

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 18 March 2021 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 12 March 2021.

Present: County Councillor McKerlich (Lord Mayor)

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

153 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received. Councillor Linda Morgan advised that she would be late in attending the meeting.

154 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor	Item	Interest
Councillor Lay	Item 11 – Cabinet Member Statements	Personal - Chair of Cardiff Bus Board
Councillor Robson	Item 18 – Appointment of Local Authority Governors	Personal & Prejudicial – Employer is recommended for appointment as Local Authority Governor
Councillor Hopkins	Item 11 – Cabinet Member Statements	Personal - Member of Friends of Nant Fawr
Councillor Naughton	Item 8 – Pay Policy 2021-22	Personal – Family Member is employed by Cardiff Council
Councillor Gavin Hill-John	Item 11 – Cabinet Member Statements	Personal – Vice Chair of Cardiff Bus Board
Councillor Owen Jones	Item 11 – Cabinet Member Statements	Personal – Non Executive Director of Cardiff Bus
Councillor Sandrey	Item 11 – Cabinet Member Statements	Personal – Non Executive Director of Cardiff Bus

Councillor Henshaw	Item 8 – Pay Policy 2021-22	Personal – Family Member is employed by Cardiff Council
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Senior Officers affected by Item 8, Pay Policy 2021 – 2022 have a pecuniary interest and will leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

155 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 March 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

156 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No public questions were received.

157 : PETITIONS

No petitions were received.

158 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillors Norma Mackie and Jayne Cowan who received awards from the High Sheriff in recognition of exceptional performance of duties to the community during these uncertain COVID-19 times.

159 : LORD MAYOR AND DEPUTY LORD MAYOR ELECT

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader of the Council Councillor Huw Thomas to propose the re-appointment for the Lord Mayor Elect.

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor Adrian Robson to second the re-appointment.

It was confirmed that Councillor Rod McKerlich was the Lord Mayor Elect for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Councillor Rhys Taylor to propose the re-appointment for the Deputy Lord Mayor Elect.

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader of the Propel Party, Councillor Keith Parry, to second the re-appointment.

The Lord Mayor confirmed that Councillor Lyn Hudson was the Deputy Lord Mayor Elect for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

RESOLVED: Council AGREED to:

Re-appoint the current Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor in their civic roles until the Annual Meeting of Council scheduled to take place in May 2022.

160 : PAY POLICY 2021 - 2022

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

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance, Councillor Weaver proposed the report.

The report asked Council to agree a Policy Statement for 2021/2022 in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

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

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report.

The Lord Mayor invited the Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance, Councillor Weaver to respond to matters raised in the debate.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the recommendations outlined in the report as proposed by Councillor Weaver.

The vote on the recommendations in the report was CARRIED.

RESOLVED – That Council, following the approval of Cabinet AGREED to:

- (i) confirm that the decision to agree the Pay Policy Statement constitutes agreement to implement the cost of living pay increases determined by the relevant negotiating body effective from 1st April 2021, as accounted for in the Budget set and agreed by Council on 4th March 2021.
- (ii) determine that any additional financial implications arising from the national pay agreements determined after this date that cannot be met within the Council's agreed Budget will be referred to Council for consideration and decision.
- (iii) approve the attached Pay Policy Statement (2021/22) Appendix 1.

(Senior officers were invited back into the meeting)

161 : CARDIFF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FULL REVIEW

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Strategic Transport Councillor Wild proposed the report.

The report was to report back to Council the findings of the consultation exercise undertaken on the draft Cardiff Local Development Plan (LDP) Review Report and draft Delivery Agreement and seek Council's approval to submit the Final Review Report (Appendix 1) and Final Delivery Agreement (Appendix 2) to the Welsh Government.

The report was seconded by Councillor Keith Jones

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report.

The Lord Mayor invited the Cabinet Member for Planning and Strategic Transport, Councillor Wild to respond to matters raised in the debate.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the recommendations outlined in the report as proposed by Councillor Wild.

The vote on the recommendations in the report was CARRIED.

RESOLVED: That Council, following the approval of Cabinet, AGREED to:

Approve the Final Review Report and Final Delivery Agreement and authorise their submission to Welsh Government.

162 : CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Chair of the Corporate Parenting Committee, Councillor Merry proposed the report.

The report was seconded by Councillor Hinchey

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the report.

The Lord Mayor invited the Deputy Leader of the Council and Chair of the Corporate Parenting Committee Councillor Merry to respond to matters raised in the debate.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the context of the report as proposed by Councillor Merry.

The vote on the context of the report was NOTED.

163 : CABINET MEMBERS STATEMENTS

The following statements were received:

1. [Leaders Statement – Councillor Huw Thomas](#)

The Leader responded to questions in relation to:

- Mass Vaccination Programme
- Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – Homes for All the Region Programme
- Transition figures and the re-opening of gyms and restaurants.

2. [Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Education, Employment & Skills, Councillor Merry](#)

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Qualifications Assessments Arrangements 2021
 - Willows High School during lockdown
3. [Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport, Councillor Wild](#)
The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:
- Cycleways Update
 - Walking Routes
 - Consultation on the Future of Castle Street
 - Bus Emergency Scheme
4. [Cabinet Member for Investment & Development, Councillor Goodway](#)
The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:
- Former Howells/House of Fraser Store/ City Centre/John Lewis
 - Support for Businesses
5. [Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure, Councillor Bradbury](#)
The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:
- Parks & Playgrounds
 - Roath Park lake, locking of gates at night
 - Woodland Trusts Emergency Tree Fund
6. [Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance, Councillor Weaver](#)
The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:
- Chatbot (BOBi), mobile App issues
7. [Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities, Councillor Thorne](#)
The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:
- Windrush Compensation Scheme
8. [Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment, Councillor Michael](#)
The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:
- Fly-tipping Enforcement
 - Electric Vehicles (EV) Charges
 - 4-day Working Update
9. [Cabinet Member for Children's & Families, Councillor Hinchey](#)
The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:
- Review of 2020/21/Youth Offending Service

10. [Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health & Well-being, Councillor Elsmore](#)

There were no questions for Councillor Elsmore.

164 : MOTION 1

The Lord Mayor advised that the notice of motion proposed by Councillor Berman and seconded by Councillor Sandrey had been received for consideration. One Amendment had been received from the Labour Group.

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

This council notes:

- a) The concept of the “20-minute neighbourhood” or “15-minute city”, conceived by cities such as Melbourne and Paris, which seeks to improve liveability and develop more sustainable, local communities by planning for residents to be able to access most of the facilities they need on a daily basis within a 15-20 minute walk, cycle or bus ride from their home;
- b) That the “20-minute neighbourhood” concept has been backed by the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales as well as by organisations such as Sustrans; and
- c) That the concept has many benefits in relation to both environment and health, as well as the promotion of sustainability through more localised economic development.

This council welcomes and endorses the commitment within its Corporate Plan for 2021-24 to support the “15-minute city” principle. In order to build on that commitment, however, this council calls on the Cabinet to ensure that the “15-minute city” principle is fully incorporated in council policies across the board, including by:

- 1) Fully factoring in the “15-minute city” principle to the city’s revised Local Development Plan (LDP), as part of the full review of the plan which is to be undertaken by late 2024; and
- 2) Revising the council’s existing transport and economic development strategies to ensure they are sufficiently underpinned by the “15-minute city” principle.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Sandrey.

Amendment 1

The Lord Mayor Councillor Wild to move the amendment as follows:

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- b) That the “20-minute neighbourhood” concept has been backed by the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales as well as by organisations such as Sustrans; and
- c) That the concept has many benefits in relation to both environment and health, as well as the promotion of sustainability through more localised economic development.

The Council welcomes the significant progress made in the last 4 years in support of the 15 minute city through a number of key initiatives including:

- *Numerous transport projects such as the Nextbike scheme, the widespread rollout of 20mph zones, the delivery of the segregated Cycleways network, and significant investment in public transport,*
- *Ongoing regeneration of district centres across the city*
- *Investment into parks and playgrounds, and the introduction of street play areas*
- *The development of Community Hubs model, and it’s rollout across the city*

The Council further notes that that

- *the forthcoming full LDP review represents an opportunity to embed the principles of the 15 minute city into the Council’s planning policy*
- *that the principles of increasing urban density, low-speed zones, and transferring road space from car users to public transport, pedestrians and cyclists are central to the success of 15 minute cities, and support for the concept also necessitate support for these principles.*
- *that making any commitments about the LDP prior to the conclusion of the consultation process is premature, and potentially opens the Council up to legal challenge*

~~The~~ This council *further* welcomes and endorses the commitment within its Corporate Plan for 2021-24 to support the “15-minute city” principle. In order to build on that commitment, ~~however~~ this council calls on the Cabinet to ensure that the “15-minute city” principle is fully incorporated in council policies across the board, including by:

- ~~3) Fully factoring in the “15-minute city” principle to the city’s revised Local Development Plan (LDP), as part of the full review of the plan which is to be undertaken by late 2024; and~~
- ~~4) Revising the council’s existing transport and economic development strategies to ensure they are sufficiently underpinned by the “15-minute city” principle.~~
- 1) Ensuring the Council’s forthcoming Renewal Strategy is underpinned by the 15 minute city principle.

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

- 2) Undertake an analysis of local amenities and services in relation to where people live, and how they are able to access these places, the findings of which can support the future review of bus services and our next Active Travel Network Map.

The Substantive Motion would read:

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- b) That the “20-minute neighbourhood” concept has been backed by the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales as well as by organisations such as Sustrans; and
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- that the principles of increasing urban density, low-speed zones, and transferring road space from car users to public transport, pedestrians and cyclists are central to the success of 15 minute cities, and support for the concept also necessitate support for these principles.

- that making any commitments about the LDP prior to the conclusion of the consultation process is premature, and potentially opens the Council up to legal challenge

This council further welcomes and endorses the commitment within its Corporate Plan for 2021-24 to support the “15-minute city” principle. In order to build on that commitment, this council calls on the Cabinet to ensure that the “15-minute city” principle is fully incorporated in council policies across the board, including by:

- 1) Ensuring the Council’s forthcoming Renewal Strategy is underpinned by the 15 minute city principle.
- 2) Undertake an analysis of local amenities and services in relation to where people live, and how they are able to access these places, the findings of which can support the future review of bus services and our next Active Travel Network Map.

The amendment was formally seconded by Councillor Burke-Davies.

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

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Berman to respond to the issues raised during the debate. Councillor Berman confirmed that the amendment was accepted.

The Lord Mayor invited a vote on the Substantive Motion.

The vote on the Substantive Motion as amended and proposed by Councillor Berman was CARRIED.

165 : MOTION 2

The Lord Mayor advised that the notice of motion proposed by Councillor Stubbs and seconded by Councillor Keith Jones had been received for consideration. Two Amendments had been received.

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

This Council recognises

That Councillors have a duty to promote kind and honest discourse both on and off line.

Recognises that discussion, debate and scrutiny are vital to a democracy but must be carried out without abuse.

That robust debate is a crucial part of the scrutiny process and should not be discouraged.

That social media is an increasingly aggressive space where abuse is common place.

That misinformation is often the trigger for such abusive behaviour.

That anonymous accounts with no trail of accountability are often the worst culprits.

That public figures are often the target for abusive behaviour and that it inevitably has a significant detrimental impact on their wellbeing.

Proposes to

Introduce a code of principles for social media use, that has an emphasis on promoting accurate discourse and encourages councillors to not write or share posts that contain obvious inaccuracies or aggression against colleagues.

To ask Councillors to declare on their declaration of interest their involvement in any social media accounts.

Develop a Code of Practice for groups and organisation which the Council works with, which sets similar high expectations of respectful and honest engagements, and which asks them to conduct themselves in a transparent manner rather than operating anonymous accounts

The motion was seconded by Councillor Jones

Amendment 1 Conservative Group

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Cowan to move the amendment as follows:

Delete the line ‘ To ask Councillors to declare on their declaration of interest their involvement in any social media accounts.’

Please add an ‘s’ on the end of organisation.

The Substantive motion would read

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The amendment was seconded by Councillor Parkhill.

Amendment 2 – Liberal Democrat

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Boyle to move the second amendment as follows:

This Council recognises *that*:

- ~~That~~ Councillors have a duty to promote kind and honest discourse both on and off line.
- ~~Recognises that~~ Discussion, debate and scrutiny are vital to a democracy but must be carried out without abuse.
- ~~That~~ Robust debate is a crucial part of the scrutiny process ~~and should not be discouraged~~
- ~~That~~ misinformation is often the trigger for such abusive behaviour
- ~~That~~ anonymous accounts with no trail of accountability are often the worst culprits.
- ~~That~~ public figures are often the target for abusive behaviour and that it inevitably has a significant detrimental impact on their wellbeing.
- *Social media can be an aggressive space, with abuse and misinformation from both named and unaccountable, anonymous accounts.*
- *Public figures are often the target for abusive behaviour that can harm their wellbeing.*

This Council proposes to:

~~Introduce a code of principles for social media use, that has an emphasis on promoting accurate discourse and encourages councillors to not write or share posts that contain obvious inaccuracies or aggression against colleagues.~~

~~To ask Councillors to declare on their declaration of interest their involvement in any social media accounts.~~

~~Develop a Code of Practice for groups and organisation which the Council works with, which sets similar high expectations of respectful and honest engagements, and which asks them to conduct themselves in a transparent manner rather than operating anonymous accounts~~

Ask the independent Chair of the Council's Standards and Ethics Committee to:

- *Lead an evidence-based examination into the threat posed to political debate by anonymous online accounts.*
- *Report on whether he believes a social media code of principles is required to deter unacceptable behaviour online.*

The Substantive Motion would read:

This Council recognises that:

- Councillors have a duty to promote kind and honest discourse both on and off line.
- Discussion, debate and scrutiny are vital to a democracy but must be carried out without abuse.
- Robust debate is a crucial part of the scrutiny process.
- Social media can be an aggressive space, with abuse and misinformation from both named and unaccountable, anonymous accounts.
- Public figures are often the target for abusive behaviour that can harm their wellbeing.

This Council proposes to:

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- Lead an evidence-based examination into the threat posed to political debate by anonymous online accounts.
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The second amendment was seconded by Councillor Berman.

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

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Stubbs to respond to the issues raised during the debate.

Councillor Stubbs responded to the issues raised and confirmed that Amendment 1, moved by the Conservative Group was accepted.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on Amendment 2 proposed by Councillor Boyle and seconded by Councillor Berman.

The vote on Amendment 2 was LOST.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the Substantive Motion as Amended by Councillor Stubbs.

The vote on the Substantive Motion was CARRIED.

166 : MOTION 3

The Lord Mayor advised that the notice of motion proposed by Councillor Jones-Pritchard and seconded by Councillor Mia Rees had been received for consideration. One Amendment had been received from the Labour Group.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Jones-Pritchard to propose the motion as follows:

Cardiff's LDP and SPGs, including the Planning Obligations SPG, cover, in detail, the provision of Open Space and set the council's approach to open space provision.

The LDP requires provision of a satisfactory level, and standard, of open space on all new housing/student developments, or an off-site contribution towards existing open space, for smaller scale developments where new on-site provision is not applicable. Regularly, particularly on smaller scale developments, S106 contributions are agreed towards the maintenance/provision of open space in the vicinity of the site. The instances of these monies going to the provision of new open space is rare and population densities are seen to increase, in existing communities, without the provision of compensatory additional open space.

The experience of the last twelve months has shown the needs of people for contact with nature, with increased use of our city's parks and open spaces, that Cardiff reputedly once had more of per person than other cities. Yet, these 106 funds are rarely provide for additional space for people to sit in a green area and see more trees, flowers, grass and shrubbery. These new spaces don't need to be large or expensive, just open and accessible for people and be green! The UK government is funding 12 tiny forest projects, each the size of a tennis court and it is known that people don't have to be able necessarily to access open space, just see it and know it's there, for it to improve their wellbeing. Such new small areas, or corridors, of open space would also help biodiversity, with pollinators visiting and more trees locking in CO2 as well as helping to improve air quality. These spaces could be corner plots, vacant or redundant sites, part of a car park or back land spaces and could be provided in conjunction with other land owners, including religious buildings and third sector providers.

This council calls on the cabinet to bring forward proposals to prioritise more of the funding available, to create new open spaces in Cardiff's communities, benefiting from S106 money, with those spaces located where residents of all ages can see and use them to improve both the environment and their wellbeing. Such proposals to be produced within six months.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Mia Rees

Amendment 1 Labour Group

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Bradbury to move the amendment as follows:

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The Council recognises the current LDP's ambition in securing new public open spaces in areas that were previously private and inaccessible, such as the minimum of 84 hectares allocated as public open space across 7 strategic sites. This will add to the 20% of all land in the city currently allocated as either functional amenity space, children's play areas, and formal and informal recreational spaces.

The Council also welcomes the ongoing investment into the city's parks and playgrounds, enabled in part by S106 contributions, which has resulted in a record 14 parks awarded Green Flag status.

As debated at Council in January, the Council recognises the ongoing work to make Cardiff a greener, more biodiverse city, and welcomes initiatives such as Coed Caerdydd, and the Cardiff Housing programmes, which in turn seeks to increase tree canopy coverage in the city by working with public and private partners to identify land for tree growing; and which is regenerating brownfield sites whilst also designing in green infrastructure and usable open space within areas of previously poor biodiversity.

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The Substantive Motion would read:

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This council endorses the resolutions of the motion debated at Full Council in January, and welcomes the resulting forthcoming report, which will be considered by Cabinet in May, detailing progress on improving green infrastructure in Cardiff, including public open spaces.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Derbyshire.

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the motion and amendment.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Jones-Pritchard to respond to the issues raised during the debate.

Councillor Jones-Pritchard responded to the issues raised during the debate and confirmed that the amendment would not be accepted.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the amendment as moved by Councillor Bradbury and seconded by Councillor Derbyshire.

The vote on the amendment was CARRIED.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Bradbury to reply before the Substantive vote was taken.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the Substantive Motion as amended by the Labour Group.

The Substantive Motion was CARRIED.

167 : ORAL QUESTIONS

Question – Councillor Robson

At the budget meeting, cuts were voted through by the Labour administration in the tourism and economic development teams. Do you agree that Cardiff needs all the tourism and economic development capacity possible to help recover from the Coronavirus pandemic and will you reintroduce this funding?

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

I agree that, in the current circumstances, it is important to maintain and enhance capacity in the Council's Economic Development and Tourism teams. Throughout the pandemic, alongside officers in the Council's Finance team, they have provided an unprecedented level of support to local businesses.

Funding for staffing in the Economic Development and Tourism teams has remained at a similar level to last year, with some initial savings proposals being rejected by the Cabinet.

Provision has been made for a new role to be created to help leverage further Government support, with a focus on accessing UK Government funds that are being created to replace funding previously channelled via the European Union.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Robson

Thank you Lord Mayor, my question was whether you'd reintroduce this funding and I take it from your answer that you're not minded to albeit you've outlined some other aspects where you put investment in, but the issue around staffing and these particular posts, they may have been vacant posts, but these areas need all the help they can get. The key thing was these are not huge sums of money and we worked out about £50k of council budget which is very small fry in the scope of Council finances and yet these posts probably make a bit of a difference to helping our economy grow. In normal times we wouldn't raise this but these are not normal times and therefore I think that Cabinet were absolutely wrong to put these forward and I would urge you to reintroduce these posts, get them filled and get people out there working to help rebuild Cardiff's economy.

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

I'm not sure quite what the question was there but I think the actual figure in question was around £10k but I would argue that needs to be taken in the round with all the other policies and proposals that we bring forward to reopen and renew Cardiff at not least the multi million investment that we are putting into the indoor arena and Atlantic Wharf redevelopments which promises to be a major tourist attraction and a driver of visitors to Cardiff on a UK scale driving in upwards of a hundred million pounds of economic activity into the city every year. So I do not accept the argument

at all that we are not being ambitious and really looking to maximise the economic and tourism benefits of Cardiff going forward.

Question – Councillor Carter

The roll out of the new waste collection system has seen huge number numbers of missed collections. How well do you think waste management officers have communicated with councillors and residents to return for the missed collections?

Reply – Councillor Michael

The service area is ensuring that all collections take place, even if delayed, so that no resident has any waste issues.

Members receive a brief every evening on the performance of the collections service during the day, which advises of any requirement for contingency work to be undertaken the following day. This lists the outstanding streets and the associated waste stream to support Members with any enquires that they receive from residents.

The service area is also making improvements with regard to collections and working with the Digital Team in terms of the messaging on the website.

The service is able to track every vehicle and see the completion of work as crews work through the day. The new control room will also allow officers to manage this moving forward proactively, thereby improving resident satisfaction with the service.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Carter

Thank you Councillor Michael for the detailed response. I think it is clear to all of us that the roll-out of the new four-day collection has been a complete disaster, over the last three weeks about a fifth of Pentwyn and Llanedeyrn have been missed every time. Most but not all areas got collected eventually as alluded to but in some cases it took over a week to get the waste removed. Rising temperatures and overflowing bins is an awful combination at this time of year so my question to you Councillor is what steps are you looking to take to actually fix this broken system once and for all.

Reply – Councillor Michael

Well I think the last person to give me any advice are the people who actually ran this city with the dirtiest streets and the biggest fly-tipping in Wales, so I'm not sure you are well qualified to tell me that the system which has been in place for 30 years which is changing and improving and doubling the amount of RCV's that you had is actually broken. This is the fourth week of the system, we had 30 years of this system previously, so if anybody tells you that you can change a system that's been embedded for 30 years, going from two shifts to 1, going from 35 trucks to 70 trucks and getting something like 500 rounds all assimilated into 40 a week, all in a month without any problem then I'm sorry but that person doesn't know what he is talking about. So the system is working, it's improving on a daily basis we are getting better improvements and I am pretty sure by summer it'll be sorted and long gone by then. But my view is simple, if I wait for a month you will probably put another leaflet out claiming this was your idea anyway.

Question – Councillor Ford

The current junction on Waungron Road is already extremely over capacity and during peak times incredibly busy and dangerous. It is also polluted. How would you deal with this matter?

Reply – Councillor Wild

Thank you for your question about the busy junction at Waungron Road and Western Avenue and asking how we should deal with the matter.

We believe there are three things that would help:

- improved crossings for pedestrians and bikes;
- lowering speed limits on the A48; and
- improving bus services.

You will be pleased to know we be making all these improvements in the near future.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Ford

With regard to the traffic there's going to be an increase in traffic to do with the new school - Cantonian school so there will be even be more traffic again coming into the area. So you are saying about the different improvements but what about the amount of traffic which is going to increase even more.

Reply – Councillor Wild

Well I'm sure we all want new schools being built so we need to make sure good public transport and active travel is built which is exactly what we plan to do and we plan to put a new bus station which allow all sorts of new bus routes and services in the area that will help your residents as well as other residents get across the city.

Question – Councillor Cunnah

When will the Cross City pop up cycleway be completed up to Jubilee Park?

Reply – Councillor Wild

As I outlined in my statement, the first section of the new Cross City pop-up cycleway from Dumfries Place to Cathedral Road opened on Monday of this week.

The next phase which includes the section that extends west to the end of Wellington Street near Canton, will be opened in early April.

Any extension beyond that point has been put on hold for now and will be included in the permanent scheme instead.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Cunnah

As you say to that section by the Castle is open and I cycled it myself just this week. I think it's brilliant, pop cycle cycleways in general are great and I've had a lot could feedback from residents about them as well. Obviously that pop up as I said is a precursor to what we hope will be a permanent and longer routes into Cardiff West.

Do you have a timescale for that longer route Councillor Wild as to when we might expect it to be extended further into Canton.

Reply – Councillor Wild

Councillor Cunnah as you know we're doing these things as fast we can. I've been informed in the next financial year it does look like we will receive the funding to do that design work and follow the next phase. Ideally making sure it ties in with the amazing new school Fitzalan we hope that all that will come together around the around the same time so we've got a real 21st century active travel infrastructure to go with that amazing new school.

Question – Councillor Hopkins

The education minister's announcement on the 8th March that a further £72 million across Wales is being allocated to support pupils' learning and well-being is very welcome news. While schools themselves are best placed to determine how this funding is most appropriately deployed, will the administration, nevertheless, be providing any supplementary guidance to ensure, as far as possible, that the additional funding will have maximum effect across all schools in Cardiff?

Reply – Councillor Merry

To date, Local Authorities in Wales have only received details of how £33m of the £72m that was announced by the Education Minister will be paid to them in the current financial year.

The total amount of additional funding allocations for Cardiff schools is £3.648m, which is for supporting learners in Years 1 to 10 and is meant to augment existing funding for 'Recruit, Recover, Raise' Standards.

It will also support additional costs faced by schools in enhancing their provision to address the impacts of Covid-19 and new costs relating to return to school activities prior to the end of the current financial year.

Cardiff has also been allocated £379k to assist pupils in non-maintained nursery settings who have not benefitted from previous funding allocations.

Officers will work with the Central South Consortium to provide further advice and support to schools and non-maintained nursery settings to ensure that these funds have the maximum effect for pupils in Cardiff.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Hopkins

Clearly it is important that schools have the flexibility to determine how best to use the funding given their own particular needs but I'm sure you'd agree Councillor Merry that best use needs to be made of the additional funding particularly with the concerns we had previously expressed in other Council meetings about the needs of the most vulnerable. Do you agree, and I think you do from your answer, that the sharing of best practice is one of the most effective ways of realising that and could you say a little bit more about the plans for working with the Central South Consortium to achieve that.

Reply – Councillor Merry

Of course I want money spent in the best way possible and that good practice should be shared and what is one of the more unexpected benefits of the changes in practices over the last year and the scope for collaboration between schools and the easing of their working with the consortium obviously around time and effort involved in staff before by attending meetings physically it's been transformative in allowing for that collaborative working so I expect to see some exciting results coming out of that work over the coming months.

Question – Councillor Keith Parry

What works are currently taking place at Fairwater Primary School?

What are Council's long term plans for the site?

Reply – Councillor Merry

No works are currently progressing on site at Fairwater Primary School.

Surveys for Band B planning have been undertaken in recent months, with further surveys expected to be undertaken next month.

The Council is currently considering potential options for the future delivery of projects and stakeholders will be engaged as and when plans are progressed.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Keith Parry

Yes we do get queries from local residents as to what's going on and I know plans also involve Fairwater School and substantially increasing the number of pupils eventually which is to be welcomed I'm sure. May I ask a supplementary question about the Doyle Avenue site as it's being called now where there are 2 special schools transferring from Ely to the Cantonian school site but this site is now being referred to as the Doyle Avenue Campus, this raises concerns with local residents as to whether the Doyle Avenue entrance to the site is actually going to be used for vehicles taking pupils to these special schools which would involve a great deal of extra traffic along a quiet residential street.

Reply – Councillor Merry

Lord Mayor that's actually about a separate school development but if you are minded to allow it I am happy to answer it, although at the moment it will only be a partial reply as I have no reason to believe that the entrance would be along there. I can understand your reasoning because of the use of the word Doyle Campus it was purely to differentiate it from Cantonian School but soon as we got any more concrete plans I will make sure we engage with you and you'll be first to get an e-mail invite from me.

Question – Councillor Dilwar Ali

I'm pleased to see Cardiff Council promoting voter registration and postal voter registration. 16-17 year olds will be voting for the first time this year at the Senedd Election. Can the Leader make a statement to Council on how to promote the voter and postal registration in other most spoken languages in Cardiff?

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Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

The Electoral Services team is leading the Council's efforts to promote and raise awareness of the franchise changes in Wales that allow voting by 16 & 17 year olds and by qualifying foreign nationals in Senedd and Council elections.

Phase 1 of this campaign has included a range of targeted campaigns and communications, with animations being provided in Chinese, Arabic and Somali. These resources were posted on various social media channels and shared with the Council's Cohesion & Community Engagement team.

A specific animation has also been produced for the forthcoming Senedd election on 6th May with translations available in Arabic, Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Panjabi, Somali, Urdu, Gujarati and Polish. These will also be shared on social media and with the Cohesion & Community Engagement team.

Phase 2 of the campaign will continue to promote the franchise changes in these languages to proactively encourage voter registration throughout the year, including during the annual canvass.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Dilwar Ali

I'm pleased to see your response and I saw a response from the Electoral Service Manager today to all Councillors and I'm really pleased myself how the Electoral Services department are working and I'll be urging all colleagues to post those materials thank you

Reply – Councillor Huw Thomas

Thank you for all your efforts in promoting engagement with the democratic process and yes I think it is in all our interests to encourage the highest possible level of voter turnout in forthcoming election.

Question – Councillor Sandrey

Given that car traffic during lockdown has increased by 81% compared to the last lockdown, and given the forecast that it will take public transport 3 years to return to 80% of pre pandemic patronage levels, what is the council doing in the short term to address this, in order to avert the consequences this will have on air pollution, congestion and the environment?

Reply – Councillor Wild

I don't think the 81% figure is relevant, as that is based only on data from motorway and trunk road counters. Local data shows that current traffic levels in the city are at 65%.

While public transport patronage remains low, we are hopeful this will recover as people start to return to regular routines and begin to feel safer in public spaces.

I don't think I need to mention all the things we are doing to promote sustainable transport through both our White Paper and our recovery plan which include a huge range of actions we are currently taking.

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Supplementary Question – Councillor Sandrey

I think in particular what I was getting at and obviously I touched on this earlier in your statement, the references to ensuring that people feel safe getting back onto public transport. I personally feel that there is a role for the council in that in terms of promoting how safe public transport actually is with all of the COVID measures that have been taken and so I guess I would just urge you to consider what the Council could do to assist in that thank you.

Reply – Councillor Wild

Thank you Councillor Sandrey and I agree completely it is a really valid point and that's exactly what we're doing working with bus operators and Transport for Wales on some campaign materials and of course bits of practical advice to make sure that they are absolutely as safe as possible. We need to get people back on the buses and I thank you and your colleagues who are involved in buses in around Cardiff for really trying to make that happen.

Question – Councillor Keith Parry

What more can be done to control burger vans and fast food stalls setting up shop on public highways and other public places, where they cause problems of obstruction, noise, littering and annoyance to residents and other traders in the area?

Reply – Councillor Mackie

The Council has put in place controls on street trading in the city through the establishment of a series of 'prohibited streets' where street trading is prohibited and constitutes a criminal offence.

We have also designated a number of streets in the city as 'licence streets' and 'consent streets' in order to allow street trading in certain circumstances. Further details can be found on the Council's website.

If there is evidence that street trading on a road that is not currently subject to controls is causing an issue, then there is a mechanism that allows the Council to designate the road as a prohibited or consent street.

In addition, the Council's Highways and Waste Enforcement teams have powers to deal with the obstruction of a highway and littering respectively. The Environmental Health Pollution Control team within the Shared Regulatory Service also has powers to deal with issues of public nuisance.

If you wish to forward on to me any specific issues of concern, then I will ask Licensing Officers to look into the matter and report back.

Question – Councillor Mackie

Could you tell us what plans we have for safely opening up hospitality in Cardiff when we are allowed to do so?

Reply- Councillor Goodway

Councillors will appreciate that as we emerge from the pandemic public health and safety will remain our priority and we will work with Shared Regulatory Service to ensure any arrangements enable businesses operate within prevailing regulations.

In the interim, my officials have already planned the initial support that will be required to support the safe re-opening of the city-centre and district centres, including putting in place street marshals, street signs, public messaging and advice for visitors similar to those introduced last summer.

In addition, we will work closely with business to shape our approach to supporting the recovery of businesses over what will undoubtedly be a difficult period. In advance of the full re-opening of the city we have established regular scheduled meetings between the city's Business Improvement District and our Economic Development and Planning, Transport and Environment Directorates to consider preparations. Our City Centre Management team is also liaising regularly with other stakeholders including the Licensees Forum and key retail partners. The intention is to ensure that when it is safe to open, people will be able to participate in the offer.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Mackie

I would also be grateful if you could let me know what support the Council is giving to the safe return of office workers.

Reply- Councillor Goodway

That's incredibly important actually Councillor because we are aware that a number of employers have already indicated that their staff are eager to return to the office so the safe return of office workers is something that is also critical for the retail and hospitality sectors especially during week days. The Council is currently working with businesses to provide them with advice and support for when they can bring their staff back into the office including transport planning, looking at potential additional car parking facilities and supporting employers who want to introduce testing arrangements, but I cannot underestimate the challenges that this will pose but we have a team of people that are working conscientiously on these challenges and I will make available the details as soon as they're available.

Question – Councillor Molik

Are our current road & infrastructure program forgetting people with mobility and accessibility issues?

Reply- Councillor Wild

All of our projects are subject to an Equality Impact Assessment and the impact of a project on those with mobility or accessibility issues is considered as part of this process.

We also engage with disability access groups in the city through our public consultation process.

Supplementary Question- Councillor Molik

Active travel in its full essence means travelling on foot, public transport as well as cycling. Do you feel that by pressing ahead with cycling and making that a priority

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has somewhat left behind population that are of the elderly age or disabled or have mobility issues or disability such a sight loss etc. You mentioned about impact assessments do feel that those impact assessments have been fully adhered to and consultation with the local public has taken place whilst you do roll out the cycle ways.

Reply – Councillor Wild

Councillor Molik some really good engagements have taken place with our officers and these access groups that are referred to and we have come up with some really ingenious designs especially around bus stops and things like that that we've really managed to go far and we're going to continue to improve because as the space changes we will need to make sure we take everything into account. The thing I would just question is, there are people with disabilities who also use bikes and lots of different types of cycling activities. I would ask you if you get a chance after lockdowns to come and visit pedal Power in Riverside, come and see some of the wonderful things that are happening and the amount of people are now actually finding they can access parts of this city that they couldn't before because the active travel infrastructure wasn't safe enough so you know I think there's a lots of really good stuff happening in Cardiff on these things.

Question – Councillor Gibson

Ely Garden Villagers are a well-known Charity Group in the Ely area. The saviours and Guardians of Ely Recreational Ground. Can you please explain why the Charity's lease to the Play Centre on the Grounds has not been renewed as expected? Especially as they have been seeking a long term lease for some-time.

Reply – Councillor Goodway

Although the Council no longer enters into Community asset Transfers, it remains open to proposals from organisations seeking to lease buildings in the community that are surplus to council requirements.

Interested parties are required to submit a detailed business plan that demonstrates their ability to develop and maintain a building in a good state of repair throughout the lease period such that it removes any risks that would otherwise fall on the Council. Organisations will also be required to demonstrate how the planned activities to be held in the building will deliver substantial benefits to the local community in order to justify leasing the building for a peppercorn rent.

In terms of the Ely Play Centre, the building was declared surplus to the requirements of the Council's Parks Department and let to the Ely Garden Villagers as a short-term proposal on an annual lease.

The Ely Garden Villagers are aware that Social Services have asked to utilise the building over the short term to support the COVID-19 response. However, I have been informed today that the building is no longer required by Social Services and therefore I will now seek to agree a long-term proposal for the building. It may be necessary for a Cabinet Colleague to take the matter forward, due to the fact that I am one of the Local Members and I am not meant to use my Cabinet position to benefit my own Ward interests.

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Question – Councillor McGarry

Can the Cabinet Member please confirm what efforts have been made, over the years, by the Plasnewydd ward councillors to get the council to carry out improvements to the footpath running along the Ninian Road side of Roath Park Recreation Ground?

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

There have been discussions between officers and local Members over time about this issue, specifically concerning the potential use of available Section 106 monies.

I want to thank you and your ward colleagues for meeting with officers earlier in the week to review the position and agree your priorities for spending such money within the Plasnewydd Ward.

In addition, future investment in active travel routes in the city may also include improvements to this stretch of footpath.

Supplementary Question- Councillor McGarry

I just wondered what improvements have been made to this path in the years between 2004 and 2012.

Reply – Councillor Bradbury

Well not a lot but if you put the question to me writing I can get you the specific number. Needless to say the issues that have been raised on social media are longstanding ones and have not been addressed and we certainly are not addressing that period between 2004 and 2012.

Question – Councillor Molik

How is the council ensuring those homeless, in temporary accommodation or not registered with a GP are able to access the Covid19 vaccination program?

Reply – Councillor Thorne

The Council has worked closely with Health colleagues on the mass vaccination programme and, in particular, to identify any individuals who may fall through the net.

Many people experiencing homelessness will be living with underlying health conditions, which put them at risk of harm from Covid-19. They often do not take up the medical help that is available; therefore, it was decided to deliver vaccinations in a range of hostels and supported accommodation venues.

The Health Board also undertook a survey with the homeless population and their feedback confirmed that they would take part in a vaccination programme if it could be delivered in the hostel accommodation.

I am pleased to say that this has now started and the first vaccines were delivered at Ty Tresilian, Huggard and Ty Gobaith hostels on Thursday 11th March, with nearly

50% of the residents vaccinated on site. The Walk and the Ambassador hostels were due to be completed today (18th March).

For those individuals not registered with a GP, special arrangements have been made to ensure that their vaccination has been properly recorded.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Molik

Just to follow on Councillor Thorne and so I am thinking also of asylum seekers perhaps not registered or travelling communities perhaps not registered with GP, is there any work that's going around those communities too.

Reply – Councillor Thorne

I'm not aware but I know that we will be identifying those issues so if you're happy I can get back to you on that.

Question – Councillor Keith Jones

What has Cardiff Council done to aid community safety at the Countisbury Avenue parade of shops in Llanrumney?

Reply- Councillor Thorne

As you will be aware, the Council has two CCTV cameras located at the northern and southern end of the Countisbury Avenue shopping parade. These cameras can be viewed by both South Wales Police and the Council's Traffic Control Centre, and were operational when the explosion occurred at the Co-op store in the early hours of Friday 26th February. I am aware that ward members have asked the Police to review the available CCTV footage as part of their ongoing investigation into this incident.

I can confirm that a Building Control Surveyor was requested to attend the scene by the emergency services to ensure public safety in the immediate aftermath of the incident. The area of the building affected by the blast was assessed; details of ownership were confirmed and the owner was contacted. The owner liaised with his insurers and nominated contractor to arrange security measures and make safe the property following release of the crime scene by South Wales Police.

Housing Enforcement Officers within Shared Regulatory Services have also been made aware of the potential hazards to residents at Countisbury Avenue shops and will also be making an assessment under the Housing Health and Safety Rating System. Action will be taken to address any identified hazards.

I look forward to meeting with you and other ward members on Monday 22nd March, together with relevant officers, to discuss further measures that the Council can take to support residents and community safety in the area.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Keith Jones

It's a great credit of this Labour-run Cardiff Council that after the two previous ram raids on the Co-op the Council invested in state of the art CCTV and those two state of the art CCTV cameras are a visible symbol of the Council's commitment to the community safety in Llanrumney. Councillor Thorne what further work can the Council do with South Wales Police to identify private landlords who own retail and

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housing units in the block to plan a way forward with them and the local community for this popular urban shopping district to enhance community safety at the heart of Llanrumney.

Reply – Councillor Thorne

Well I hope that those are the sort of things that we'll be discussing on Monday and clearly we would like to take your views and any suggestions on board and we clearly want to work closely with everybody in the community, residents and shop owners on this to make sure the area is safe for people to do their shopping.

Question – Councillor Berman

I have received many recent complaints from residents in relation to breaches of the current lockdown rules including people playing team sports; breaking into closed facilities such as the basketball court and bowling greens in Roath Pleasure Gardens; and gathering in groups to drink take-away alcohol with insufficient regard for social distancing. What action can the council take to deal with such concerns, and do you consider it is sufficiently resourced to do so?

Reply- Councillor Bradbury

The Council works on a daily basis with the Police to ensure that Covid-19 rules are followed.

We are also reliant on park users taking personal responsibility for their actions in following the Welsh Government Coronavirus Regulations and local signage that has been installed.

If you have any examples where this isn't the case, then you should report them to the Police in the first instance and also notify officers from the Parks Service, who I know have been responding to reports made by local ward members out of hours, 7 days a week.

Supplementary Question- Councillor Berman

I have been reporting various instances raised by residents both to the Council and to the local Police. I think that the problem is that we've had particularly sunny days, people have come out in numbers and a lot of people have been behaving in ways which are against the regulations I appreciate some the regulations have now changed a little so some of the issues may not be issues now. But there is a perception from residents in the area that not enough is being done to deal with those issues whether it's a responsibility of the Council or the Police so what do you think could be done to try to get a better response when we do get flare-ups particularly on sunny weekends.

Reply- Councillor Bradbury

Yes I understand the issue that you raise and I understand your concern about it but I am satisfied with the level engagement and problem-solving which the Council and the police have adopted from the onset of the pandemic. In terms of the actions, I asked officers to provide me with a list for this question. Hotspots are routinely identified through information sharing targeted for visual patrols as well as education enforcement activities including the role of colleagues in Shared Regularly Services.

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South Wales Police and Shared Regulatory Services possess the powers of enforcement action in relation to the Coronavirus Regulations and they have been helping us in flagging these in the park; anti vandal paint has been applied to the top of the perimeter fence of the basketball court at Roath Park Gardens as adults and children were scaling up there. Our parks service has had a presence seven days a week in our parks during the lockdown period and we'll continue to work with stakeholders in responding to the changes in the regulations as they happen but there is always more we can do with the Police and every time you report these issues to me I go back to our officers and see what more can we do to ensure that people can enjoy our Parks in a safe way and not breach the guidelines. If you've got any instances do send them to me as well as the Police and I will ensure they are followed up.

Question – Councillor Gordon

When the bus station in Wood Street closed, a temporary coach station was erected in Sophia Gardens. When do you think the long distance coaches will move to the planned location south of the railway station? Riverside residents will be pleased when the National Express coaches are no longer travelling up and down Cathedral Road.

Reply – Councillor Wild

I agree with you that the National Express service is best placed at Central Station.

As you will see, progress around Central Square is happening at pace, and whilst much of this project is a Welsh Government and Transport for Wales project, we are working closely with them to ensure all the transport elements are joined up.

In the meantime, I am pleased to see the improved cycling and walking provision in the area, and you will have seen we have just started work to replace the Millennium Walkway – providing good links between the different transport modes.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Gordon

Do you have any idea if the National Express when they start operating again will start going through Castle Street and up North Road like they used to or will they continue to use Cathedral Road.

Reply – Councillor Wild

I think my understanding or just a working assumption and speaking to the company themselves, they would prefer to use the most direct route they can and going up a busy Cathedral Road doesn't particularly help this, they will want to get through town as quick as they can so that's what we'll be working with them on in the near future.

Question – Councillor Owen Jones

Could you please update us on the progress of the Newport Road Cycleway?

Reply – Councillor Wild

The pop-up version of the cycleway scheme has been designed and work is due to commence on site shortly (March/April 2021), with completion due by this summer.

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This will be brilliant for residents who want to cycle – linking large parts of the inner city area with segregated routes.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Owen Jones

Thank you for that, I do notice Councillor Cunnah is desperately trying to drag it West whilst East is definitely best in this case. We've been talking about 20 minutes' cities and a cycle superhighway down Newport Road connecting Adamsdown basically connects the Castle Bute Park the whole of Queen Street into a 10 minute cycle journey to Adamsdown. I note the summer is a target but the sooner we can get that before the nice weather the more we can lock in good behaviour for a whole new year because it's going to be hard to get people cycling in November or October but if it comes in May-June when it's glorious weather the benefit is there so if we can look at it sooner, the quicker the better.

Reply- Councillor Wild

You've said almost word for word what I've said to officers just this week Councillor, thank you for your enthusiasm, we are really going for it.

Question – Councillor Dilwar Ali

You will have seen Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) along the streets in Cardiff is fast becoming a litter problem. YGC Rebel Mums Community group in my ward, Llandaff North, have started to collect this laughing gas to recycle. What support and equipment can you provide to the group?

Reply – Councillor Michael

Thanks to the efforts of a local resident, we can now take the nitrous oxide canisters that are found across the city to EMR Cardiff, a metal recycling company that is located at Dowlais Wharf in Cardiff Docks.

Recycling Services are looking at providing a small storage box for these gas canisters at our Recycling Centres and Community Hubs, which they will then collect for recycling at EMR Cardiff.

Currently, the Covid-19 pandemic limits access to a number of our Community Hubs but, following the relaxation of current lockdown restrictions, Recycling Services will look to support local recycling in Community Hubs along with other recycling initiatives.

Question – Councillor Lister

Can the Cabinet Member commit to reviewing the changes to our waste collection programme, to ensure that the residents of Grangetown, and Cardiff, receive the best possible services, following some, expected, teething problems?

Reply- Councillor Michael

Firstly can I acknowledge the support you and your Ward colleagues give in your area, you do a tremendous job with Keep Grangetown Tidy and other community groups. As I have acknowledged in my statement, there have inevitably been some teething problems associated with such a major change to service delivery and

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working arrangements, but improvements continue to be made and we are continuing to review the implementation of the new model to ensure that an efficient and effective service is delivered to the residents of Cardiff.

The service area is working through a number of changes in relation to the new 4-day working arrangements and service delivery model, including the management of collection crews across new rounds.

We have also introduced new roles and a control room to manage the delivery of the collection service proactively throughout the day, as well as a new fleet to improve reliability in service delivery and digital services to inform residents of collections in their street.

Inevitably when you try to do something so vast, in a pandemic, with drivers still shielding, it's always going to be difficult but it doesn't mean we shouldn't do it. The changes, when we get them right, and we are going to get them right, will make a huge difference to the residents of this City; better and more efficient waste services, better recycling, and a smarter way of working. Can I just remind everyone that this bank holiday, will be the first bank holiday that we haven't had to have a change in day for collections.

Supplementary Question- Councillor Lister

Thank you Councillor Michael for that detailed response and for you and the officers continuing to work with myself Lynda and Abdul and we will of course continue to report concerns and feed them back to yourselves from residents and just this evening we have seen some more missed collections admittedly far less than previous weeks which is a real positive for the area. What can we do to make sure that we promote the website so that residents are aware that they can check to see if their collection has been rescheduled or to get in touch if they think they have been missed.

Reply – Councillor Michael

The Cardiff App is a brilliant App, just put your address in there and postcode and it will tell you what can be collected we are constantly working and updating that along with Councillor Weaver and the digital team but not everybody is on this, there is a number to contact to report missed collections, again I'm more than happy if people want to e-mail me, members of the public e-mail me and speak to me it's not a problem I take everyone's responses as part of a learning process to make sure that we understand the changes and how it affects them because in the end that input will lead to a far better service.

168 : URGENT BUSINESS

None

169 : COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED: That Council AGREED to:

To appoint to the vacancies on Committees in accordance with the approved allocation of seats and Party Group wishes, as set out on the Amendment Sheet.

170 : APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS

(Councillor Robson reaffirmed his personal and prejudicial interest in this item and did not take part in the consideration of this item)

RESOLVED: That Council AGREED to:

In accordance with the recommendations of the Local Authority Governor Panel, the Council approves the new appointments and re-appointments of Local Authority governors to the school governing bodies as set out in Appendix 1, each for a term of 4 years from the date of the appointment.

171 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

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