

COUNCIL, 22 OCTOBER 2020 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT **(COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MICHAEL)**

W1	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></p> <p>Can the administration confirm that the green garden waste collections will continue during the winter months on the usual monthly basis?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I can confirm that household garden waste collections will not take place in the months of November 2020, December 2020, January 2021 and February 2021. Fortnightly collections will continue throughout October 2020 and will then resume in March 2021. In addition, a one-off garden waste collection will be provided for all households between 4th January and 11th January 2021 to enable Christmas trees to be collected and recycled.</p> <p>Frontline staff continue to be impacted by Covid-19 symptoms and we have taken the decision to protect essential frontline services by standing down non-statutory services such as garden waste collections to ensure that we have in-built resilience to cope with the onset of winter and related issues (e.g. influenza etc.).</p> <p>Garden waste will still be accepted at the the city's recycling centres at Lamby Way and Bessemer Close throughout the winter period.</p>
W2	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>Litter bins have been removed from bus stops in Llanedeyrn and Pentwyn, with the justification for doing so being cited as reduced footfall due to Covid-19. Is this a city wide cost saving strategy, or will these bins be replaced as bus passenger numbers increase more towards pre Covid-19 levels?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>There is no city-wide strategy to remove litter bins due to reduced footfall as a result of Covid-19. I can confirm that a number of litter bins were removed due to them being damaged. If there is a demand for these damaged litter bins to be replaced at these locations within the Pentwyn ward, then I will arrange for officers to replace them.</p>

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

What progress has been made to introduce measures to reduce air pollution outside those schools identified by Client Earth as in areas of concern?

Reply

In 2018, Shared Regulatory Services (SRS) commenced an air quality monitoring exercise at 9 specific schools in Cardiff following the motion agreed at Full Council in November 2017 for the Council to undertake air quality monitoring in and around schools. It was decided that those schools to be monitored would be those highlighted in Client Earth's 2017 report, which discussed potential detrimental air quality impacts at schools in relatively close proximity to major road networks. The report detailed 9 schools within 150m of roads which had been modelled to have elevated concentrations of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). These schools were:

- Ysgol Mynydd Bychan, Gabalfa
- St Joseph's RC Primary School, Gabalfa
- Stacey Primary School, Roath
- Tredegarville CIW Primary School, Adamsdown
- Cardiff Academy, Roath
- Mount Stuart Primary School, Butetown
- St Peter's RC Primary School, Roath
- Cathays High School, Cathays
- St Teilo's CIW High School, Llanedeyrn

It should be noted that the Client Earth report distinguished the schools listed above as a potential concern supported by the use of modelled data and not 'actual' monitored data. Therefore, the commitment given to examine levels at the named school receptors with the use of monitored data can be cross referenced to verify the assumptions provided by the Client Earth 2017 report.

SRS, on behalf of Cardiff Council, commissioned two air quality monitoring locations at each of the school premises. The monitoring sites monitor levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) using passive diffusion tubes, which are collected and replaced on a rolling monthly basis. The results derived from the diffusion tube sampling are then averaged over the year to enable a comparison of the results against the annual average (40µg/m³) and 1-hour (200µg/m³ not to be exceeded >18 times per year) air quality objectives set for NO₂.

Annual datasets for 2018 and 2019 that were gathered at each of the school monitoring sites recorded annual average levels in compliance with the set air quality standards for NO₂. As a result of these results, no specific measures have been introduced at the above schools, with the exception of Tredegarville Primary School which has seen the introduction of a living/green wall in the school playground.

The Council recognises that there is no defined “safe level” when describing levels of air quality and we are continuing to promote additional measures to improve air quality across all schools in Cardiff. These include the corporate commitment for every school in Cardiff to have an active travel plan by April 2022 and the piloting of ‘Schools Streets’, which restrict vehicular access during peak drop-off and pick-up times. The pilots include air quality monitoring to evidence the improvements to the pollution around the schools from the road closures and the results will be used to inform the wider roll out of such measures across more schools in Cardiff.

W4

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES

Public perception is that incidences of fly tipping have increased in recent years. Could the Cabinet Member please state:

- i) how many incidents of fly tipping there have been in the last decade;
- ii) the number of incidents in each year of that decade;
- iii) the number of prosecutions for fly-tipping that have taken place in the last ten years; and
- iv) the number of successful prosecutions that have taken place since 2010?

Reply

Details of the number of recorded fly-tipping incidents within the last 10 years are set out below:

Financial Year	Number of Recorded Fly-tipping Incidents
2010/11	<i>Data not available</i>
2011/12	11185
2012/13	10957
2013/14	4621
2014/15	3905
2015/16	6214

2016/17	7993
2017/18	5928
2018/19	5219
2019/20	5378
2020/21 (Q1 & Q2)	2508
Total =	63,908

From 1 April 2010 to 31st March 2020, there have been 41 prosecutions for fly-tipping cases, of which there have been 20 successful prosecutions, with 7 cases currently awaiting court prosecution.

The Council has a number of improvements in dealing with fly-tipping since 2017. These include the launch of the CardiffGov app in June 2018, which provides residents with free reminders of their recycling and waste collection days, as well as the ability to report fly-tipping at the scene. The app has proven to be a great success in streamlining the process for reporting and addressing fly-tipping concerns, as well as enabling us to better map fly-tipping hotspots in the city.

Since 2017, we have also introduced both covert and overt CCTV surveillance at hotspots throughout the city in order to assist us with preventing and tackling fly-tipping.

Last summer, we launched the 'Don't Be a Waste Cowboy Campaign', alongside the introduction of a new £400 Fixed Penalty for fly-tipping. Residents were advised that if they use someone who is not registered as a waste carrier, they could face a £300 fine for failing in their Duty of Care. Furthermore, if we locate the trader that dumped the waste, then they could be fined £400 or face prosecution in court with a maximum fine of £50,000.

During 2019/20, the Environmental Enforcement team completed 57 interviews under caution, where evidence was gathered from within fly-tipped waste. As a direct result of these interviews:

- 15 FPNs were issued for fly-tipping at £400 each;
- 19 FPNs were issued for Duty of Care at £300 each;
- 8 FPNs were issued for deposit of waste contributing to litter at £100 each; and
- Further investigations continued into 15 other cases.

There are currently 188 cases pending investigation where evidence has been gathered and an interview under caution is required in order to determine whether the Council will issue a FPN or pursue prosecution. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, interviews under

	caution could not take place in recent months, but these have now resumed alongside the issuing of interview under caution letters.
W5	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES</u></p> <p>It has recently been pointed out by members of the public and business owners that homeless street sleepers in Central Cardiff are defecating in the entrance at Crown Court, Castle Street. This disgusting problem is caused by a total lack of toilet facilities in the area. What is being done to provide more toilets in the area on a more permanent basis?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>As my colleague, Cllr Thorne, has indicated in her response to a Written Question from Cllr Mackie, only 11 individuals were recorded as sleeping on the street as of 9th October 2020 and, unfortunately, there are a number of entrenched individuals who remain on the streets despite offers of accommodation and access to toilet facilities. Clearly, such anti-social behaviour is unacceptable and Street Scene officers will respond by cleaning up faeces and vomit throughout the city centre when identified and reported. We will also look at developing a system for reporting any such incidents via text messages, similar to that which has been introduced for reporting the locations of rough sleepers in the city.</p> <p>As was indicated by the Local Toilets Strategy that was approved by Cabinet in December last year, there is good availability of toilet facilities that are accessible for public use within the city centre during the day, as well as in the evening – for example, the toilet facilities within St David's Centre are usually open until midnight. The strategy also contained a commitment to explore options for providing facilities for the homeless/rough sleepers by December 2021; however, the progress of this work has been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic since March 2020 and the significant reduction in the number of individuals recorded as sleeping on the street in the last 12 months.</p>
W6	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>What powers does the council have to tackle persistent incorrect presentation of waste, such as the longstanding issue on Laytonia Avenue?</p>

Furthermore, why does the council allow this waste to be left on the pavement for long periods after the collection date has passed thus increasing the risk of environmental contamination?

Reply

The Council is able to use the following enforcement powers for tackling incorrect waste presentation:

- **Section 87 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990**

This relates to the offence of leaving litter – for example, as a result of waste/recycling bags being presented incorrectly; waste/recycling not being presented in the correct bespoke bags; recycling being heavily contaminated, and side waste not being presented for collection in the wheeled bins provided. An enquiry is sent to the individual or registered persons at the property where evidence has been gathered. It is standard and best practice to then send an enquiry to the individual(s) identified in the evidence to obtain further information and to follow this up with a section 46 Notice, which sets out the details of how waste must be presented. On return of the form, a decision is made based on the information provided using the evidential test. This determines the outcome of whether to proceed with the case through the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £100 to discharge liability for prosecution or to take reasonable measures to provide support. A formal section 46 Notice is issued with the enquiry. All cases would be considered on a needs basis.

- **Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990**

The Council can issue a section 46 Notice, which sets out the requirements of the waste collection service. Following receipt of this Notice, residents will be required by law to comply with the arrangements for placing their waste out for collection. A Notice has no true end date as long as the occupants remain. Any breach of this notice will result in the issuing of a FPN of £100.

Waste enforcement officers routinely monitor waste presentation and any incidents of incorrect waste presentation or incorrect storage of waste will be investigated during a period of time following the collection of waste from households. Each incident will be considered on a case-by-case basis and education and/or enforcement action will be taken as appropriate.

	<p>A number of education methods have been implemented in recent years, including the recent pink sticker campaign for contamination of recycling bags. Where contamination continues to take place, then enforcement action is taken. Educational campaigns play an important role in raising awareness about the importance of waste presentation issues and changing people's behaviour about how to manage their waste. However, it should be noted that education is not required to secure a successful prosecution for littering and waste offences. Enforcement ensures that individuals and businesses are held accountable for their actions.</p>
W7	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></p> <p>You stated last month that:</p> <p><i>"In 2019, a local process was agreed between Waste Management and Cardiff Dogs Home so that any dead cats found are taken to the Dogs Home where they are scanned for any microchips using the equipment available on site."</i></p> <p>Can you tell me how many dead cats were scanned and how many owners were informed?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Since 2019, a total of 13 cats have been delivered by Waste Management to Cardiff Dogs Home to be processed in line with this procedure, of which 7 cats were microchipped and the owners contacted.</p>
W8	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>How many fines has the Shared Regulatory Service issued to businesses in Cardiff for breaching Welsh Government guidance in relation to coronavirus, and can you provide a breakdown of the categories of breaches for which these fines have been levied?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Between the end of March and mid-June 2020, prohibition notices were served on a number of businesses in Cardiff. In the event that these weren't complied with, the Welsh Government legislation at that time enabled officers to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). In total, five FPNs were issued to Cardiff businesses between early</p>

	<p>April and July 2020 and, of these, three were paid within the timescale allowed (£30 if paid within the first 14 days or alternatively £60 if paid between days 15 and day 28). Infringement files on the two businesses that failed to pay their FPNs have been compiled by SRS and consideration is being given to prosecution in both cases.</p> <p>In recent months, the law has been changed with the onus now on the businesses to implement all reasonable measures to minimise the risk of exposure to Coronavirus on site and to prevent the spread of Coronavirus by persons who have been on the premises. In cases where all reasonable measures have not been taken, enforcement officers may issue either a premises improvement notice, which can remain in place until the necessary changes have been made; or a premises closure notice requiring the premises to close for a period of up to 14 days. In Cardiff, 13 premises improvement notices and 3 premises closure notices have been issued for non-compliance to date. Details of all premises improvement notices and closure notices currently in force in Cardiff can be viewed on the SRS website at: https://www.srs.wales/en/Coronavirus/Improvement-Notices-Served.aspx</p>
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CULTURE AND LEISURE
(COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY)

W9	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>What is the council doing to convene, support and advocate for the arts, culture and hospitality industry in Cardiff and beyond?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council is supporting the Events Industry Advisory Group, which has been established to provide high level representation for the sector in the national response and recovery planning effort required to address the devastating impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the events sector in Wales.</p> <p>The Advisory Group consists of senior industry professionals from across the sector, including representation from Cardiff Council, and its role is to</p>
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- advocate for the power of the event sector to generate significant social, cultural, economic and wellbeing impacts as an important part of the national recovery.
- communicate the views of the event industry to government and its agencies in relation to Wales' national response and recovery planning effort.
- identify key barriers encountered by the sector and advise government and its agencies of their likely impact. Give advice on how to achieve improved outcomes.
- represent the industry as a whole, ensuring coordinated and balanced input from across all parts of the event sector.
- share information, research and best practice to help the sector develop recovery plans.

The Advisory Group is supported by three sub-groups representing the Sports; Arts & Culture and Business Events sectors. The first to be locked down earlier this year, these sectors have been amongst the hardest hit, with much of the industry supported by freelancers and small companies.

Unlike the retail and hospitality sectors, many event related businesses have had no revenue since March 2020 and, with predictions suggesting that events will not return until March/April 2021 at the earliest, this Council recognises the dire circumstances that the event industry finds itself in through no fault of its own.

Cardiff has always recognised the value of events and, indeed, has invested substantially in the infrastructure to support them. We will continue to champion the industry and support any opportunity to facilitate test events so that we can ensure their prompt return. In addition, the Council continues to work hard to convene, advocate and support the sector; indeed, this work is extensive. Members will be aware that the Cardiff Music Board was established for such purposes and the Board has been convened on a number of occasions in recent months in order to discuss the sector's concerns.

We have convened meetings with local businesses from the broadcasting and production sector and made representations to Welsh Ministers regarding events. Officers are also representing Cardiff Council on the Clwstwr Creadigidol project, as well as attending sector meetings regularly in Cardiff.

On a national level, council officers are represented on the Welsh Government's newly convened Music Recovery Group, whilst at the UK level, the Leader of the Council leads the Core Cities Culture portfolio. Officers also engage with the Eurocities Culture Forum.

	<p>Officers have also been involved in distributing and promoting local grant schemes, including the Welsh Government grants relating to business rates, the Economic Resilience Fund, support for venues and the Cultural Recovery Fund grants for freelancers. On the latter, the Leader of the Council has written directly to the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism, Dafydd Elis-Thomas MS, seeking further financial support for the many creative industries and freelancers who are based in Cardiff.</p> <p>I have also written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling on the UK Government to provide central government financial support for the Sport & Leisure sector and to declare these services as statutory functions of local government, recognising the significant contribution that the sector makes to health, mental well-being and community cohesion, which are key issues during the current Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>With regard to the hospitality sector, as outlined in the reply by Councillor Goodway to a related Written Question from Councillor Berman, much of our recovery strategy in the city centre and local centres has been focused specifically on supporting this sector, providing an expanded footprint for struggling businesses and, at the same time, investing more in promoting footfall in these areas. This has all been done in partnership with local businesses, including regular liaison meetings with both FOR Cardiff and major employers in the city centre.</p>
W10	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>Is there a plan or strategy in place to repair and/or replace trees that are damaged due to storms?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Yes, the Council's plans to mitigate for the overall loss of trees as a consequence of Storm Francis are well advanced and form part of our new and replacement tree programme for the 2020/21 planting season.</p> <p>While it's not possible to repair trees, it is possible to make them safe through pruning works, as opposed to felling, which is a last resort. The majority of work to make trees safe has been completed.</p>

	<p>Fundamental to our strategy are partnerships and officers continue to work with a wide range of organisations to secure external funding in order to maximise the programme. Key stakeholders supporting the 2020/21 programme include Trees for Cities, the Woodland Trust and Cardiff Civic Society.</p> <p>Partnerships with Friends Groups and volunteers are also integral to the programme; however, owing to Covid-19, there is likely to be much reduced volunteer activity compared to previous years.</p> <p>Subject to external funding, I anticipate in excess of 1,500 trees, ranging from whips through to standard and heavy standard trees, being planted. There will be a particular focus on wards throughout the city where low canopy exists.</p>
W11	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HENSHAW</u></p> <p>It's good news that, following a successful trial at Forest Farm, the council has purchased an electric tractor. It's good news too that it will allow the collection and sowing of local provenance seeds as part of our Pollinator Project. Can I ask you to keep us updated on this innovative work?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The purchase of the electric tractor is part of the mix of new equipment and underlines the Council's commitment in this area of work. The equipment has been funded through the Local Places for Nature capital grant scheme, which is administered by the Welsh Government and through the Local Nature Partnership.</p> <p>A range of cut & collect items have been purchased to enable more sites to be brought into appropriate management for pollinators and work to review further areas, including highway verges, has already commenced.</p> <p>The collection of local provenance seed from established species rich sites will also enable us to develop poorer sites in order to improve species diversity in a sustainable way. The continuation of careful site selection to roll out further areas will be critical to our approach.</p> <p>I would be more than happy to keep you updated on the work that my portfolio area is leading.</p>

W12	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON</u></p> <p>What work has been done to try and reopen Blackweir Bridge and can the Cabinet Member take into account suggestions I have made to safely open the bridge?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>We are actively looking to enable the safe reopening of the bridge, subject to confirmation of the satisfactory outcome of a structural survey of the bridge.</p>
W13	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE</u></p> <p>Could I have an update on when Penylan Library is likely to reopen?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>As a result of the forthcoming 'fire-break' national lockdown in Wales that was announced by the Welsh Government earlier this week, GLL is proposing to re-open Penylan Community Centre and Library after this period as part of phase two of their restart programme, with streamlined opening hours in line with their other centres in the city. As soon as they get the okay to reopen the centre safely, then we will notify local members as soon as possible.</p>

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS
(COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)

W14	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>Since being in elected in May 2017, along with Cllr Rees, we have persistently requested updates on the development schedule for the new primary school at the St Edeyrn's Development. We were assured the primary school would be open in September 2021 and families with young children have bought homes in our Community on that basis. You will be aware children in Pontprennau faced chaos and disruption for 20yrs, with the absence of a primary school meaning children in Pontprennau attended 40 different primary schools across the City. In light of the above legitimate worries and concerns of local families, shared by Cllr Rees and I, can you set out a formal timetable for when the new primary school at the St Edeyrn's Development will be open?</p>
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	<p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council has continued to provide ward members with updates on this issue, including in replies to previous correspondence and council questions. I want to assure you that our priority is to deliver the project as soon as possible, but it is not as simple as just directing the developer of the St Edeyrn's development to meet specified dates for the construction of the new school. It is equally as important to ensure that the developer delivers to the Council a new primary school is the correct scope and quality, and which achieves value for money.</p> <p>Contractual negotiations with the developer are progressing and the Council hopes to agree an acceptable scheme with the developer very soon. When an agreement is reached, the developer will then issue a revised programme but, based on the previously proposed timescales, it is expected that the school will be completed in spring/summer 2022.</p> <p>The St Edeyrn's development is served currently by St Mellons Church in Wales Primary School and it should be noted that all children with a home address in the Old St Mellons Community, who applied on time for a place at the school, were able to be offered a place in each of the past five intakes.</p>
W15	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>The Cabinet Member will be aware that Cardiff is due to run out of English-medium secondary school places in the next 24 months and that this must be addressed by the Council. Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the timescales for the delivery of a new High School for the North of Cardiff, on land between Pontprennau and Lisvane?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council has, and will continue to have, sufficient places in its English-medium secondary schools to admit all children who may apply.</p> <p>There are sufficient secondary school places to meet the needs of the Lisvane and Pontprennau community, which are currently served by Llanishen High School. Since the introduction of coordinated arrangements for admissions to secondary education in 2018, all children resident in the catchment area of Llanishen High School who applied to the school by the closing date have been admitted. Any</p>

	<p>additional school provision can only be brought forward when there are sufficient numbers of children to sustain each school.</p> <p>The outline planning application for 2,500 new homes in North Cardiff includes proposals for a new primary school and secondary school to serve the new housing development. Timescales for the new school will therefore reflect the phasing of the development and the completion of future housing, as well as taking account of the projected increased levels of surplus places from 2024 onwards.</p>
W16	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>How are we assuring consistency and effective learning across our schools?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>It is important that schools are planning for learning continuity in the event of national or local lockdowns due to Covid-19 or school-specific measures that are implemented in response to pupils having to self-isolate for short periods following confirmation of positive Covid-19 cases. Schools should consider and address this planning in their own context, rather than following a uniform approach across all schools; however, what should be consistent is the expectation of an equitable entitlement across schools.</p> <p>Throughout the previous national lockdown period earlier this year and through the initial restart phase, schools learned a lot about effective distance learning and the required infrastructure, both for staff in school and for pupils at home. Council officers worked closely with schools to identify issues of digital deprivation and connectivity and to provide support with appropriate hardware and software. This included providing all Cardiff teachers with a laptop, bag and headset to help facilitate online lessons.</p> <p>Further to this, we also begun to implement a strategy to move to a 1:1 deployment of Chromebooks for all pupils from Year 3 and above by September 2021. This will ensure a consistent city-wide approach to ICT provision in all our schools for the first time, whilst at the same time removing the stigma of digital deprivation from all our pupils.</p> <p>Since September 2020, schools have been supported by guidance on continuity of learning issued by the Central South Consortium, as well as a series of eLearning webinars to share experiences, best practice and learning solutions.</p>

	<p>The role of Improvement Partners has also changed. Due to the national position with assessments and exams, there will be no categorisation of schools this year so a key focus of the work of Improvement Partners will be the monitoring and evaluation of learning, including continuity of learning. In evaluating teaching and learning, Improvement Partners will look at the provision for catch-up aimed at the vulnerable pupils identified previously; the identification of and provision for the 'new' vulnerable learners, including those for whom home learning has been less successful; identification of, and provision for, those pupils who have 'plateaued' and where learning for such pupils could be accelerated, and the delivery of relevant and meaningful distance/blended learning pedagogies. They will also work specifically with school leadership to review the progress and effectiveness of each school's response to the requirements of distance/blended learning approaches.</p> <p>In partnership with the Open University, the Council has also put together a professional learning opportunity for teachers on distance and blended learning. This is a comprehensive course aimed at giving our teachers an opportunity to become as effective at teaching online as they are in the classroom. The first session will run on 5th November 2020.</p>
W17	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES</u></p> <p>St Mellons Church in Wales Primary School was expecting to be relocated to its new site at St Edeyrn's village in September 2012. You have recently stated that this will not now take place until the Spring of 2022. The school needs to plan for this later move including intake of pupils. The new nursery unit was scheduled to open in September 2021 but will now need to be accommodated temporarily on the existing site. I'm sure that you will understand the difficulty the school now has in planning for September 2021 with the recent information about a delay in the opening of the new site. Will you now commit to positioning a demountable on the existing site to accommodate the additional pupils in the nursery unit?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council has approved the proposal of the St Mellons Church in Wales Governing Body to expand and to transfer to a new site on the St Edeyrn's development in September 2021. However, there has been a delay by the developer in delivering the new school buildings.</p>

	<p>The Council is working with the Governing Body to expand provision from September 2021 to accommodate the increased Reception intake within its existing building and to make potential arrangements on-site to accommodate a nursery class. The Council is not in a position to commit to a demountable unit at this stage, but parents and other stakeholders will be updated by the Governing Body in due course when proposals are finalised.</p>
W18	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES</u></p> <p>Can you provide details of how the Council is working closely with local schools in Pontprennau and Old St Mellons to ensure correct provision is in place for September 2021?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Pontprennau Primary School was able to admit all on-time applicants within its catchment area this year and in previous years when offers were published for community and faith schools in the local area. Projections based on children resident within the school's catchment area indicate that all applicants from within its catchment would be admitted in September 2021. Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pen Y Groes also admitted all applicants this year and projections indicate that all applicants will be admitted in September 2021.</p> <p>As I outlined in my reply to your previous question, the Council has approved the proposal of the St Mellons Church in Wales Governing Body to expand and to transfer to a new site on the St Edeyrn's development in September 2021. However, there has been a delay by the developer in delivering the new school buildings.</p> <p>The Council is working with the Governing Body to expand provision from September 2021 to accommodate the increased Reception intake within its existing building and to make potential arrangements on-site to accommodate a nursery class. Parents and other stakeholders will be updated by the Governing Body in due course when proposals are finalised.</p> <p>It has been agreed that the accommodation of children in Year 1 and above will be delayed until September 2022. This does not preclude families from applying for an in-year transfer to start from September 2022. The Council is confident that there are sufficient school places locally to provide for demand.</p>

	<p>The Council has sufficient places in its primary schools serving Pontprennau and Old St Mellons to admit all children who may apply. Whilst the new schools planned within the housing developments in North East and North West Cardiff will ensure that this will continue in 2021 and beyond, there are sufficient local places for all children who want a place at present.</p>
W19	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE</u></p> <p>Fencing was recently installed between the grounds of Bro Edern school and the rear gardens of homes in Llanedeyrn Close. What safeguarding concerns led to their installation and can we be assured that the land that now sits between the back of the properties and the fencing will be regularly tended?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council is installing secured fence lines in schools across the city as safeguarding forms a key part of the Council's responsibility as a landlord and Local Education Authority. It is also the responsibility of the head teacher and governing body to ensure that the school site and its building are safe.</p> <p>There have been no specific incidents that have required the fencing to be installed, but the school has expressed concerns about the possibility of public access to the school site. The requirement for a secure line perimeter fence is further identified in Secure By Design standards, which are considered to be best practice and approved by the Police.</p> <p>The school will be responsible for the maintenance for the land between the fencing and the properties. This will form part of their general grounds maintenance schedule.</p>

FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE
(COUNCILLOR CHRIS WEAVER)

W20	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>With the ruling administration indicating it will increase Council Tax by 4.5% in February, could the Cabinet Member advise me what additional services and provisions residents in Cardiff can expect to see as a result of this inflation-busting Council Tax increase?</p>
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Reply

As is the case every year, we have to develop the Council's annual Budget Strategy based on a set of assumptions until the Cabinet has developed and consulted on its budget proposals, received confirmation of how much money the Council will receive from the Welsh Government in the Local Government Financial Settlement and taken into account other inflationary pressures, as well as the budgetary impact this year of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic.

As was set out clearly in this year's Budget Strategy report, which was brought to last month's Full Council meeting, the strategy contained a modelled assumption of a 4% increase for 2021/22 – not 4.5% as you have stated in your question.

This is an assumption at this stage and any proposal on Council Tax will be made prior to the final decision of Full Council in February 2021. This was made explicit in paragraph 42 of the report which set out the impact of a modelled 4% increase in Council Tax as a part of the *"high-level strategy to address the budget gap"*:

"These assumptions will be reviewed and refined as the budget process progresses, not least because the budget gap itself may change."

It was also noted that: *"Levels are for modelling purposes and are subject to ongoing review and Member approval"*

The Budget Strategy report set out for members that a 4% increase in Council Tax would raise £6,090,000. Also in the report, and set out in detail in Annex 1, members were informed that the current expected budget gap that we face next year is £25,417,000.

The report gave clarity to members on what this would mean – if other assumptions such as the Welsh Government settlement and financial pressures remain the same as calculated at present – this would still leave a funding shortfall of £19,327,000. This would require us to make savings of £19.3 million *in addition* in order to set a balanced budget.

Residents can be assured that this administration will continue to drive improvements in service performance and the ambitious agenda set out in Capital Ambition, as we have over recent years, despite annual real-term cuts to our budget.

	However, as set out in the Budget Strategy report, we face a budget gap next year that is larger than any additional funding we would receive from any realistic increase in Council Tax and, therefore, any increase in Council Tax would help close that gap, but only partially.
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HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES
(COUNCILLOR LYNDA THORNE)

W21	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH PARRY</u></p> <p>Given the concern recently expressed about cladding and other inadequate fire safety standards in high rise and other residential buildings across the United Kingdom, can the Cabinet Member state how many buildings in the City and County of Cardiff are affected and their locations?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Following the Grenfell Tower tragedy in June 2017, the Council acted quickly to review all council owned high-rise blocks in the city. None were found to have the very high risk Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) cladding that was present at Grenfell Tower, although the high-rise blocks were in need of modernisation to meet current building regulations.</p> <p>A programme is well underway to upgrade our high-rise stock, including the installation of new cladding and sprinkler systems. When this programme is complete, they will exceed the requirements of current regulations. The Council works closely with South Wales Fire & Rescue Service to ensure that all our council homes are safe places for tenants to live.</p> <p>The Welsh Government has undertaken an audit of high-rise residential buildings in Wales, which identified 92 buildings over the 18 metre threshold within Cardiff. South Wales Fire & Rescue Service has established a high-rise team to audit these buildings, establish any concerns and, in particular, to identify the presence of any ACM cladding similar to the product implicated in the Grenfell Tower fire. As a result, 13 such buildings in Cardiff were identified as having cladding materials that were a matter of concern.</p>
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	<p>In the private rented sector, Shared Regulatory Services have worked with South Wales Fire & Rescue Service to ensure remediation of these issues and to shape reforms of the regulatory framework to ensure greater control of fire safety issues during design, planning, construction and ongoing management of high-rise premises.</p> <p>I am pleased to report that those buildings identified as having ACM cladding present have had remediation works completed or contracts signed for the replacement of cladding at no cost to leaseholders. In the interim, Fire Safety Risk Assessments have been carried out and compensatory measures have been approved by the Fire Service pending remediation works.</p> <p>The Welsh Government is now establishing a team to provide greater expertise and capacity to deal with complex high-rise issues that may arise in future.</p>
W22	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES</u></p> <p>Recently driving along Greenway Road, I was astonished and dismayed to see a large tethered horse grazing on the small grassed area in front of a block of Council flats. I reported the incident to the Animal Health and Welfare officer for Shared Regulatory Services who subsequently issued a secure notice under the Control of Horses Act and the horse was removed. In the same road, Greenway Road, Trowbridge ward, a wooden structure has been erected as a stable in the small front garden of what was formerly a pensioners bungalow with a horse grazing in the small patch of grassed area alongside. What action is Cardiff Council Housing service area taking to prevent such inappropriate keeping of horses on their property?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>If horses are found grazing on housing land, then officers would – as you did in this case – report the matter to the Animal Health and Welfare Officer within Shared Regulatory Services and the matter would be dealt with in the same way as the horse was dealt with in Greenway Road.</p> <p>Council tenants are not permitted to keep horses on any housing land and, therefore, if there is a persistent issue with a tenant keeping or allowing horses on housing land, then we could take action against their tenancy.</p>

	<p>If the owner of the horse was not a council tenant, but we could identify who they were, then we could also consider an injunction against the owner. The Tenancy Team would also work closely with the Animal Health and Welfare Officer, as needed, to resolve any issues.</p> <p>With reference to the stable that has been erected in Greenway Road, I understand that this is located at 177 Greenway Road, which is not a council owned property. Housing officers have therefore made a referral to the Planning Enforcement team and have been advised that the case will be investigated. They have also made a referral to the Animal Health and Welfare Officer to check the horse's welfare at this location.</p>
W23	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MACKIE</u></p> <p>I am receiving increased complaints and I have identified an increase in street homeless, fouling and begging in the City Centre. The main issues appear to be on Castle Street, Queen Street, The Hayes and St Mary Street. What are we doing to ensure that we do not return to the pre-lockdown situation and to encourage people not to give money to the people begging?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>We are committed to maintaining the progress in addressing rough sleeping in the city that was made during the previous Covid-19 UK-wide lockdown earlier this year. As at 9th October 2020, just 11 individuals were sleeping on the street, which is far lower than pre-pandemic levels. The figure for October 2019 was 120 individuals.</p> <p>New rough sleepers appear each week and are brought into services. Unfortunately, there are a number of entrenched individuals who remain on the streets despite offers of accommodation. Our multi-disciplinary team continues to work with these individuals to engage with them and encourage them into accommodation.</p> <p>For those in accommodation, the multi-disciplinary approach continues, with work to address substance misuse and mental health issues taking place in the hostels, which helps these very vulnerable individuals to maintain their accommodation. To assist with this work, more therapeutic workers have been employed including an additional counsellor, substance misuse worker and a specialist occupational therapist. Arrangements are also being made for dedicated psychologist and psychiatrist time to meet the complex needs of these service users.</p>

	<p>As I outlined in my statement, work to create new accommodation is progressing well. Ty Casnewydd, the new hostel on Newport Road, opened in early October 2020 and feedback so far has been good from both staff and residents. Plans to create a new facility at Adams Court are well underway with external works having started on site and the contract for the main work to the building out to tender. Part of the Adams Court building will be used as a hostel while the works are being completed. While the OYO hotel has closed, it is proposed that the YHA hotel will remain open over the winter to continue to meet the needs of this group.</p> <p>Those spending time on the street and engaging in begging are often not homeless, but are housed either in our hostels or, in some cases, have permanent accommodation in the community. The Real Change campaign continues to be promoted on social media and via posters both in the city centre and in local shopping centres. The campaign encourages the reporting the location of rough sleepers in the city by texting 'REALCHANGE' to 80800 or by completing the online form on the Council's website, with the campaign's message focusing on sending for real help from our Outreach team, rather than giving to those on the street.</p>
W24	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER</u></p> <p>The Welsh Government have recently begun a consultation on tackling fuel poverty by 2035. What progress has the Council made in tackling fuel poverty and, to date, how many families have been supported out of fuel poverty since 2012?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Since 2012, the Council has installed almost 10,000 energy efficiency measures in mixed tenure homes across Cardiff. These measures include loft and wall insulation, "A" rated boilers, window upgrades and solar photovoltaic (PV) panels – all helping to reduce energy demand and costs for residents by improving building standards.</p> <p>The vast majority of these improvements have been made within the Council's social housing stock. It is also worth noting that Cardiff Council was the first local authority to achieve the Welsh Housing Quality Standard in 2012, which included a minimum standard for modern heating systems and controls. The national standard set by the Welsh Government was to achieve a minimum energy rating of SAP (Standard Assessment Procedure) 65. The average for Cardiff</p>

	<p>Council tenants is currently 72, well above this standard. In comparison, the average SAP rating for the whole of Wales is just 61.5.</p> <p>In addition to these tangible measures, the Council also facilitates an Affordable Warmth Partnership of organisations across the city with a combined remit of reducing fuel poverty in Cardiff. The Partnership combines resources to submit joint funding bids where possible. For example, the Warm & Safe Homes project was run successfully from 2017-19 in four wards across Cardiff, helping over 600 households with energy efficiency and financial inclusion advice that resulted in an average household saving of £587. The project has now secured additional grant funding until 2021 to provide assistance and advice in two further wards of the city.</p> <p>The Council's Money Advisors also ensure that fuel poverty is addressed when looking at clients' finances. Advice can be accessed face-to-face in the Hubs, via the Adviceline or on the Council's Money Advice website. Advice includes 'better buys' and supporting people to switch their energy tariff, as well as help with winter fuel payments and explaining the different charges of pre-payment meters compared to direct debit deals. Robust referrals are made to organisations including Nest, the Welsh Government's Warm Homes scheme; Speakeasy Energy Advice, and energy providers directly.</p> <p>The Money Advice team has supported 1,608 clients to apply successfully for the Warm Home Discount and have referred at least 76 clients to Nest for their boilers to be upgraded. In addition, over 300 clients have been referred to Speakeasy, who have successfully helped clients write off high levels of energy debt through the British Gas Energy Trust scheme.</p>
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INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
(COUNCILLOR RUSSELL GOODWAY)

W25	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member confirm how much money the Council borrowed to purchase the Red Dragon Centre and what the total estimated borrowing is for the delivery of the Indoor Arena?</p>
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	<p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The financial details of acquiring the Red Dragon Centre remain confidential, and will do so up until the point that the redevelopment of the Atlantic Wharf area is completed, in order to protect the Council's commercial position.</p> <p>In terms of the total estimated borrowing for the Indoor Arena, a report will be presented to Cabinet in November 2020, which will set out the financial strategy, but the final cost will not be known until completion of the Full Business Case in May 2021.</p>
W26	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR EBRAHIM</u></p> <p>I am aware that the proposed indoor arena project is reaching the point where a preferred bidder will be appointed. This is a very welcome development, but what assurances can you give that Butetown residents will be consulted on the proposals?</p> <p>In addition, can you give a commitment that those residents will be involved in any discussions that will influence the application of any social benefits generated by the project?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>A report will be considered by the Cabinet in November 2020, outlining the results of the procurement process and providing formal authority to appoint the preferred bidder.</p> <p>As part of their submission, the preferred bidder has made a number of commitments relating to local employment, training and other social benefits, with some specifically targeted towards engaging the local Butetown community.</p> <p>In terms of consultation, the preferred bidder will lead a series of workshops with the local community as the project progresses through the planning process, which will deal with the development and also the operation of the Arena.</p> <p>Once the preferred bidder is appointed, the Council will quickly resolve the best way to manage engagement with the local community and other key stakeholders given the restrictions created by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a starting point, a meeting will be arranged between the preferred bidder and you, as the local member for Butetown, to discuss an engagement strategy.</p>

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

I am seeing increasing signs of local hospitality businesses which appear to have ceased trading since the summer, including since the onset of the recent local lockdown measures in Cardiff. What action is the council taking to reach out to such businesses and what assistance is it able to offer them?

Reply

The Council will be operating three business support grant funds on behalf of Welsh Government from the end of October 2020 to support businesses directly impacted by further lockdown measures in Wales. These measures include grants linked to business rates, as well as local discretionary grants that will be available to support businesses across the city that are not liable for rates.

The Council will also be promoting the next phase of the Welsh Government's Economic Resilience Fund, which is due to open to applications for its third round of funding on 26th October 2020 and will provide up to £10,000 for micro businesses, £150,000 for SMEs and £200,000 for large businesses to invest in their business.

The Council is in regular contact with businesses right across the city to understand the impact that COVID-19 is having on the local economy. There is regular engagement with representative organisations such as the South Wales Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses. In the city centre, the City Centre Management team is in regular direct contact with businesses on the ground, as well as FOR Cardiff and the Cardiff Licensee Forum. In local centres, the Economic Development team has engaged with small representative groups of local business to assist with the introduction of COVID-19 measures, to encourage take-up of business support initiatives, and to help businesses in the hospitality sector extend their trading footprint on to the street.

As the latest lockdown approaches, the Council will once again ramp up its economic development activities to ensure that businesses right across the city are aware of the support that is available to them and to encourage businesses to take it up.

LEADER
(COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS)

W28	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>Will the Council publish weekly data on its social media feeds and website showing the number of Covid-19 cases on a ward by ward basis across Cardiff (as has been done by a number of other Welsh Councils)?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Public Health Wales now publishes case data by Middle Super Output Areas (MSOA) of residence on their publically available data dashboard, which can be found at: https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary</p>
W29	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>Will the Council provide all members with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Data showing the weekly number of Covid-19 cases on a ward by ward basis since March 2020; and2) Weekly ward by ward data showing the number of Covid-19 cases for the foreseeable future? <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I would refer you to the answer that I provided in response to your previous Written Question on this issue.</p>
W30	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>Many businesses across Cardiff are at breaking point, with businesses in our City Centre hit hard by the Welsh Government's "Essential Travel Only" instruction. These businesses are open and in my view the Council should be doing all it can to encourage those to safely shop in our City Centre, our high streets and across other businesses in Cardiff. Does the Leader of the Council agree with me that a blanket, Cardiff-wide lockdown, along with county travel restrictions are having an adverse and negative impact on lives and livelihoods?</p>

Reply

Framing the response to the pandemic as pitting the economy versus public health is ill advised, with the evidence making clear that the best way of supporting the economy and safeguarding public health is to identify the right package of interventions to prevent the exponential spread of the virus.

The Council fully recognises the pressures that the response to the current public health crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic has placed on businesses and the economy. It is therefore crucial that the right balance is struck between preventing the spread of the virus and keeping as many sectors as possible open. Lessons from elsewhere across the UK make clear that, without the right measures in place, positive case numbers can grow, increasing pressure is brought to bear on the NHS and, tragically, people lose their lives, which mean that more stringent interventions become necessary.

Throughout this pandemic, the Council has done all it can to support local businesses and this will continue to form a key part of the city's recovery strategy as we move forward. Between April and June 2020, the Council facilitated the provision of £42.8 million to businesses via the Welsh Government's Business Grants Scheme, whilst ensuring that an estimated 73%-86% of qualifying businesses in Cardiff accessed this financial support.

Further to this, the Council has worked to repurpose the city centre, and wider local and district centres, to create an environment that is safe, socially distanced, well-managed and welcoming. Adaptations have included pavement widening, cycle routes, speed restrictions, as well as allowing café and bars to create 'spill out' areas to trade outside. Castle Street was also transformed to create a high quality public space for local businesses to use, expanding their safe trading capacity and using new technology to enable the ordering of food and drink. Approximately £80,000 was generated for the local economy in the first weekend alone following the implementation of these changes.

Moving forward, we will continue to seek the important balance of protecting public health, while preventing a protracted economic decline. Minimising the spread of the virus is of utmost priority and a pre-condition to allow for a strong and sustained economic recovery.

W31	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>When will a COVID walk-in testing facility be made available in Cardiff?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Construction of a Covid-19 testing facility in the city centre began on 14 October 2020 and this opened to the public on 17 October 2020. The online booking system is also live. The new facility is based on Museum Avenue, providing easy access to testing for those living in the surrounding residential areas, including the city's student population. Test, Track, Protect (TTP) service partners are currently in discussions about providing a second walk-in testing facility in the city.</p> <p>Further testing provision was also deployed recently at the student halls of residence on the Llys Talybont site. A mobile testing team set up on site following data received from the TTP service and more than 600 students were tested.</p>
W32	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON</u></p> <p>What work has the council undertaken with South Wales Police around public safety messages around Halloween with the potential of trick-or-treating and what guidance can the council give on whether it is allowed?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The 'fire-break' national lockdown in Wales, which comes into force at 6pm tomorrow (Friday 23 October 2020) will mean that no public gatherings will be allowed outdoors, including on Halloween. The Council has been working in partnership with South Wales Police to develop tactical messaging for Halloween, with an emphasis on prevention and encouraging population compliance with the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Wales) Regulations 2020.</p>
W33	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON</u></p> <p>What work has the council undertaken with South Wales Police to insure that Covid-19 regulations are followed on bonfire night?</p>

	<p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The ‘fire-break’ national lockdown in Wales, which comes into force at 6pm tomorrow (Friday 23 October 2020) will mean that no public gatherings will be allowed outdoors, including on fireworks/Bonfire night or other organised activities. The Council has been working closely in partnership with South Wales Police, South Wales Fire & Rescue Service, Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust and Cardiff & Vale University Health Board to develop multi-agency plans for critical dates, including Bonfire Night, in order to minimise the risk to the public from Covid-19 transmission. This includes promoting compliance with the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Wales) Regulations 2020, through the development and implementation of multi-agency communications, as well as coordinating proportionate multi-agency enforcement activity.</p>
W34	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>What, if any, consideration had the Council given to the long-anticipated return of university students for the new academic year on Covid-19 infection levels and community transmission rates in the city?</p> <p>If so, what was the anticipated impact?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The student population is an important aspect of the city’s diverse and thriving community and it is important that all agencies work together to make Cardiff a safe and welcoming city for students.</p> <p>Since May 2020, Shared Regulatory Services (SRS) have engaged in strategic Covid-19 meetings with key partners from Public Health Wales, Cardiff University, Cardiff Metropolitan University, University of South Wales, South Wales Police and Welsh Government. These meetings have resulted in the creation of a joined up approach to managing the return of students and welcoming new students to Cardiff.</p> <p>This partnership approach has enabled agreement on communications, ensuring that our students can enjoy their time in Cardiff, whilst remaining safe and receiving accurate and up-to-date guidance on Covid-19. This has included:</p>

- sharing safety and security messages with the communications officers for universities and colleges.
- the development of a Covid-19 safety information pack for students.
- dissemination of public health and community information to landlords to cascade to their tenants.
- provision of a Covid-19 information page on the Cardiff Digs website linking to government guidance, with a strong focus on community safety and responsibility.
- inclusion of the Cardiff Digs Moving in Checklist in letters sent by Waste Management to all student properties, highlighting community messages.
- social media activity covering public health messages with the support of university and students union communications officers.
- featured online engagement, including online Fresher's Fairs and digital induction presentations.

In addition, Shared Regulatory Services officers have worked proactively with South Wales Police during July and August 2020 in patrolling the streets of Cathays, engaging and informing students as they arrived back in the city. This partnership work continued during Fresher's Fortnight as larger numbers of persons moved into the area, and will continue moving forward.

Ahead of the return of students to the city, meetings were also held with the strategic leaders of the relevant Higher Education organisations, alongside the Council, to ensure that each organisation was best placed to respond and support each other. The Council will continue to do all that it can to support the wellbeing of students by encouraging behaviours that will keep them safe and prevent the risk of transmission.

The work of our Test, Trace and Protect (TTP) service has also ensured that the city has a firm understanding of the nature of the Covid-19 pandemic in Cardiff and the return of students to the city was recognised as a risk. There has been some outstanding work, involving council officers, to contain the spread, and the recent interventions at the student halls of residence on the Llys Talybont site are a great example of this. A mobile testing team arrived at the site following data received from the TTP service and more than 600 students were tested. This mobile testing capacity was planned and prepared to ensure that any potential increase in numbers, including those associated with the return of students, could be responded to.

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

W35	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>How effective have our independent living and social care services been during Covid-19 in ensuring the right support is reaching people in their homes?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Social Services and Independent Living Services (ILS) continued to provide essential services to vulnerable individuals throughout the first phase of the Covid-19 pandemic and, in my view, they have done a great job and been very effective at meeting the challenges posed by Covid-19, as well as meeting the needs of those people within our communities who have needed help the most. This has required strong focus: both logistically by prioritising critical services and supporting people within the community; and by maintaining our objective of supporting people to live independently at home. Further details of how these services have responded are set out below:</p> <p><u>ILS First Point of Contact Hospital</u> Demonstrating versatility during the pandemic, the Pink Army provided support at Dragon's Heart Hospital, as well as maintaining the service to Health colleagues and patients at UHW.</p> <p><u>ILS First Point of Contact Community</u> The First Point of Contact (FPOC) Community team made the transition from office to home and continues to deliver business as usual. In the initial lockdown period, the team prioritised those either in or on the edge of crisis, safeguarding and carer support. The FPOC Community team saw an increase of 21% in total calls, and resolves 80% of cases, without onward referral to social care.</p> <p><u>ILS Visiting Team</u> The team has regularly undertaken welfare calls to individuals to support wellbeing and the provision of information, advice and assistance, as well as practical support. This includes staff moved to support food distribution schemes, CRT/Telecare and Meals on Wheels.</p>
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Day Opportunities

As the Day Opportunities team were unable to take individuals out into the community, staff were redeployed to support other services, such as Telecare, First Point of Contact and CRT. Welfare calls continue, with support provided as necessary.

Occupational Therapy

Occupational therapy has returned to business as usual. The trial of virtual assessments in partnership with stair lift providers has proved successful. The telephone assessment model has been extended to incorporate all non-complex adaptations. Significant support is being provided to care agencies to prevent hospital admissions and care breakdown.

Disabled Facilities

The team has returned to business as usual. Our services are fully Covid-compliant. During the first phase of the pandemic period, the team prioritised repairs to defective and emergency adaptations, ensuring people could remain at home, with care provision in place.

Social Services Review Team

The Review team has been providing support to carers through regular phone contact. This has provided emotional support to carers and those at risk of isolation, provided signposting and identified other needs such as support for collection of prescriptions where people have not been able to access normal support services. All teams have been providing regular and consistent contact to people who are known to services. This includes:

- Families, carers and service users who cancelled services at the start of the pandemic, to ensure their ability to cope.
- Those at risk of isolation, including carers to support signposting to other services
- Carers social groups organised through virtual means

Community Resource Team (CRT)

CRT continues to work 'as normal', supporting timely discharges from hospital, alongside the Pink Army; and continued to work with the Brokerage team throughout the pandemic to appropriately signpost citizens with support needs to longer term community support services.

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding team has continued to provide full support throughout the pandemic and uses Microsoft Teams to support timely conversations and to carry out multi-disciplinary team case conferences. Over the last quarter, Safeguarding has been able to

	<p>complete 98% of all referrals within 7 days and, during the last 6 weeks, 100% of cases were completed within 7 days.</p> <p><u>Support for Domiciliary Care Providers</u></p> <p>Significant time has been invested by the contracts and commissioning teams to support Domiciliary Care services across Cardiff. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fortnightly newsletters - Hospital Discharge Needs Assessment developed and embedded, in partnership with Public Health Wales and Cardiff and Vale University Health Board - Financial uplifts organised for Cardiff-based Domiciliary Care Providers to maintain sector sustainability and safety.
W36	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>How are we working to improve communication, engagement and digital inclusion of our senior citizens?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Officers work closely with both internal and external partners to ensure that older people are aware of all the services available and to ensure that access to these services meets the requirements of the individual, whether that be face-to-face over the phone or online.</p> <p>For those who were required to 'shield', letters, phone calls and visits were made to ensure that all were spoken to and reassured, as well as providing ongoing information on the Advice and Library line contact facilities.</p> <p>The Dementia Friendly Cardiff website was also launched on 1st October 2020. The site contains information for patients, carers and general health and well-being, as well as online activities enabling people to attend virtually, until events in the community can recommence. Work is in progress to extend awareness and reach of the website in collaboration with Cardiff & Vale University Health Board.</p> <p>Partnership work with Public Health Wales has also been taking place, which has included dissemination of Virtual Clinics – Stay Steady Virtual Clinic. Stay Steady clinics offer consultations with a falls specialist physiotherapist, which can be carried out over the phone or a secure video link. This has been promoted through the click & collect Hubs & Libraries home delivery service.</p>

The Independent Living Visiting team is also asking individuals about their preferred method of engagement and offers a blended service of face-to-face and telephone assessments. The Hospital First Point of Contact has been, and continues to be, fully active at the University Hospital of Wales supporting patients for discharge. This team has become an integral part of the discharge service.

In terms of digital inclusion, the Council's new Digital Support team is working alongside both internal and external partners who have regular contact with older people in the community. These include Social Services/Independent Living Services, BT, Digital Communities Wales, local volunteer groups and the NHS. Robust referrals have been set up into the team to ensure that those who need help can access it easily. The team provides one-to-one support and guidance, as well as free access to devices for the most vulnerable and those who are socially isolated. An overview is also provided on keeping people safe online.

For those that are keen to learn more, online courses have been developed by the Adult Learning team, which are a great way of reducing social isolation and making new friends online. Some of the projects to date include:

- Working with Telecare, 24/7 Services and Digital Communities Wales. This includes upskilling carers and support staff to help support senior clients use their digital devices.
- Implementation of the Digital Communities Wales Care Home iPad loaning scheme. 52 tablets were allocated (with training provided) to 32 care homes in the Cardiff area. This is being rolled out to independent living schemes and sheltered housing schemes in Cardiff.
- Roll out of a tablet gifting scheme (with 4G if required) for those on a low income and who are socially/digitally isolated.

The Day Opportunities team has also set up a number of virtual groups. Examples include:

- Monday Meet Up – this provides an opportunity to connect via Microsoft Teams for a weekly catch up, cuppa & low impact exercise.
- Cardiff City FC Foundation Partnership – this brings 16-24 year-olds together with over 50's for fun, games and a quiz.
- Cardiff Sporting Memories – this provides opportunities for reminiscence, sport updates, quiz & 'spot the ball' competitions.

	The team has also helped Llanrumney Hall Community Trust to apply for funding from the Integrated Health & Social Care Partnership, on behalf of the Cardiff and Vale Regional Partnership Board, to buy 25 tablets to help keep older people in contact.
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STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
(COUNCILLOR CARO WILD)

W37	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></p> <p>Can the administration give a timescale for installing 20 mph speed limits in the commercial areas on Fidas Road, Cyncoed Road, Rhydypenau Road and Celyn Avenue to support safety during the pandemic as planned?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>As I outlined in my statement to Council last month, the temporary 20mph speed limits for the Rhydypenau Crossroads area will be delivered as part of Phase 2 of this project. Phase 1 has now been completed and an order has been placed with the contractors to deliver the Phase 2 project. It is expected that this will be completed over the coming months and ward members will be advised of more definite timescales in due course.</p>
W38	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>Following concerns from parents, residents and teachers, will the council consider making New Zealand Road a 'School Street'?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I can confirm that officers are aware of these concerns. Since schools re-opened at the end of summer term, concerns have also been raised about traffic and parking outside other Cardiff schools and we have received a number of requests for further School Streets to be implemented.</p> <p>As part of our response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have been able to install School Streets projects at 9 locations, in addition to the 5 School Streets that went live in January of this year.</p>

	<p>In light of the clear demand and support for more School Streets projects within the city, officers are now working to develop a costed forward programme of School Streets schemes that will form the basis of a bid to Welsh Government for funding in the 2021/22 financial year. The programme will need to be prioritised based on specific criteria (which are yet to be agreed) and delivered in phases over 2-3 years.</p> <p>New Zealand Road will be considered for inclusion in the programme. There would be full engagement and consultation with ward members and residents on any firm proposals for a scheme at Ysgol Mynydd Bychan.</p>
W39	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>Residents on Flaxland Avenue, Maitland Street, and Pen y Bryn Road have raised concerns about the deteriorating state of the pavements. When can residents expect improvement works to be carried out?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>An assessment has been carried out on the footways you have listed in Gabalfa and the following observations were recorded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flaxland Avenue is part pennant stone flagged footway and part tarmac. The pennant stone section is in good order with no work required; however, the tarmac section would benefit from a layer of footway micro asphalt surface treatment and will be added to the list for consideration in 2021. • Maitland Street is of tarmac construction and this road will be considered for inclusion in the 2021 micro asphalt surface treatment programme. • Pen y Bryn Road is of tarmac construction and will also be considered for inclusion in the 2021 programme of works. <p>Footway Micro Asphalt Surface Treatment, the application of which is weather sensitive and, therefore, seasonal is a cost effective sustainable solution that seals flexible footways, provides improved condition and can be applied to large areas. As a result, all three footway areas will be considered as part of a future programme of such works.</p>

W40	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>Can an update be provided on proposals to revise parking arrangements for residents on roads east of Whitchurch Road and for Pay and Display on Whitchurch Road?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I am aware that this scheme has been some considerable time in the process of design, consultation and reporting and that previous updates have recognised this. I can only apologise for these lengthy delays which have been unavoidable. Unfortunately, this situation has remained complex and has been affected by both the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the proposals associated with cycleway 1.2, which runs along Allensbank Road. I understand that officers will shortly offer a meeting with you to discuss the options for a way forward.</p>
W41	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>Cardiff was recently found to be the most unsafe city for cyclists, with 71% saying they feel unsafe. With traffic creeping towards pre Covid-19 levels, what is the council doing to make all roads safe for cyclists, especially for those who have discovered a love for cycling during the pandemic but are now feeling less safe on roads because of the increase in traffic?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>It's been great to see the recent boom in cycling among children and families, particularly whilst there has been less traffic on our roads due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and I hope that this continues. I'm not sure we should rely too much on the recent survey by a specialist cycling insurance company that has a vested interest in this issue, especially when other recent surveys have painted a very different picture, with Cardiff also being named as Britain's best cycling city. Nevertheless, I do recognise the importance of cycle safety and addressing perceptions of safety to ensure that everybody feels comfortable cycling in Cardiff so that it is a natural and normal active travel choice for local, everyday journeys.</p> <p>As a result, we are implementing a number of measures to ensure that people feel safe cycling in Cardiff. Our network of permanent and pop-up cycleways will provide segregated routes through key transport corridors. 20mph limits are also making lightly-trafficked residential streets more attractive for cycling.</p>

	<p>We have implemented road closures to create School Streets that provide a safe and welcoming environment for children walking and cycling to school. Each school in Cardiff will also have an active travel plan to coordinate measures to promote walking and cycling to school.</p> <p>In addition, the Council delivers national standards cycle training to primary schools in Cardiff, as well as offering holiday sessions and one-to-one adult cycle training. We have recently delivered fleets of new bikes to over 30 schools, which will help more children to receive balance bike training and national standards cycle training.</p>
W42	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>What is the justification for the increase in car parking provision in the second phase of the Wellfield Road scheme, bearing in mind the council's stated aim to encourage a modal shift in transport?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The changes on Wellfield Road have been brought in to create a safe space to enable safe social distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic and the recovery period. This scheme necessitated the removal of parking along the street and, as part of the original proposals, we identified alternative space locally where this parking could be accommodated, thereby ensuring that local businesses were supported and could thrive under very difficult circumstances.</p> <p>We conducted a review of the parking in the area. Parking sensor data showed that there was a high frequency of turnover of the parking and that some customers required short-term parking. Following discussions with local businesses, it was identified that replacing some of the parking spaces in phase 2 was desirable.</p> <p>The introduction of a one-way system on Wellfield Road and on Penny-Lan Road will enable us to introduce a segregated cycle way and to improve the parking provision, which would benefit local businesses and residents. The pedestrian and cycling infrastructure improvements on Wellfield Road are also designed to make active travel options more attractive, thereby aligning with the Council's aim of encouraging a modal shift in transport.</p>

W43	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>Is the council going to consider allowing green pedestrian lights to stay on for longer at busy crossings to allow pedestrians to cross the road safely while also maintaining a social distance from others?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The 'green man' signal at signalised pedestrian crossings is an invitation to cross and can be set within a range of 4 to 12 seconds, depending on the width of the carriageway and pedestrian density. It is a parameter that needs to be assessed for each site, rather than a general setting in the traffic signal control; however, in recent years, we have made some adjustments to crossings in order to favour active travel. Any suggestions of specific locations where adjustments may be required due to changes in pedestrian density from social distancing can be considered on request.</p>
W44	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>Post Castle Street closure, what plans are there in place for a connected transport route from one side of City to the other?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Cabinet has yet to decide on a final permanent arrangement for Castle Street and we will shortly be undertaking a consultation process. In the immediate interim, which is expected to be from the end of November 2020, a temporary arrangement for buses and taxis will be implemented, along with managed loading for businesses and the two-way segregated cycle lane.</p> <p>In the longer term as part of the wider city centre highway changes, bus priority measures are needed throughout the city centre, particularly as Castle Street is closed regularly on major event days. Plans for the east side of the city centre provide for two-way, cross-city bus access via Station Terrace (from the north along Dumfries Place and from the east via Newport Road), Churchill Way, Bute Terrace and Customhouse Street to the new bus interchange at Central Square.</p> <p>It is also worth stating that not all cross-city bus routes need to go via the city centre. Many cross-city bus routes could go via Western Avenue or via Penarth Road/Callaghan Square, or from the south of the city to the north via Callaghan Square, Bute Terrace, Churchill Way etc.</p>

W45	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>With increasing traffic on Lake Road East and West, the placing of cones to block parking to make it safer to walk and cycle has become ineffective and is causing traffic problems on off roads. What plans are there in place to re-instate parking around the lake?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Parking was suspended adjacent to Roath Park on Lake Road East and Lake Road West in order to create additional space to enable people to use the footways safely and to practice social distancing. The measures were introduced in conjunction with the introduction of the 20mph speed limit, which is intended to reduce vehicle speeds and create a safer environment for active travel (i.e. cycling and walking). These actions are consistent with guidance issued by the Welsh Government on the type of transport measures required in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The recent dramatic rise in Covid-19 cases in Cardiff and the re-introduction of national lockdown restrictions in Wales from 6pm on Friday 23 October 2020 until the start of Monday 9 November 2020 underlines the critical importance of facilitating social distancing to help limit the transmission of the Covid-19 virus. During this period, people wishing to access Roath Park for essential daily exercise and informal recreation must be able to do so in safety. For these reasons, we consider it necessary to retain the parking restrictions, and 20mph limit at this present time. This will make it both easier and safer for local people visiting the park/lake or using the footways on Lake Road West and East to socially distance in safety. Encouraging slower speeds will also increase safety for cyclists making essential and recreational journeys.</p>
W46	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER</u></p> <p>Last year I wrote to ask the Council to consider the permanent installation of a rainbow crossing in the City Centre, promoting further visibility of the LGBT+ community here in Cardiff. Is the Cabinet Member able to provide me with an update of the Council's progress on identifying a site for a rainbow crossing?</p>

	<p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Thanks for your ongoing efforts to see this happen – it's something that we want to do here in Cardiff. We have some major infrastructure schemes planned in the near future and I have asked officers to review these to assess whether one of these schemes could incorporate a rainbow crossing. Any such road marking would be subject to further assessments and we may also need to obtain planning consent if it was to be located within a Conservation Area.</p>
W47	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CUNNAH</u></p> <p>Electric Vehicles (EVs) have just seen a 184% increase in sales year-on-year, bucking the general trend for car sales overall which is suppressed due to the coronavirus pandemic. I am pleased that Cardiff Council is pushing ahead with new public provision of EV chargepoints. This adds to those already in place, including three locations in Canton. However, in inner-city wards like Canton, with many terraced streets without off-street parking, many residents are keen to install their own charging solutions. Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on proposals to enable residents to legally install their own on-street chargepoints for their existing and new EVs?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council is aware of the growing demand for private EV chargepoints and is investigating the technical and legal aspects of allowing the public to have permanently installed private power cables in the public highway. This has not been done in the past, and I am sure you will agree that, for health & safety reasons, the solution cannot be based on a simple extension cable running from a household electricity supply to electric vehicles parked on street. Similarly, on street parking cannot be reserved for individual residences and this also raises the issue of accessibility to any solution by an EV user.</p>
W48	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>Given the relatively narrow pavements, traffic and parked cars on Whitchurch Road, what plans (if any) does the council have to support pedestrians in maintaining social distancing whilst accessing the businesses and shops in the area?</p>

	<p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>We have delivered temporary footway widening schemes to aid social distancing in four locations across the city and are currently developing proposals for the next phase of this work. Whitchurch Road will be considered as part of the next phase of this scheme and officers will present the concept scheme to ward members in due course.</p>
W49	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>How many metres of pavements and footpaths have been resurfaced in Cardiff in each of the past 3 years?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The length of footway works carried out on the network over the past 3 years is set out below:</p> <p><u>2017/18</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconstruction = 2,100m (4,620m²) • Micro Surfacing = 10,000m (30,700m²) <p><u>2018/19</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconstruction = 2,500m (4,759m²) • Micro Surfacing = 20,400m (42,840m²) <p><u>2019/20</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconstruction = Nil (although tenders were submitted in March 2020, the contract was withheld due to Covid-19 related uncertainty of being able to deliver the works safely and effectively directly outside of residential properties under the lockdown restrictions that came into force at very short notice in March 2020) • Micro Surfacing = 8,500m (17,850m²) <p>It is worth noting that additional investment into active travel routes, cycleway schemes and safer school schemes also includes a large number of footway improvements for pedestrians; however, it is difficult to identify or quantify this in terms of the number of metres.</p> <p><u>2020/21</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No works carried out to date as a result of delays due to Covid-19 related uncertainty, public & workforce safety, additional costs, timescales and associated disruption.

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON

Do the transport policy team take enforcement action on vehicle drivers who park on pavements, two wheels on or, in some cases, all four wheels on the pavement?

Parking on pavements causes an obstruction and pedestrians are endangered when vehicle drivers mount kerbs to answer their phone, pop into a shop or drop their kids off at school. Lorries and heavy vans parking on pavements damages the kerbs and, therefore, leads to costly repairs for the Council.

Reply

Currently, there is no national legislation outside of London that prohibits the general parking by cars on pavements. Under the Traffic Management Act 2004, the Council may undertake enforcement of pavement parking when:

1. There is a Traffic Order in place to prevent the waiting of vehicles (such as double yellow lines or a prohibition of footway parking zone);
2. A HGV parks wholly or partially on a pavement, central reservation or verge; and
3. A vehicle is parked wholly or partially on a pavement that is part of a cycle track.

Where a vehicle is observed in contravention of the above by a civil parking enforcement officer, then they may issue a Penalty Charge Notice.

The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 does make it an offence to park where it may cause an unnecessary obstruction. This offence was never decriminalised and, therefore, enforcement lies with the Police; however, it is rarely enforced.

The Council recognises that pavement parking can cause a hazard to pedestrians, in particular those with additional mobility requirements or the visually impaired. In view of this, we have been looking to trial an experimental footway parking ban zone in the City Road area, subject to consultation. If this trial is successful in making a difference, then other areas where such a zone would be of use will be explored.

Last week, the Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport, Lee Waters MS, also made an Oral Statement in the Senedd which

	<p>confirmed the Welsh Government's acceptance of all 10 recommendations of the Welsh Pavement Parking Taskforce. This includes proposals to give councils additional civil enforcement powers to fine problem parkers, target hot spots and vary their approaches depending on local circumstances. The Welsh Government will establish a project team to take forward the pavement parking implementation programme in Wales so that enforcement can be undertaken by local authorities by July 2022.</p>
W51	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SINGH</u></p> <p>How many mobile speed cameras do the Council have?</p> <p>How long do they remain in place and how do we find out if our suggestions for where to place them have been taken up?</p> <p>I am particularly thinking of Romilly Crescent and Wyndham Crescent in Riverside ward.</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Speed enforcement is a matter for the Police and the Council has no powers in this respect. As a result, the Council does not operate any mobile speed cameras, although we do provide assistance at some speed camera sites in terms of the maintenance of parking locations and visibility. In Wales, enforcement is undertaken by GoSafe, which operates both the fixed and mobile speed camera sites in accordance with Welsh Government criteria. Further information about speed camera locations can be found on the GoSafe website (https://gosafe.org/) and any queries regarding cameras should be directed to GoSafe.</p>
W52	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOYLE</u></p> <p>When can Penylan councillors expect to see some details about a possible dedicated cycle lane on Ty Draw Road?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Cardiff's Active Travel Integrated Network Map includes the Roath Park/Roath Rec corridor, with the timescale for delivery of this route being short-medium term – i.e. between 2017/18 and 2026/27. Routes on Ty Draw Road and Wedal Road are included as longer term schemes, together with a connection to a north-south primary route, which extends through the Nant Fawr area and onwards towards north-east Cardiff via Rhydypenau Road.</p>

	<p>Initial investigations were carried out in 2018/19 for establishing a route along Wedal Road and the Lake Road East/Lake Road West corridor. This work represents the very early stages of technical work required to develop detailed proposals for the cycle route facilities.</p> <p>The Cardiff Recovery Strategy, which was approved by Cabinet on 11 June 2020, identifies a range of transport measures to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. These include a number of pop-up cycleways, including a route via the Roath Park corridor.</p> <p>Officers are progressing investigation and technical work to develop detailed proposals for a pop-up segregated cycling route, which will connect with Wellfield Road at the southern end and extend northwards along the length of the Roath Rec and Roath Park Corridor. This technical work will re-visit earlier study work that was undertaken in 2019 to develop and refine options and to produce deliverable detailed proposals for a pop-up cycle route along the corridor, including through the Lake Road East/West area. Engagement with ward members and the local community will be carried out to inform the work as it progresses.</p>
W53	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>A number of street signs in Penylan ward have been rendered unreadable, or barely readable, following graffiti removal undertaken by the council earlier in the year. These include the signs at the entrance to Doe Close which I reported in mid August, but also signs at Cyncoed Gardens, Deri Close and Clarendon Road. My understanding is that the signs need replacing but there have been considerable delays to having replacement signs produced. When can residents expect this to be resolved and new signs installed?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The very high volume of additional requests received by sign manufacturers, as a result of the ongoing need for public information signs to be provided in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, has resulted unfortunately in delays in the fabrication of street nameplates. However, further contact has been made with the suppliers and they have assured us that these requests will be prioritised and fabricated as soon as is possible. We therefore anticipate that the signs for Doe Close, Cyncoed Gardens, Deri Close and Clarendon Road will be delivered within the next 8 to 10 weeks.</p>

W54	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>With a proposal for a segregated cycle lane featuring in the recently produced plans for the next phase of the Wellfield Road scheme, will the council now look to develop proposals for consultation with the local community which could potentially extend this segregated cycle lane along Ty Draw Road and Lake Road East in order to provide a safe cycle route from Roath and Penylan to Cardiff High School?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I would refer you to the answer provided earlier to the related Written Question from your ward colleague, Councillor Boyle.</p>
W55	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>The council has introduced various temporary school street schemes to help with social distancing as schools have re-opened in order to discourage parents from dropping off children close to a number of schools across the city, and also hopefully serving to encourage more pupils to travel to school by more active means. What plans does the council have to consider, subject to adequate consultation with local communities, making such schemes permanent – including the scheme introduced prior to the summer holidays around Howardian Primary School in Penylan?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I would refer you to the answer provided earlier in response to a related Written Question from your group colleague, Councillor Taylor. This provided more information about our plans to develop a forward programme of implementing more School Streets schemes within the city, particularly following the staffed road closures at 24 locations earlier this year to support the restart of schools, which were only temporary, but well received.</p> <p>If successful, the aim would be to make all schemes permanent and, as one of the 24 locations, Howardian Primary School will be considered for inclusion in the proposed programme of School Streets. There would be full engagement and consultation with ward members and residents on any firm proposals for a scheme at the school.</p>