to vote on Reference Back one.

Reference Back one was LOST.

The Lord Mayor moved to vote on Reference back two.

Reference back two was LOST

The Lord Mayor moved to vote on Council noting the report.

The Report was NOTED.

7 : DEMOCRATIC SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT - REPORT TO FOLLOW

The Chair of Democratic Services, Councillor Jones-Pritchard presented the 2019 Annual report for the Democratic Services Committee. 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 Chair made reference to the changes taken place in Committee and Members Services with the appointment of a new Committee and Members Services Manager.

The Committee was continuing to focus on:

- Personal Safety control and management for Councillors
- Wellbeing of Councillors
- Efficiencies – moving towards digital use and less paper.
- On-line training for Welsh

- Members Survey
- Training and Development Opportunities – levels of importance.
- IRPW Care Costs

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

- Difficulties in obtaining personal safety devices “ARCHIES”
- Welsh Essential posts in Democratic Services
- Assessments for the personal safety devices

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.

8 : CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee, Councillor Sarah Merry presented the 2019 Annual Report for the Committee. Councillor Merry thanked her fellow committee members along with the council’s excellent staff for their continued hard work and dedication to ensuring the well-being of the children and young people of Cardiff.

The Chair referenced the complex issues and vast challenges faced in order to achieve the best outcomes for children who are looked after and care leavers, to ensure that children succeed and that they are healthy, happy and safe.

The Committee has focussed on:

- prevention, supporting families and stopping children being taken into care in the first place;
- how to improve the education attainment of children looked after as well as improving the experience of the care system.
- There has been engagement with young people giving them an opportunity to play an integral role in our service planning and design, including shaping the Corporate Parenting Strategy document itself.
- Obtaining insight and honesty from young people via the Bright Spots survey to help to ensure that children’s needs are understood and heard.

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

- Urge Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel and the Children and Young Person’s Scrutiny Panel and anyone else with an interest in this area to speak to the Independent Advisor to the Council;
- The structure of the Annual Report going forward;
- The need for there to be both a Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee and a Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee;

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- The uniqueness of the Committee in that there is there is the ability for individual work streams.

RESOLVED: To note the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee Annual Report.

9 : STATEMENTS

The following statements

The following statements were received and questions were invited from Members on matters within the statement.

Leader's Statement

The Leader responded to questions in relation to:

- The Cardiff Music Board, its boundaries and promoting culture as a whole across the city; and
- Involvement in the consultation process of the Local Government and Elections (Wales Bill).

Cabinet Member, Investment & Development Statement

The Cabinet responded to question in relation to:

- The Indoor Arena and the construction of the Eastern Bay Link;
- The future of both City Hall and the Mansion House; and
- Insole Court being the subject of a Community Asset Transfer with no residual liability for the authority.

Cabinet Member, Culture & Leisure Statement

The Cabinet responded to question in relation to:

- Data about reduction of free swimming for those of 60;
- Providing the public, via the website, details of the location and phasing of both the felling and planting of trees;
- Aim is to increase the number of trees in the City. Try to have a balanced approach to planting and felling; and
- St David's Day parade and possible Council support for that.

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member, Education, Employment & Skills Statement

The Cabinet responded to question in relation to:

- School performance in relation to those educated other than at school and those who are educated at home;
- The appointment of the new MD of the Central South Consortium and the review that has been taking place;
- Excellent results in schools across Cardiff; and
- The Active Travel Plan

Cabinet Member, Finance, Modernisation & Performance Statement

The Cabinet responded to question in relation to:

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- Concerns about the length of time it is taking to get waste bags delivered either via the Mobile App or the website. Feedback in relation to the use of the App is important;
- The review of the TalentLink Recruitment System and other systems in terms of equalities, the result of which will be reported in due course;
- Use of the Mobile app in relation to the viewing of notices for proposals such as double yellow lines and planning applications; and
- How the Mobile App is promoted.

[Cabinet Member, Housing & Communities Statement](#)

The Cabinet responded to question in relation to:

- The reduction in numbers of rough sleepers and thanks to the teams involved;
- The time scales and consultation in relation to the strategic review of single homeless and vulnerable people in Cardiff;
- Welsh Library Standards, the improvements to libraries and the renaming of Whitchurch Library; and
- Community safety and updates provided in the various wards.

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

The Cabinet responded to question in relation to:

- The Pink Sticker Campaign and ongoing work with Welsh Government in relation to a new nappy recycling service which is to be rolled out across Wales;
- Street sweeping schedules;
- The increase volume of work being undertaken by CTS;
- Extending the Registration Service into Rhiwbina hub; and
- Dog fouling fines issued.

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

The Cabinet responded to question in relation to:

- Meeting deadlines for the registration of Domiciliary Care Workers and a contingency plan; and
- Bringing forward wellbeing hubs for the north of Cardiff

[Cabinet Member, Strategic Planning & Transport Statement](#)

The Cabinet responded to question in relation to:

- The LDP consultation and how people can get involved;
- The time scales for completion of the Senghennydd Road Cycleway;
- School Streets Pilot and whether others schools can be added to the Pilot and the need to consider any individual cases;
- Air Quality Monitoring results and the number of diffusion tubes installed;
- Consultation with the taxi fleet in relation to the implementation of the revised policy and drivers switching to Ultra Low Emission Vehicles; and

- Healthy Travel Charter;

10 : ORAL QUESTIONS

Question – Councillor Walker

All members will have been impressed to learn about the unprecedented GCSE Maths results at Fitzalan High where a class of 30 year 11 pupils entered for an early examination all achieved an A*. The pass norm for achieving an A* in Maths is 20%. Please pass on our congratulations to these pupils, the head teacher and especially the teacher who taught this class, Mr Elive.

Do you agree that such an unusual and outstanding result in a key subject should not pass without a thorough, Council led, process of learning about the style and methods used to produce it? There must surely be an opportunity for the sharing of such methods within this authority and even more widely.

Reply – Councillor Merry

I'd be delighted to congratulate Mr Elive again on the outstanding achievement. I'm assured that Central South Consortium Subject Specialist Adviser for mathematics has already been in touch with Fitzalan.

Schools can access quality professional learning through the Central South Wales Challenge. And this approach recognises that practitioners have the biggest influence on each other's practice and that sharing practice through enquiry provides the best professional learning experiences.

I think that translates as sometimes teachers learn best from each other than from the Cabinet Member from Education telling them how to do it.

Excellent practice is also shared through Challenge Advisers utilising the work of Hubs and Lead Practitioners.

But I'd also like to take the opportunity to actually congratulate all the work that goes on within the school and also within the community. I'm aware the homework clubs for example at Tiger Bay Youth run, with the help of teachers from Fitzalan. I think unfortunately in terms of excellent teaching, we may agree what makes an excellent teacher but there's no hard and fast recipe that we can simply replicate and email out to our teachers and tell them to follow that.

I like the Times column which said 'What makes a great teacher is a love for their subject and an ability to pass it on'. And I think that is one that I would agree with.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Walker

As you can gather from my question I think the congratulations are merited but they are not enough in a way. I think this could be a game changer for the teaching of maths and when you compare a 100% with a 14% that you mentioned in your report this evening for maths A* there's a huge gap between the two.

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And I would suggest that there is an opportunity not for you as a Cabinet Member but certainly for the Director of Education to do something more specific in terms of trying to find out whether there are methods, I know there are specific teaching styles which you can't replicate, If there are methods that other teachers could learn from and that could be recorded in some way?

So I would ask that you consider asking the Director to look closely at that and if the South Wales Central Consortium does come up with some sort of report on it. I think I'd be very interested to see that and I'm sure other members might share the desire to see the report.

Reply – Councillor Merry

As I stated, the Central South Consortium Subject Specialist Advisers for Mathematics has been in touch with Fitzalan.

What I would actually say though, I do believe that great teaching does come back to both that love of the subject and the enthusiasm, but also from what I hear, the support that he offers his pupils. And I think perhaps one of the lessons that we might learn is really great teaching is possibly learnt best within the classroom and less within the central bodies trying to dictate every movement that a teacher makes within the classroom.

But I look forward to any lessons that we can learn about how he made such an achievement like that possible. And also I'd like to thank the pupil's achievement as well, I think that is one thing I slightly feel for is that I don't think the teacher should get the total credit for the results.

Question – Councillor Sandrey

In light of the recent stabbing of a 17 year old in Llanedeyrn, what is the council doing to discourage young people from carrying knives?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

It's always very sad and tragic when incidents such as this happen within our communities, but this is not something that the Council can address alone.

Effective partnership working between the council and its partners, including the Police and Third Sector, is critical to the success of developing and delivering initiatives to discourage young people from carrying knives.

Violence prevention is one of the key priorities of the Cardiff Community Safety Partnership and, through its locality based approach, it is developing a range of opportunities for young people in some of the city's most deprived communities, such as Butetown and Splott and Tremorfa.

The city's Hubs and Youth Services also continue to offer a range of opportunities, diversionary activities and pathways for young people to make positive choices in their lives and this will develop further via the Youth Hubs.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Sandrey

What would you say to the community in terms of their role in seeking to discourage this sort of criminal activity?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

I'm no professional to give advice to Communities but I would say there is an awful lot taking place and my answer could have gone on forever. I've got a list of projects that are taking place and I think we, as Councillors, via social media, Facebook, Twitter, whatever it may be can actually promote some of these schemes.

But we also need to encourage parents too, to take part because it is about parents understanding what the children are doing, where they are and if their children have these fears, because sometimes the sad thing is parents are very often the last to know. There is an awful lot going on and I will share this information with members across the Council so that we all know what's going on.

Question – Councillor Keith Parry

Concern has been expressed about the slowness of the introduction of twenty mile an hour zones in North West Cardiff. When can we expect Fairwater and neighbouring areas to have such zones?

Reply – Councillor Wild

It should start actually with saying that was started by wasn't it, by Councillor Patel, and at the time people weren't altogether supportive of the 20mph zones. Difficult to get in. But now we got people across the Chamber demanding it be done quicker which is good to hear.

The inner city is due to be completed during this and next year. I don't agree with the slowness, we are one of the first cities to adopt this. We have nearly half the city covered. We want to get it into the North West and places like Fairwater as soon as possible.

We're undertaking a study into how we make the default limit across the whole of the city 20mph.

Question – Councillor Owen Jones

What is the Council's long term plan for Capital Square?

Reply – Councillor Goodway

The Council has always identified this space as an important component of the city's public realm, being as it is the gateway to Cardiff. I remember well the very negative comments people used to make about the poor impression of the city given by the area prior to its redevelopment.

The space will need to be extremely flexible and adaptable in order to meet a variety of needs from crowd management on stadium event days to an event space in its own right. As such, it will need to be effectively managed.

The Council is committed to working with the developer and the major tenants of Central Square to agree a management plan for this public space. We will explore a variety of management solutions which will hopefully benefit from a financial contribution from those tenants with a view to generating the income needed to maintain a high quality cleansing and maintenance regime for the area, such that it will provide an ongoing positive first impression of the city and an exciting and versatile component of the City's public realm.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Owen Jones

Central Square not Capital Square as I have dubbed it, is both the gateway to Cardiff but also the gateway to Wales' Capital City, we got the Six Nations cup coming up now with fans from Italy, Scotland and France going to be arriving thousands through that station. When I'd gone up to Edinburgh and say I behaved the whole time on the trip, you instantly know you're in Scotland and Edinburgh station, and there is tartan everywhere. It would be nice to have that kind of effect going into Cardiff Central Station that you are in Wales. One option that has been put to me is you see these very successful signs, big words of Amsterdam just posting them up, everyone post Facebook pictures of it. If we could have a giant Cardiff just in Central Square just to show, or Caerdydd even better. It's a sense of place, it's a tourist attraction people will take pictures of it and share on Facebook. It's something that we can use that space so it is Cardiff, the Capital of Wales is entry way.

Reply – Councillor Goodway

For an awful moment I thought you were going to suggest a dragon! But I do understand what you mean and we will apply our minds to how we might achieve that but everything tends to be controversial in these areas, and you know I've spent a political lifetime avoiding controversy.

Even the Amsterdam signage, believe it or not, became controversial such that they've now taken it away. And that was because there was a fear that it had become a symbol of mindless mass tourism and too individualistic. The person behind its removal was a left wing city councillor and Amsterdam leader who said that she wanted to show something different – diversity, tolerance and solidarity. So on the basis of not breaking the habits of a lifetime and upsetting the left wing we'll have a big sign at Cardiff.

Question – Councillor Owen

The traffic congestion driving south along Caerphilly Road waiting to turn right onto Ty-Wern Road in the direction of Rhiwbina and Whitchurch is an all too frequent experience for many Cardiff residents. Will you introduce a green arrow system in addition to the full green signal to help clear the backlog of traffic waiting to turn east off Caerphilly Road after the full green phase?

Reply – Councillor Wild

As it is currently designed, it would not be feasible to modify the existing junction arrangement to provide a dedicated filter for traffic turning right into Ty-Wern Road from Caerphilly Road. However, I will ask officers to investigate possible options for modifying the existing signal timings in order to provide additional clearance time for the identified turn.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Owen

That's what my supplementary was going to be, if that is possible - I'm very pleased with that, thank you very much.

Question 6 – Councillor Taylor

Does the Leader accept the opinions of experts and the Government, along with all international evidence which states that the most effective way to ensure children are fluent in Welsh is through Welsh medium education, and not bilingual education?

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

Yes I do.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Taylor

The Welsh Language Commissioner found several months ago that there were many schools in Wales which were bilingual which did not reach the threshold in terms of that school's commitment to provide the level of education in Welsh. So what kind of assurance can we give to parents who will be sending their children to the Welsh stream in that bilingual school that they will have good Welsh medium education?

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

Rhys you bring up an important point there because this school is not a bilingual school which is offered in Plasdŵr. It is a school with one completely Welsh stream and one separate stream which will be bilingual with Welsh education and English medium education 50-50.

So I think it's important for people to understand that if you want to send your children to have Welsh education in Plasdŵr send them to the Welsh stream. If you are choosing English education, then we will in this model be ensuring that they are still receiving 50% of their education through the medium of Welsh. And that's why this model has been approved by experts in the field including Merion Prys Jones, the former Chair of the Language Board' who has looked at evidence on how this

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model has worked in the Basque country and have come to the conclusion, and actually did feedback to the scrutiny committee last week on this. And it did show that this model has worked in the Basque country to increase the number of Basque speakers there and Estyn have also said as well that what we are offering is completely consistent with the Cymraeg 2050 Strategy because it not only provides and extends the provision of welsh medium education in the welsh stream but also normalises and extends the welsh medium provision in the english stream as well.

Question – Councillor Gibson

Please can you inform us whether or not the petition presented at Council regarding the dangerous parking on the junction of Hillsnook Road, Ely has been fully investigated yet?

Reply – Councillor Wild

I can confirm that we have completed our investigation into the concerns raised in the petition and spoke with the police about it.

We have prepared a scheme to introduce additional waiting and loading restrictions in and around the Hill Snook Road / Cowbridge Road West junction. These proposals were subject to consultation with local ward members from 6th November 2019 to 4th December 2019.

Legal Services are currently now preparing the site notices for public consultation on these proposals.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Gibson

You can understand my concern it was about 4 months ago that the petition was put in. I'm just wondering whether signs and waiting limits are going to do the job because people are ignoring the double yellow lines that are there anyway. And I'm pretty sure that people will still be parking up on the pavement, whether obstruction for the traffic coming out of Hill Snook Road, that was where the accident and sadly a fatality took place.

So I'm wondering whether these measures will be sufficient?

Reply – Councillor Wild

We did ask ward members. They had a period of consultation that come becomes before the public consultation. I'm not sure we received those responses from you. It's now out in the public consultation period which you yourself included will be allowed to give your views during that stage.

Question – Councillor Burke-Davies

Residents in the Lydstep flats have been waiting patiently for the council to resolve the cladding issues on their buildings. Can the Cabinet member give an update as to the progress of the cladding?

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Reply – Councillor Thorne

The Council has commissioned Atkins, an external engineering company, to help with the work to replace the cladding. The first stage of this work – an options appraisal – is now complete.

A residents meeting was held recently and officers were able to advise that a brick based cladding is the preferred option. This is both the safest option and the one that needs the least ongoing maintenance. I'm advised that the options were received well at the public meeting.

A letter will be sent to all residents shortly to consult them on the proposals. Following some final technical checks, we will then be ready to procure a contractor, with the aim of beginning on site in late summer 2020. We will, of course, keep ward members updated along with residents.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Burke-Davies

I'd like to take an opportunity to extend my thanks to officers and for keeping relevant members and residents updated. But most importantly can I ask you in joining me to extend thanks to the residents who have been so very patient in what is undoubtedly been a very stressful period especially now that there looks like there is an end in sight.

Reply – Councillor Thorne

I've appreciate it's taken some time to arrive at this solution but I'm sure you'd agree with me and the residents, I think in the end that it was better to make sure that we got the consultants to make sure that we got the right decision. The residents have, I have to say, been extremely patient. And if we could have done it quicker I am sure we would have.

Question – Councillor Hudson

Will there be priority areas targeted for taking out the road narrowings as outlined in November Council?

Reply – Councillor Wild

We have started the process of removing road narrowings. We are developing a list particularly based around priorities where it's going to help bus travel.

Can I ask which one you are referring to? Because my understanding it's the one in Heath Park Avenue has already been completed. It's one of the first ones we did.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Hudson

Driving around the city I've noticed quite a few new developments and I was particularly worried that with the new developments the priority could change

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because the dynamics of travel change greatly. So it's not in any particular area but I note what you say about Heath Park Avenue.

Question – Councillor Molik

As we welcome an increase in cycling routes, what are we doing to ensure those less mobile are safe on our roads and paths and we don't have further injuries to pensioners and disabled?

Reply – Councillor Wild

Cycle ways are of course a way of separating cyclists from pedestrians, and importantly vehicles.

You've mentioned a few times now about cyclists and whether it causes safety. It just isn't borne out of facts Councillor Molik. 99% of injuries to pedestrians are caused by cars – 99% of the deaths. Half of those people are older people, 83% of deaths of cyclists are caused by cars. And again this is mainly older people. There is no factual evidence I can see that indicates that there is danger to people from more people cycling around.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Molik

Of course we look at figures don't we and my intention was not to compare motorists to cyclists. The intention was to make sure that as we embrace the increase in cyclists we are also making sure the safety element is, of course' we had that accident just prior to Christmas where a cyclist did seriously injure an elderly pensioner.

There's tens of thousands of cyclist accidents happening every year, hundreds and thousands are leading to fatalities where we see a higher prevalence of cyclists, and we also note higher average rate fatality in countries like Belgium, Denmark and Holland. And the main reason behind it tends to be rider error or reaction. And this is what I'm asking you to consider in addressing is that we do make sure our cyclists can cycle safely across the city without causing injury to pedestrians or otherwise.

Reply – Councillor Wild

I have to take issue again. The error of the driver is the error of the car driver not of the cyclist. Car drivers are the primary source of deaths for cyclists. I absolutely agree in terms of safety and in terms of making sure that we all share space properly and behave as more people start using our spaces.

The location you spoke about we've now bringing forward proposals to widen that so people can get that around area of safety. We all need to change. The main thing we need to do is to get cars driving a lot slower around the city centre. Which is why we are so keen on a 20mph zone and all the work we're doing around the schools as well that's got to be our priority.

Question – Councillor Derbyshire

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Can I please have an update on the development on the old Rumney/Eastern High site on Newport Road due to start later this year and, in particular, in respect of biodiversity and sustainability?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

Thank you Councillor Derbyshire for giving me the opportunity to update you and council about this development of 214 new low-carbon homes. Which I believe could be an award winning scheme.

In partnership with Wates and Sero Homes we've been awarded Welsh Government Innovation Grant for £3.8 million to ensure low carbon development in which every home achieves a high level of energy efficient and energy bills significantly reduced for residents.

Every home will have ground source heat pump, solar panels with battery to store and reuse electricity and electrical vehicle charging point. The homes will be built using fabric first approach and expected to achieve an A star rating in terms of energy efficiency.

The other exciting part of the scheme is the partnership between Wates, our Into Work team and SEWSCAP Collaborative Construction Framework.

We have been awarded £1.8 million to set up a construction skills training hub on the development site which will result in 750 unemployed individuals becoming site ready. 750 college students are being provided with on-site work experience and 225 site ready individuals gaining sustained employment of which 65 will come from under-represented groups.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Derbyshire

I think it's a really exciting scheme going forward on a fantastic site, I'm sure you'll agree. Can we not be looking to actually use this now as an example to other developers in the city? To say to them this is the sort of thing that we, as a council, I think that they should be doing in order to make this a more sustainable city.

Reply – Councillor Thorne

Absolutely but this is really and is linked to the previous motion that was agreed at council. This scheme together with our fabric first, together with the passive house scheme in the Heath, and together with Welsh Government will be used to actually do some investigation and do some stats to see how we can actually, and if we can have carbon free homes built at pace and scale really, and the cost.

And I think the great thing about this is that although the large number of homes being built will be for sale. So they will be higher in terms of sale price than normal homes. We have been discussing with the Principality Building Society and they've agreed actually to provide a green mortgage which takes account that people's energy bills over the years will be much lower which means that their available

income will be higher, so therefore they will take that into account into providing mortgages. So yes I think if we can show that it works, if we can show that the houses sell quickly and easily then I'm sure developers will come on board.

Question – Councillor Bowden

Could you set out the amount per week of financial support that Kinship carers receive from Cardiff Council by comparison with Foster Carers?

Reply – Councillor Hinchey

There are two main categories of weekly payment made to Kinship and Foster carers – allowances and fees. So weekly allowances are paid in respect of each child, based on their age - they are the basic core allowance that carers receive to cover the costs involved in looking after a child. The Welsh government sets the national minimum standard for these payments and Cardiff pays at the national minimum standard or above.

I'm pleased to say that there are no differences in the rate of weekly allowances payment that we make to either foster carers or kinship carers. This equality also implies to the additional payments made in respect of holidays, birthdays and religious festivals, which are paid in addition to the weekly allowance.

Weekly Fees are paid to all our Foster Carers in Cardiff to recognise their time, their skills and experience as part of their reward for the work they do. We pay a £200 fee to allow us to be competitive with our Independent Fostering Agency market and to increase the number of in house foster carers we are committed to at the moment.

Weekly fee payments of up to £175 per week are also made to some of our Kinship Carers, dependent on their circumstances. This can vary according to whether or not they are able to claim certain benefits as connected family members.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Bowden

There has been a lot of discussion about this nationally, about the differentiation in terms of foster parents and kinship care. And as I could ascertain the other day at CPAC actually we don't pay the fee to kinship, we only pay the allowance. Which means there is disparity, a difference, between what we pay to a foster carer and what we pay to kinship, and yet we are asking them to do the same thing.

Do you think that is equitable?

Reply – Councillor Hinchey

First of all the difference is obviously connected to family members - members who were grandparents or family members looking after them. They can claim other benefits like child benefits and other things.

But the equality, is an issue that we do want to recognise and you obviously raise that at CPAC and we've discussed it a number of times. In fact I think the Director wrote to you a couple of weeks ago outlining some of the differences and the inequality, not just in Wales, but across the UK. Some information should have gone to you some weeks ago?

But obviously we will certainly speak to Welsh Government about the inequalities and how we rebalance that. But if there are certain families who are kinship carers who are struggling or having difficulty then please tell us. We would want to support them in any way we possibly can.

Can I finish off by saying that the Foster caring program and push from Members has been absolutely excellent. I just want to say thank you to members because we've got over 30 new assessments ongoing at the moment and that's a fantastic response. So thank you Members.

Question – Councillor Driscoll

Whilst further development proposals at the former BBC and new Plasdŵr sites are moving forward, what plans are in place to expand public transport in North West Cardiff through Llandaff to achieve the ambition for a 50:50 modal split?

Reply – Councillor Wild

I was really pleased, it was a very helpful meeting we had a little while ago with your colleagues Councillor Hill-John, Councillor Thomas, and I think a couple more of you asking for more information on this, which we have brought forward in the form of a brochure which you will have seen online. It outlines all the transport interventions being planned as part of the development in Plasdŵr in terms of the first phase, the first couple of phases, obviously further phases early days there.

Section 106 already we have £26 million going in, in terms of transport intervention, bus priority measures you know about and a whole host of other things. As well as the announcement we made in terms of ambitions on the white paper for the North West as well. I think there's a good story to tell there, a lot of improvements being made, although obviously difficulties taking out relatively thin roads and trying to do some quite big interventions in there.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Driscoll

Thank you for your answer and we look forward to all the infrastructure that you have promised us but it wasn't that long ago I presented a petition to save the bus routes from Radyr to come through Llandaff. You can ask people to get out their cars to get onto a bus, but they can't get onto no bus. So do you support Cardiff Bus in reducing the 63 bus route by a third? What are you going to do about it if you don't?

Reply – Councillor Wild

Commercial decision for Cardiff Bus I'm afraid and you'll have to take it up with them.

Question – Councillor Berman

What is the council's target time for removing broken glass from the highway or cycleway after it has been reported?

Reply – Councillor Michael

The Street Cleaning app was released in September 2019 to allow customers to report various cleansing issues including dog fouling, needles and broken glass. As with all services developed for the app, this is replicated on the website and within C2C for consistency and makes it as quick and easy as possible for residents to report litter issues.

Any reports of broken glass are attended to by a Street Cleansing team as soon as possible. This is usually within 24 hours or one working day.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Berman

I suffered a puncture through some broken glass two days after I'd reported it, before it had been cleaned up. And then the next time I passed that site I noticed that about half the broken glass was still there so, I had to report it again therefore it took about a week in total before all the broken glass was removed from that cycle way.

Now in view of the fact that we want to encourage more people to be cycling we need to do something about that. So do you think we need to perhaps put a bit more effort in than just put a target to do it as soon as possible? And actually think that removing broken glass as soon as it's reported either on the highway or the cycle way, where it's clearly a danger, should be removed pretty much you know the same day or the day after it's reported.

Reply – Councillor Michael (03:24:54)

I'm sorry you had a puncture. I would have helped you if I had been there obviously to give you a lift or something for a fee.

There are something like 3000 miles of roads in this city and I can't guarantee that every inch of that road is going to be spotless and clean, litter free and glass free. We try to get it done as quickly as possible.

If you can email me all the stuff that you want I'm happy to take it up with officers or if you want me to give you a form where you can actually claim? I'm quite happy to send that to you.

Question – Councillor Robson

What discussions did the Council Leader have with neighbouring authority leaders before publishing the "Transport Vision to 2030 - Changing How We Move Around a Growing City" white paper?

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

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I had informal discussions with the Chair of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal as well as with the Chair of the Regional Transport Authority which sits underneath that organisation. I understand that a briefing is going to be given to the RTA at this next meeting

Supplementary Question - Councillor Robson

So listening to your answer - you didn't have meetings with neighbouring council's leaders to develop the proposed white paper that we debated earlier tonight? Which is interesting because I think if you had you would have perhaps been able to perhaps reassure some of them in terms of your proposals from your point of view. And actually when I spoke in the debate I talked about the mood music focusing around the congestion charge that is the one bit really that has caught the attention of the press and public, and of AMs as well.

I think that on this instance that if you and cabinet colleagues had done their homework and spoke to neighbouring authorities you might had been able to calm the music and explain what you actually meant was that once all the transport improvements were in, that's when you would look at congestion charge. I think you got this wrong in terms of how you dealt with it so therefore a lot of the flack that you are now getting could had been avoided.

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

As a politician I don't mind any flack Councillor Robson. If you read the document, as I'm sure you have done, you will see quite clearly in there that it says no possible charging mechanism would come into place until improvements have been implemented.

I'm on the record as saying I spent a significant amount of revenue that any amount congestion charge raised would be spent in the surrounding regions. So I look to you as a senior Conservative politician to help make it clear and reassure regional colleagues of exactly what Cardiff is proposing to do and I'm sure you will do so.

Question – Councillor Sandrey

Walkways consisting of just tarmac appear to be more susceptible to a build-up of frost and ice. As part of plans to encourage more active travel, will the council consider gritting key walking routes so that people can still get about on foot and via public transport in the colder weather?

Reply – Councillor Wild

The Council does routinely treat a prioritised footway network during cold periods primarily in and around the City Centre, but during longer or more adverse conditions we also divert resources to district shopping centres, hubs and doctor's surgeries. And of course there are still the grit bins available for people locally so that they can do their own localized gritting as well, but we do ask them not to use that on their own private drives.

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Supplementary Question - Councillor Sandrey

With the paving slabs being increasingly replaced by tarmac it is a bit of a concern of mine. So do you accept prioritising roads sends the message that pedestrians are seen as less important than drivers?

Reply – Councillor Wild

Sadly the truth is over the years is that you have a legal duty to keep the roads open, a strategy - we don't in terms of the many pavements which over the years historically is how these decisions are changed, over years of austerity and public sector cuts.

I don't know if these, I'm trying to get some evidence about if the surface needs a different kind of treatment. I've already asked people to look into it and whether it needs change around. We have started also gritting the Taff Trail because of the use there and some of the dangers for cyclists and pedestrians.

Question – Councillor Burke-Davies

We've had successful litter picks in Llandaff North and we are reconstituting a 'Friends of' group locally. Would you be able to provide litter picking equipment in the Hub that this group and other residents can use to do litter picks?

Reply – Councillor Michael

Litter picking equipment is provided in the Hub, which has been used by volunteer litter picking events in Llandaff North. In order to access this equipment, individuals would need to sign up as litter champions and should contact the Love Where You Live Community Development Coordinator by email. The team would also look to provide further equipment to support the reconstituted 'friends' group, depending on the size of the group.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Burke-Davies

Where budgets allow is it possible to extend this offer to other hubs in the City?

Reply – Councillor Michael

I'm happy to arrange a meeting between me, you and Love Where You Live and support the great work you're doing in Llandaff North.

Question – Councillor Williams

Can the Cabinet Member outline how much money will be included in the forthcoming Cardiff Council 2020/21 Budget to support bus companies?

Reply – Councillor Weaver

As you well know it would be inappropriate for me to comment on any specifics of the budget prior the meeting next month. But you will take heart from the fact that there is 29 days until we have that debate in which I'm sure you will take a full part.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Williams

In response to that would the Cabinet Member agree with me that it is appropriate any money that is included in the forthcoming Cardiff Council 2021 Budget to support all bus companies come from revenue and not borrowing?

Reply – Councillor Weaver

It is appropriate not to comment on the details of next month's budget. What I would be very clear from is that if what we are spending is revenue it will come from revenue, and if what we are spending is capital it will come from capital.

Question – Councillor Hopkins

Does the administration have any plans to install directional arrows in the two lanes on each of the roads approaching the Rhydypenau crossroads to improve road safety at this busy and dangerous traffic junction?

Reply – Councillor Wild (03:31:56)

My understanding is the Road Safety Scheme was implemented at that location in 2016 and I think in the previous 3 years to that implementation there were quite a lot of incidents, 2 serious incidents and 13 slight incidents.

Since then we've done post implementation monitoring of that location, that roundabout, and following those changes in 2016 it seems only 2 incidents, and as much as we don't want to see any incidents clearly there has been a big improvement on the safety of that junction.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Hopkins

Drivers using the two lanes approaching the Rhydypenau crossroads from each direction currently have the option of going straight on in either lane, and this often causes the problem when drivers choose to go straight on from each of the lanes simultaneously.

So given the already congested nature of this junction at particular times of day and the likely further increase in traffic when the very welcome new well-being hub is open at the Rhydypenau library can I ask you Councillor Wild to go back and ask officers to look again at this request in order to be sure that we are doing all we can to prevent road accidents at this still busy crossroads?

Reply – Councillor Wild

I've got a long response to you in terms of all the different highway codes definitions but in the spirit of your question it sounds very reasonable and I'll make sure officers pay absolute attention to that and come out and have a look with you.

Question – Councillor Burke-Davies

Cardiff has done wonderful recycling and I understand we are the best core city in the UK. I understand that you are considering rolling out a pink sticker campaign warning residents of contamination of recycling waste. What are the main components that contaminate and could you outline how this will work?

Reply – Councillor Michael

The current contamination of the co-mingled recycling means that 24% around 10,000 Tonnes of recycling is lost each year. The main contamination comes from food, hygiene and clothing.

Contamination levels in garden waste are lower, with 5% or 1,000 Tonnes being lost each year. The main contamination comes from garden items such as fencing, plastic pots, patio furniture, asbestos and even garden gnomes.

This type of contamination is costly to manage and taken together is costing the Council approaching £1 million.

The 'Pink Sticker' campaign which is about to launch on the 2nd of March is not about enforcement, but about promoting and improving good recycling behaviours amongst residents. It's all about the Council providing advice, education and support to residents to help them achieve this.

The pink stickers are going to be placed on contaminated recycling bins by front line collection crews, they will also log details of the property and contamination in their in-cab waste management system.

The pink sticker asks residents to take their waste back into their property and clean it up before presenting it again on the next collection date.

If a second sticker is placed then we'll visit. What we are trying to do is make people aware... We are trying to make residents aware of the money that it's costing them from their council tax. We need to cut down on the amount of contamination and this is the start of an education campaign. It's not about enforcement, it's about taking the public with us.

Question – Councillor Melbourne

I am sure you will agree that pupil punctuality and attendance at school is a critical factor to ensuring successful results. What assurances will you give to Cardiff pupils who use school buses that they will arrive at school, not only on time, but with sufficient time to prepare for the day ahead?

Reply – Councillor Merry

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All school bus services contracted by the Council are planned with traffic in mind and are scheduled to arrive 10 minutes prior to school start times.

The times that buses arrive at schools are constantly monitored and adjusted according to any traffic issues that come to light and the timings are adjusted accordingly.

The Council also has a penalty point system on its contracts and operators are issued penalty points if they do not perform as per their contractually requirements. Contracts are withdrawn if performances is not satisfactory.

A large number of pupils use commercial bus services to travel to school. However, the scheduling of these services is not under the Council's control and is a matter for both the operator and Traffic Commissioner to monitor.

The Traffic Commissioner has ultimate authority to impose sanctions on commercial operators if services do not operate as per their advertised schedule.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Melbourne

So in light of the continuing issues with the N80 bus, you said it's a contracted bus. So far this year alone a one hour wait in freezing conditions, January freezing conditions, for Glan Taf students to be collected for school leaving them stressed, anxious and having to contact parents leaving them anxious and ill prepared for the day ahead.

Last year's collections for Llanishen, Bishop of Llandaff and Glan Taf were also disrupted which meant that pupils arrived anxious, stressed and late for school. How will the council ensure that pupils from these schools are best equipped to arrive not only on time but, unlike a pupil in Llanishen last year, with time to prepare for GCSE exams? With the GCSE exams on the horizon once again, what assurances do you have to ensure pupils get enough time to prepare for their GCSEs examinations that may start at 9am?

Reply – Councillor Merry

I would actually refer you to the answer that I just gave and also the distinction between commercial bus services and contracted bus services, they are two different systems. However, if you actually contact me as you've not raised this issue with me I can look into it further.

Question – Councillor Hudson

Developments of high rise apartment buildings are springing up in the city centre which have little or no parking. What assurances can you give us that disabled people can live in, visit or be cared for in these apartments if there is no parking provision?

Reply – Councillor Wild

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Supplementary planning guidance does advise considerations are given to blue badge holders when developing their plans. Parking spaces can be provided in these sites in the city centre and of course people with blue badge requirements can also apply for bays to be installed nearby.

Supplementary Question - Councillor Hudson

This doesn't address the need for carers. I have some reservations on this, the aspect of disabled is not being addressed, it's time to call for a parking standards review. We're not treating our disabled people with any better quality of life or even equality because they could become disabled after moving into the property. Would you help us address this inequality please by perhaps pushing for a review?

Reply – Councillor Wild

I don't think a review is needed. My understanding is that it fulfils all its equality duties in terms of disabled people. I would reiterate people can still apply for a blue badge in nearby surrounding areas. I would of course always look to see if you think there are things wrong with that. And if you would like to send them through to me I will do so.

11 : COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Council received nominations and made appointments to current committee vacancies as set out in the report and in accordance with the approved allocation of seat and political group wishes.

The following nominations were received and circulated on the Amendment Sheet.

Committee	Vacancy	Group	Nomination Received
Audit Committee	2 vacancies	2 x Labour	Councillor Simmons
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	2 vacancies	1 x Cardiff West Independent 1 x Conservative	Councillor Linda Morgan
Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee		2 Conservatives	Councillors Melbourne and Mia Rees to replace Councillors Morgan and Parkhill.
Public Protection	3 vacancies	2 x Conservative	Councillor Hudson

Committee	Vacancy	Group	Nomination Received
		1 x Cardiff West Independent	
Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny	2 vacancies	1 x Labour 1 x Cardiff West Independent	Councillor Ahmed
Community and Adult Services Committee	1 vacancy	1 x Labour	Councillor Lister
Employment Conditions Committee	1 vacancy	1 X Conservative	Councillor Mia Rees
Environmental Scrutiny Committee	1 vacancy	1 x Conservative	Councillor Parkhill
Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee	1 vacancy	1 x Labour	Councillor Lay

RESOLVED: The Council AGREED to appoint to the vacancies on Committees in accordance with the approved allocation of seats and Party Group wishes as set out on the Amendment Sheet.

12 : URGENT BUSINESS

13 : CARDIFF BUS: RE-APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

To reappoint two Independent Non-Executive Directors to Cardiff Bus.

RESOLVED: The Council AGREED to reappoint Sian Davies and Linda Philips as independent Non-Executive Directors of Cardiff Bus on an interim basis for a further 12 month period.

14 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

In accordance with the Council Procedure Rules, Rule 17(f) [Written Questions](#) received for consideration and response will be included as a record in the minutes of the meeting.