

COUNCIL, 19 JULY 2018 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT (COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MICHAEL)

W1	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>Many months ago I was advised that CCTV detection equipment would be installed in Pontprennau and Old St Mellons for the purpose of gathering information on flytipping, a persistent issue in our Community. Can the Cabinet Member update residents on why CCTV has not yet been installed and update us on timescales for installation?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Street Scene Enforcement Officers are currently trialling two types of CCTV. Firstly, Vodafone CCTV cameras, which can be used in overt or covert situations and are easier to locate and relocate than previous systems. In addition, the cameras use infrared technology, meaning that they work in the dark and are more adept at capturing registration details.</p> <p>Secondly, officers are working with the Alarm Receiving Centre (ARC) and Wireless CCTV Ltd (WCCTV) to trial five wireless cameras. Camera locations have been selected based on the levels of fly-tipping, as well as the suitability of the area for the equipment being utilised. The cameras will be in situ for 13 weeks and we will then decide whether to extend their use or remove them. Alternative locations will be considered once the trial is completed.</p>
W2	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>Development is well underway in 'St Edeyrn's Village' in Old St Mellons. A number of residents have expressed legitimate concerns that the developer is commencing works as early as 5:30am. Can the Cabinet Member outline what action he will be taking to address the legitimate concerns of residents that development should take place at reasonable hours?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Noise pollution is a non-executive and regulatory function of the Council that is not the responsibility of Cabinet Members. Nevertheless, I am aware that Shared Regulatory Services have received a number of noise complaints from residents living close to the Persimmon Homes' St Edeyrns Village development.</p>

I am advised that an investigation has been undertaken by officers and that a notice under The Control of Pollution Act 1974 was served on Persimmon Homes dated 29th June 2018, telling them that they must only carry out noisy work within the permitted hours of noisy work, which are between the hours of:

- 08:00 and 18:00hrs on Mondays to Fridays;
- 08:00 and 13:00hrs on Saturdays; and
- At no time on Sundays, Bank Holidays or Public Holidays.

Officers are continuing to investigate and are monitoring compliance with the notice. Residents who are affected by any noisy works outside the permitted hours should report them to Shared Regulated Services on 0300 123 66 96 or by using the Pollution Service request form on the SRS website (www.SRS.wales).

W3

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL

Following the council's recent press release announcing plans to introduce £400 fines to people who fly-tip or do not dispose of their waste correctly, what measures do the council have in place to ensure residents know what companies and individuals are registered to carry and dispose of residents waste, and also inform them what a waste transfer licence looks like, so residents can be sure their waste is not tipped illegally?

Reply

I understand that residents may believe they are disposing of their waste correctly by giving it to a "man in a van". However, in some cases, their waste may end up being fly-tipped. The Council would not prosecute the resident for the illegal fly-tip and they would not receive the Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £400 as this relates to the offender who committed the actual fly-tipping offence. However, residents can be prosecuted in terms of duty of care of their household waste.

A campaign has been developed to advise residents of the checks they need to make when disposing of their household waste outside of the normal waste collection services provided by the Council. The campaign advises residents that they should request a Waste Transfer Note from the person(s) taking their waste and check if the waste carrier is registered online at:

<https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-operations>

W4

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS

Within what timeframe can residents expect broken glass on pavements to be removed once they have reported it to the council?

Reply

Street Scene officers prioritise requests for the clean-up of broken glass and aim to remove it within one working day of when it is reported to Connect to Cardiff (C2C).

W5

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

How many reports of missed rubbish collections have there been in every ward since January 2018?

Reply

Reports Received from Councillors by Ward	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018	Jun 2018	TOTAL
Adamsdown	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Butetown	1	2	0	1	0	2	6
Cyncoed	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Creigiau/St Fagans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canton	5	1	1	0	2	7	16
Caerau	2	1	0	1	0	1	5
Cathays	0	2	1	0	3	3	9
Ely	1	0	1	1	1	0	4
Fairwater	1	0	2	3	1	1	8
Gabalfa	0	0	0	1	2	1	4
Grangetown	1	3	2	1	3	1	11
Heath	1	0	0	1	0	2	4
Llandaff	2	0	0	0	7	2	11
Llandaff North	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Llanishen	2	2	2	0	1	3	10
Llanrumney	2	0	1	0	1	1	5
Lisvane	0	0	0	2	0	2	4
Plasnewydd	1	1	0	1	2	0	5
Penylan	0	1	3	3	0	0	7
Pontprennau/Old St Mellons	1	1	1	0	1	0	4
Pentyrch	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Pentwyn	6	4	5	6	2	9	32
Rhiwbina	6	3	7	3	5	11	35
Radyr/Morganstown	4	3	1	3	0	1	12
Riverside	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Rumney	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Splott	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Trowbridge	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	2	1	0	1	3	2	9
TOTAL	39	26	29	31	40	51	216

Reports Received from Residents by Ward	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018	Jun 2018	TOTAL
Adamsdown	1	0	0	1	1	4	7
Butetown	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
Cyncoed	2	2	2	4	0	2	12
Creigiau/St Fagans	4	1	0	2	2	1	10
Canton	5	1	2	1	3	2	14
Caerau	2	1	4	1	0	2	10
Cathays	2	0	1	2	4	0	9
Ely	0	2	1	1	7	10	21
Fairwater	0	1	1	3	2	3	10
Gabalfa	0	1	1	2	1	3	8
Grangetown	1	1	2	0	2	1	7
Heath	0	2	1	5	0	3	11
Llandaff	3	3	1	0	2	1	10
Llandaff North	1	1	2	0	2	5	11
Llanishen	4	2	5	3	2	2	18
Llanrumney	3	2	0	2	1	2	10
Lisvane	0	0	2	4	0	2	8
Plasnewydd	2	1	2	1	1	0	7
Penylan	2	2	1	1	2	3	11
Pontprennau/Old St Mellons	2	0	3	3	1	1	10
Pentyrch	4	1	2	0	2	3	12
Pentwyn	2	1	0	3	8	3	17
Rhiwbina	0	0	1	3	1	2	7
Radyr/Morganstown	2	1	3	0	1	2	9
Riverside	1	2	0	2	0	1	6
Rumney	1	1	1	2	4	2	11
Splott	2	2	3	2	2	1	12
Trowbridge	3	2	3	2	1	2	13
Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	4	2	5	4	6	3	24
TOTAL	55	37	49	54	58	66	319

It should be noted that the above figures may include some duplication of reports of missed collections relating to the same street/household within wards.

It is also important for the number of reported missed collections per month to be considered in the context of over 1.6 million household waste collections per month that are made by the service.

W6

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

How many reports of fly tipping and dumped rubbish have there been in each ward since January 2018?

Reply

We are not currently able to provide fly tipping data on a ward-by-ward basis, but we expect this to be available in future as our new case management system is developed. I can advise that the number of reported fly tipping incidents in Cardiff since January 2018 were as follows:

Month	No. of Reported Fly Tipping Incidents
January 2018	453
February 2018	471
March 2018	464
April 2018	635
May 2018	452
June 2018	408
Total =	2883

W7

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD

What definitions have been used in each of the last 10 years for waste to be counted as fly-tipping in the official statistics and what impact have any changes to these definitions had on the official figures over this period?

Reply

Fly tipping is defined as the illegal deposit of waste without an environmental permit. This covers all waste deposits from large-scale fly tipping of construction waste down to bagged waste. The national fly tipping database was set up in 2004 for Local Authorities to enter fly tipping incidents. This was decommissioned in July 2015 and a new fly tipping module was developed through Wastedataflow to determine removal timescales. The definition was unchanged.

In Cardiff, “bagged waste” along with “other household waste” is a main factor in fly tipping. There are numerous reasons for a variation in the number of incidents of fly tipping reported each year, including changes to the market value of materials (where value is high, items are less likely to be dumped), and also changes to waste and enforcement procedures – for example, increased visibility of

	<p>enforcement activity through education campaigns, an increased number of officers and the introduction of evening and weekend teams. We are also anticipating that the new Fixed Penalty Notice for fly tipping will have an impact on behaviour.</p>
W8	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>What proportion of waste collected as recycling (e.g. green bags) over the last year has not been recycled due to unavailability of global markets for the end recycling product?</p> <p>What is the expected impact of leaving the European Union without an exit deal on access to markets for Cardiff's recycling in future years?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>There has been no impact on the Council in 2017 and 2018 in relation to the unavailability of global markets. All our recycling outlets have remained available to us.</p> <p>Until the Brexit negotiations are completed, I do not think the Council is in a position to understand effectively what the expected impact will be on our recycling markets.</p>

CULTURE AND LEISURE
(COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY)

W9	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>Residents in Pontprennau and Old St Mellons, like every other Ward in Cardiff pay an awful lot of money in Council Tax. In our Community of Pontprennau and Old St Mellons overgrowth of trees and greenery is out of control with some residents having to pay hundreds of pounds a year to maintain overgrowth which is the responsibility of the Council. Will the Cabinet Member agree with me that this is unacceptable and will he commit to improving the maintenance programme in Pontprennau and Old St Mellons?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Routine grounds maintenance regimes within the Pontprennau and Old St. Mellons ward are no different to regimes throughout all other wards across the city. I am not aware of any instances within your ward whereby local residents are meeting the costs of grounds maintenance of Council owned land as a result of the Council not fulfilling its obligations. If you can provide me with the details of what you may be referring to, I will take any matters up with officers.</p>
W10	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS</u></p> <p>What contribution, both monetary and in-kind, will the council be making to this year's Pride Cymru?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>We are still in discussions with Pride Cymru about the in-kind support that we are able to provide to the 2018 Pride Cymru Big Weekend. You will appreciate that, due to the severe financial pressures that the Council is faced with, we are regrettably not in a position to provide any financial contribution to the event.</p>
W11	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOWELLS</u></p> <p>What income, if any, will the council derive from this year's Pride Cymru?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I would refer you to the answer provided in response to your previous question.</p>

W12

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

Is the council satisfied with the amount of progress made to date on the reinstatement works at Waterloo Gardens?

Reply

The scheme in question is one that is led and managed by Natural Resources Wales (NRW). We are assured, by NRW that they are in continual dialogue with their contractor in order to mitigate any delays and complete the works at the earliest opportunity. We have also been informed by NRW that while the current heatwave is likely to delay the implementation of planting and turfing works, which, in turn, will impact on the opening of the park, they are exploring ways of opening paths and bridges ahead of the full park opening to facilitate access. Further clarification on timescales will be provided by NRW in due course. I understand that NRW are active in updating stakeholders of progress in respect of the works through regular e-mail communications, direct briefings and a bi-monthly meeting with local Members and Parks officers.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS
(COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)

W13	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member put on record whether she supports the views of the immediate former toppled leader, Cllr Bale, that the Council should cease the development of English medium schools and only develop Welsh medium or bilingual schools?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I regret the tone of your question, but I can assure you that the Council's policy on English medium provision remains exactly the same as during the previous Labour administration.</p> <p>The Council's new Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2017-20, which was accepted by the Welsh Government earlier this year, will further strengthen and improve the provision and progress of Welsh medium education in Cardiff. For the first time ever, it commits to targeting increases in Welsh medium provision to support the Welsh Government's 'one million Welsh speakers' policy and introduces new actions to help achieve this, such as the active promotion to new parents of the educational benefits of bilingualism.</p>
W14	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH PARRY</u></p> <p>In line with the Welsh Government ambitions to have a million Welsh speakers in Wales, will the council undertake to provide ample Welsh language school places in plenty of time as new housing is brought in to use in Plasdwr?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council is clear in its expressed commitment to increase the number of pupils educated through the medium of Welsh, aligned with the aims of the Welsh Government's ambitious 'Cymraeg 2050' strategy.</p> <p>In the period from 2012 to 2017, the Council increased the number of Welsh-medium primary school places available by 180 places per year group. The 21st Century Schools Band B investment programme from 2019-2024 will also add further places.</p>

On a city-wide basis, 9 of 18 Welsh-medium primary schools have surplus places available at entry and we are therefore well placed to meet both demand and the Welsh Government's targets.

The new housing developments in Cardiff, including at Plasdŵr, present a unique opportunity to drive growth in the number of pupils educated through the medium of Welsh. I can reassure you that the Council has worked closely with the developers to ensure that additional Welsh-medium schools can be brought forward on these developments in good time for the new housing.

W15

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

What is the current overall spend on Free School Meals (FSM), the number of children in receipt of FSM, and the cost of providing FSM to all children in Local Authority maintained schools?

Reply

Based on the data from the full 2017/18 financial year, I can confirm that the total cost of providing Free School Meals (FSM) in Cardiff in 2017/18 was £3.352m. On average, the total number of children who took up a FSM per day was 7,206. These figures are broken down for primary and secondary schools as follows:

2017/18	Total spend	Number of FSM provided	Per day based on 190 days
Primary	£2,260,257	941,774	4,956
Secondary	£1,092,238	427,372	2,249
Total	£3,352,496	1,369,146	7,206

I have taken the last part of your question to be asking what the cost to the Council would be if we were to provide Free School Meals to every child in a Cardiff school. On the basis of the 2017/18 figures, the estimated costs would be as follows:

- Primary Schools (catering for 26,988 pupils) = £13.537m
- Secondary Schools (catering for 20,388 pupils) = £9.955m
- Total (catering for 47,376 pupils) = £23.492m – this would be an increase of £20.14m.

However, at this moment in time, we would not have the physical infrastructure in our schools to be able to provide this number of meals on a daily basis.

W16	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>What progress is the council making towards the delivery of a fourth Welsh Medium high school and when do you currently anticipate one might be delivered?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>There are sufficient places at present to accommodate all pupils who wish to be taught through the medium of Welsh in the three existing high schools.</p> <p>Over the next five years, the level of surplus places in these schools will reduce. The Council will seek to support and invest in these schools in this period, rather than bringing forward premature proposals for a fourth school that would initially reduce intakes to the existing schools. Creating excess surplus places across a number of schools could also compromise the broad curriculum and experience offer that larger schools, with fewer surplus places, are able to sustain.</p> <p>I anticipate that proposals to deliver these additional places would be brought forward at the end of the 21st Century Schools Band B investment programme period (2019-2024).</p>
W17	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>What timeframe is the council working to in drawing up proposals for the expansion of Cardiff High School and when do you envisage Members representing the wards served by the school will be offered an opportunity to be consulted on the proposals?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The expansion of Cardiff High School by two forms of entry is one of the 13 priority schemes included in the £284m Band B investment programme for the period 2019-2024, which has been approved in principle by the Welsh Government. As with all statutory school proposals, the views of elected members will be sought ahead of public engagement and also during the formal consultation process. The Band B investment programme will commence in 2019 and I would anticipate that statutory consultation on proposals for Cardiff High School would take place in 2019/20, reflecting the priority of this scheme.</p>

FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE
(COUNCILLOR CHRIS WEAVER)

W18	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>Many residents in Cardiff will be shocked to learn the high salaries paid to ‘tier 1’ Senior Officers in this Council. Can the Cabinet Member confirm he will seek to explore a restructure to reduce the ‘tier 1’ wage bill, with a number of Senior Officers currently being paid in excess of £120,000 per year?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Chief Executive, as Head of Paid Service, currently has no plans to make any further changes to the existing Tier 1 senior management structure following those agreed by the Council as recently as November 2017.</p> <p>Members have been advised previously that Cardiff’s senior management arrangements compare favourably with those of similar local authorities, in terms both of the number and remuneration of senior posts.</p>
W19	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>What is the role of Cardiff Council Equalities team?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council’s Equality Team is responsible for providing support and advice to directorates to help ensure that, as an organisation, we meet our General and Specific Equality Duties (as identified by the Equality Act 2010) and build equality into everything we do. Examples of specific work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• producing a Strategic Equality Plan;• providing advice and guidance on Equality Impact Assessments (including the annual budget setting process);• carrying out an annual equalities review;• working with groups with Protected Characteristics;• providing equality awareness training sessions; and• supporting Employee Equality Networks for Women, BME, LGBT and Disabled employees.

W20	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>How many staff members work within the equalities team?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>There are currently two officers in the Equality Team. However, there are also other resources for dealing with equality issues relating to specific services that are based within those services. More generally, council officers across all directorates will also work on equality issues as part of their day job.</p>
W21	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>What budget has been allocated to equalities team this year, 5 years ago and 10 years ago?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>In 2008/09, the budget for equalities totalled £232,506 and related exclusively to the work of the Equalities team. At the time, Human Resources, Schools, Adult Services and Housing would all have had separate budgets for their own equalities officers.</p> <p>In 2018/19, the current budget is £91,020, which includes all staff working in the team. However, as I confirmed in response to your previous question, there are other resources for dealing with equality issues relating to specific services that are based within those services. The key point is that equality is embedded in the work of every directorate and built into everything we do in order to help meet our Specific Equality Duties.</p> <p>It has not been possible to identify budget figures for 2013/14 as budgets were moved between departments and split across numerous pre-established areas. As such, the team was funded by small sections of numerous budgets which it has not been possible to collate.</p>
W22	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>Understanding that equalities should be everyone's business, what guidance do we have on equalities monitoring and impact assessment on strategies, policies and service delivery within each council department?</p>

Reply

The Equality Team has developed general and specific Equality Impact Assessment guidance on the development of budget proposals as part of the annual budget setting process, which is available to directorates and officers via the Council's Intranet. The Equality Team is also in the process of finalising an Equality Monitoring Form and related guidance.

The team has worked previously with the Cardiff Academy to provide Equality Impact Assessment training for officers and has provided specific Equality Impact Assessment training for Scrutiny Members in relation to the budget process. The team is also available to provide advice and guidance to directorates as and when required.

W23

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

Has Cardiff Council directly or indirectly financed officers, members or any other individuals to receive career development, leadership training or any other kind of support or services from the charity Common Purpose?

Has the Council granted officers paid or unpaid leave to attend Common Purpose events or training – that the Council itself may not necessarily have financed?

Is the Council aware of whether any officers or individuals connected to the authority are Common Purpose 'graduates' with access to their online alumni network?

Reply

Our financial records indicate that the last time the Council paid monies to Common Purpose was in April 2008.

Although the Council keeps records of any leave taken by employees, paid or unpaid, the level of detail required to identify whether this leave was to attend a training event with a specific organisation is not recorded.

Whether any employees or individuals connected to the authority are Common Purpose 'graduates' with access to their online alumni network is a personal matter for those individuals.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES
(COUNCILLOR LYNDA THORNE)

W24

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

Concerns have been raised that members of the Roma community, one of Europe's most marginalized groups, living in Britain will be at risk of deportation post-Brexit as many will be unable to provide the necessary documentation to be granted settled status via an online Home Office application process. Charities have raised fears that whilst most Roma are EU citizens and have the right to be in the UK, many have literacy barriers, would struggle to provide paperwork and do not have access to computers or smartphones. Is there any targeted assistance, particularly around accessing the internet, which Cardiff Council might be able to offer members of this community living in the city when necessary?

Reply

The Council is currently exploring engagement methods to support EU nationals resident in the city to complete the settlement process.

Roma have been identified as a group who may, in some instances, require additional support to gather evidence and navigate the online application process to regularise their status in the UK. We are investigating appropriate and effective methods to reach this group, along with other vulnerable EU nationals requiring advice and support, in partnership with local organisations, Welsh Government and the Welsh Local Government Association.

The Education & Lifelong Learning directorate also offers a programme targeted at this vulnerable group. The Ethnic Minority & Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS) has for over 4 years delivered services focussed on:

- Parental support and engagement, as well as in-class support in a Primary School for Czech/Slovak speaking Roma pupils; and
- Cross-Cardiff peripatetic support to Czech/Slovak speaking Roma families relating to engagement and re-engagement in education.

EMTAS also has specific projects to increase family and learner engagement in selected Cardiff schools and has five 'Closing the Gap' officers who work with all Cardiff schools, and can advise schools on working successfully with Roma families.

The team has provided training for agencies such as the Education Welfare Service, Third Sector organisations and the Early Support CSE team on 'Working Successfully with Roma Families'.

Officers from the Hubs will make contact with relevant partner organisations including EMTAS, TAVS Centre, YMCA and schools working with the Roma community to ensure they are aware of how to access advice and digital support available in all Hubs.

W25

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH

The BBC has reported that rough sleepers in Birmingham were fighting over bottles of water being given out by homelessness outreach workers in the city during the recent heatwave. People living on the streets may spend nights on the move in order to stay safe, which means they often sleep during the daytime risking dehydration, heat exhaustion and extreme sunburn. Is there any support that the Council could offer – or encourage the public to offer – that might assist homeless people in such circumstances?

Reply

Your question raises very important concerns regarding the increased vulnerability of people sleeping rough to the harmful effects of prolonged exposure to the sun in both the short term and long term.

The Council's Outreach team and our partner organisations are aware of the risk caused by the hot weather, and will aim to take action early to prevent adverse impact on service users.

Since the original development of the 'Sunwise' scheme ten years ago, Cardiff has always sought to ensure that preventative measures are in place. This has included Outreach staff carrying sun lotion at all times during hot weather and trying to maintain a stock of smaller containers that can be distributed; providing caps and long sleeved tops to limit exposed skin. Water is carried in the Outreach van and this is also made available for dogs. The team also encourages people to spend time or move into the shade and are especially conscious of anyone falling asleep in the sun.

The city also has two day centres where those sleeping rough can come in from the sun and receive a wide range of services.

Whilst it is hoped that these preventative measures will work, staff are careful to identify anyone who does suffer sunburn or other effects of the hot weather and, where appropriate, will seek immediate treatment from the Homeless Nurse.

Officers are currently linking up with Tenovus to encourage mindfulness amongst service users and staff. The charity will be attending the weekly multi-agency outreach meeting and will be accompanying staff on the breakfast run very soon. They will also provide an additional stock of sun lotion.

W26

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER

How many social homes were built in 2017/2018?

Reply

I can confirm that a total of 261 new social homes were delivered in 2017/18 as follows:

Affordable Housing Completions 2017/18	
Number of RSL completions in year (rented)	239
Number of Council completions in year (rented) (7 buy-backs & 8 flats at Thornhill Road)	15
Number of Council completions in year (Assisted Home Ownership)	7
Total completions in year =	261

Furthermore, 353 affordable units were secured through developer contributions (S106) for future delivery.

£9 million of developer contributions (S106) for future delivery of affordable housing was also secured in 2017/18.

INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
(COUNCILLOR RUSSELL GOODWAY)

W27	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>Residents of Mynachdy have been left without access to their community centre since the start of this year. Why is it taking so long for the Mynachdy Institute to be returned to the community?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I have to inform the Councillor that the property is under the control of colleagues in the Communities directorate. However, I am advised that they are in the process of carrying out compliance testing to ensure the building is fit for purpose and the outcome of that exercise will enable them to make a decision regarding the future use of the building.</p>
W28	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>Following my oral question last month about the closure of the Llanedeyrn Sports Hall, what was the outcome of the discussions between the cabinet member and officers?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I refer the Councillor to the information contained in our email exchange of 10 July 2018.</p>

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
(COUNCILLOR CARO WILD)

W29	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>How much S106 funding has been returned to developers since 2012?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>There has only been one repayment made to a developer since 2012, which totalled £1,998.20. This related to an agreed caveat in the S106 agreement, which resulted in the refund of part of the financial contribution made towards traffic orders following the change of use of an adjacent site.</p>
W30	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>The road surface on Talygarn Street is in a poor state of repair and has known structural issues. When will the council carry out the necessary carriageway reconstruction work?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Areas of deterioration have been highlighted on Talygarn Street and an order has been raised for maintenance works to be carried out within the next 8-10 weeks. With regard to the structural issues, reconstruction works will be considered as part of the programme for the 2019/20 financial year.</p>
W31	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>As it has been 'Catch the bus week' this month, and we have learnt bus services are in decline across Wales and England, is there more the council could be doing to promote and support this transport mode?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The Council is committed to increasing the numbers of people using bus services in Cardiff as part of our target to attain 50:50 modal share by sustainable modes of travel. We continue to invest in bus priority measures to improve bus journey reliability and the attractiveness of bus use as an alternative to the private car. The Council will also work with its regional partners, Welsh Government</p>

	<p>and Transport for Wales to ensure that bus transport forms an integral part of the recently announced Metro franchise.</p>
W32	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>Are taxis allowed to use bus lanes, even when they don't have a fare, and should the use of bus lanes by taxis be reviewed, as they're not a form of mass transit?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles are allowed to use bus lanes in Cardiff whether or not they are carrying a fare. It would be almost impossible to enforce a condition that allowed use only when a fare was being carried.</p> <p>Taxis form a small, but important, part of the city's public transport mix, enabling many journeys that could not be made easily by bus to be made without recourse to the use of a private car. The Council currently has no plans to review the use of bus lanes by taxis.</p>