

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 24 June 2021 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 18 June 2021.

Present: County Councillor McKerlich (Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ahmed, Asghar Ali, Dilwar Ali, Berman, 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

19 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fenella Bowden.

20 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were received in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct:

Councillor	Item	Interest
Cllr Melbourne	11	Personal Interest – Employee of Monmouthshire County Council
Cllr Jones-Pritchard	12	Personal Interest – Sometimes acts as an agent in planning matters
Cllr Mia Rees	13 – CM Children & Families Statement	Personal Interest – Sits on the Cardiff YMCA Board
Cllr Asghar Ali	14	Prejudicial Interest – Has an interest in property which could be affected by the Motion
Cllr Mackie	14	Prejudicial Interest – Has an interest in property which could be affected by the Motion
Cllr Dianne Rees	14	Prejudicial Interest – Family Members with an interest in property which could be affected by the Motion
Cllr Williams	14	Prejudicial Interest – Has an interest in property which could be affected by

		the Motion
Cllr Wong	14	Prejudicial Interest – Has an interest in property which could be affected by the Motion

21 : MINUTES

The minutes of the 27 May 2021 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairperson.

22 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were received:

Councillor	No. of relevant Signatures	Nature of Petition
Cllr Carter	223	Requiring the Council to make Pentwyn Drive a 20 mph zone
Cllr Gibson	70	Requiring the Council to make Highbury Road and Wheatley Road, Ely 20 mph zone and provide traffic calming measures
Cllr Gibson	75	Requiring the Council to make Redhouse Crescent a No Through Road
Cllr McEvoy	275	Requiring the Council remove the Residents Permit Parking at City Gardens, Cardiff
Cllr Molik	52	Requiring the Council to provide double yellow lines at in the area of the roundabout connecting Heathwood Road and Heath Halt Road

23 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

24 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillors David Walker and Dianne Rees on being awarded MBE's.

Cardiff Castle was one of the landmarks in four cities, in all nations of the UK to light up in red last Sunday to mark World Refugee Day, in support of a new British Cross Every Refugee Matters campaign.

The Lord Mayor reminded the Council of the first dose COVID-19 vaccine weekend walk-in services at Bayside and that first dose walk-in clinics were being held every weekend at Bayside Mass Vaccination Centre.

25 : CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY - 2021 – 2024

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The Corporate Parenting Strategy was presented to Council for information following approval by Cabinet on 18 March 2021. This three year Corporate Parenting Strategy outlined Cardiff Council's commitments, challenges and the key steps needed to ensure that our children have the best possible outcomes in life.

RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to note the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2021 – 2024, approved by Cabinet in March 2021.

26 : SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT

The report ,presented to Full Council, was the first combined Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21, a new approach which has replaced the five individual scrutiny committee annual reports previously produced and reported to Council.

RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to receive the Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21, and noted the arrangements to be made for publishing and making it available to the public.

27 : DEMOCRATIC SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

The report presented to Council outlined the work carried out by Democratic Services Committee for 2020 including the challenges experienced by Democratic Services during the pandemic and highlighted the successful delivery of remote meetings. Webcasting had enabled meetings to be open to the public, including Council, Cabinet, Planning and Scrutiny.

RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to note the report.

28 : WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

The Council considered the content of the Welsh Language Standards Annual Report 2020-21, prior to formal publication in accordance with the Welsh Language Standards, under the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.

RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to approve the Welsh Language Standards Annual Report 2020-21 prior to formal publication in accordance with the Welsh Language Standards (Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011).

29 : ACCEPTANCE OF THE DELEGATION OF THE MONMOUTHSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL PROCUREMENT FUNCTION

The Chief Executive declared a non-prejudicial interest in this item as he was the Chair of Atebion; the Council's procurement and professional services trading company.

The Council was asked to authorise acceptance of an Executive Delegation from Monmouthshire County Council to deliver their Procurement Function as part of the Council's agreed 2021/22 Budget Strategy.

RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to:

1. Accept an Executive Delegation from Monmouthshire County Council to carry out their Procurement Functions, subject to the satisfactory conclusion of the Delegation Agreement referred to in 2 below.
2. Delegate authority to the Corporate Director Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Modernisation to conclude a Delegation Agreement in a form to the satisfaction of the Council and complete all arrangements to carry out the delegated procurement functions.

Subject to the conclusion of the proposed Delegation agreement in 2 above, agree that the day to day responsibility for carrying out the delegated procurement functions sit with the Operational Manager, Commissioning and Procurement.

30 : CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS REPORT

The report was to enable Council to consider proposed drafting changes to the Constitution recommended by the Monitoring Officer and the Constitution Committee to provide additional clarity in respect of the:

- (i) Local Pension Board;
- (ii) Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Channel Panel;
- (iii) Section 151 Officer's delegation for banking matters;
- (iv) Officer delegations for appropriation of land;
- (v) Determination of regrading applications of Operational Managers; and
- (vi) Determination of Members' and Senior Officers' planning application.

RESOLVED:

Subject to the recommendations of the Constitution Committee on 21st June 2021, the Council AGREED to approve the Constitution amendments in relation to:

- (i) Local Pension Board;
- (ii) Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Channel Panel;

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- (iii) Section 151 Officer's delegation for banking matters;
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- (v) Determination of regrading applications of Operational Managers; and
- (vi) Determination of Members' and Senior Officers' planning application,

as set out in the report and outlined on the Amendment Sheet.

31 : LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER STATEMENTS

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

The Leader responded to questions in relation to:

- Levelling Up and Community Renewal Funds
- Cardiff Public Services Board (PSB), Youth Justice Strategy

2 [Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport](#) - Councillor Wild

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Replacement LDP Consultation
- Future of Castle Street
- Cycleways – Progress Update

3 [Cabinet Member for Investment & Development](#) - Councillor Goodway

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Levelling Up, Youth facilities in Ely
- Business Support

4 [Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure](#) - Councillor Bradbury

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Flat Holm Project
- Cardiff Singer of the World

5 [Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance](#) - Councillor Weaver

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Mobile App and Council Website

6 [Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities](#) - Councillor Thorne

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Reopening of Hubs and Libraries
- Homelessness
- High-quality temporary accommodation for homeless families
- Safer Streets

7 [Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment](#) - Councillor Michael

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The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Flood Risk Management
- Improvements to Hygiene Collection Services
- Missed Bin Collections
- Management of Off-Road Bikes

8 [Cabinet Member for Children & Families](#) - Councillor Hinchey

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Ty Coryton

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

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Independent Living Services – First Point of Contact (Community)
- Day Opportunities Services
- Digital Inclusion
- Get There Together

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

The Cabinet Member responded to questions in relation to:

- Summer of Smiles
- Cardiff Youth Service Provision – Summer 2021
- Schools Update

32 : NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillors Ashgar Ali, Mackie, Dianne Rees, Williams and Wong reaffirmed their prejudicial interests and left the meeting during consideration of this agenda item.

The Lord Mayor advised that a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Ebrahim and seconded by Councillor Huw Thomas had been received for consideration. Three Amendments had been received from Propel, Conservative & Liberal Democrat Groups

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

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However, the situation for privately owned high-rise remains unresolved, and the cladding scandal has also exposed other defects affecting private high-rise development, including the absence of appropriate fire compartmentation, other

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ineffective fire-stopping measures, and unsafe balconies, with many buildings, including in Cardiff, requiring 'waking-watch' regimes in place to ensure residents' safety in the event of fire.

The introduction of EWS1 forms, without sufficient numbers of qualified engineers to carry out inspections has further exacerbated the issues faced by residents living in high-rise accommodation.

These arrangements have clearly impacted on the mental wellbeing of the residents who, through no fault of their own find themselves unsure if their homes is safe, with their lives placed on hold. They also face a significant financial impact, with residents struggling to get insurance for their properties, owner-occupiers falling into negative equity and unable to sell their property, and residents facing the possibility of having to fund the costs of making the good the defects to their properties themselves, despite having purchased their properties in good faith.

This Council therefore –

- Endorses the principle that Leaseholders did not create the issues that have been identified and believe that they should not have to pay to rectify these issues.
- Welcomes the recommendations of the Welsh Government's Building Safety White Paper, and calls for its enacting as legislation as quickly as possible, with additional support provided in terms funding and resources to deliver its objectives.
- In doing so, but recognising the time required to prepare legislation, also believes that there are a series of urgent actions should be enacted straight away, including
 - The rapid establishment of Joint Inspection Teams to undertake an audit of affected buildings with funding made available to address the defects identified
 - Investment to increase the availability of qualified surveyors able to issue EWS1 certificates.
 - An accelerated testing process for new cladding
- Further calls on Welsh and UK Government to work jointly to bring developers to the table so that a wider funding package can be created to resolve the issues that continue to affect the lives of residents in high-rise buildings in Cardiff and across the UK. Requests the Cabinet to explore how developers who have unresolved cladding and building control issues can be better held responsible for their obligations through planning policy and by Shared Regulatory Services

And

- Further asks Cabinet to consider what additional support could be provided to affected residents

The motion was seconded by Councillor Huw Thomas.

Amendment 1- Propel

The Lord Mayor called Councillor McEvoy to move the first amendment as follows:

Add at the end of the motion add the following:

- *furthermore, this Council resolves to set up a political action group made up of 1 councillor from each political group, chaired by an opposition councillor, which will work with residents groups to achieve recourse.*

The Council calls on the Executive to consider a report to set aside £250,000 from the County general reserves to seed fund legal action against the building companies, if satisfactory recourse is not agreed by the Action Group and the building companies by 16th September 2021.

Cardiff Council calls upon other Councils in Wales and the Welsh Government to contribute to the newly created legal fund. It is essential that we stand up for our citizens.

In the public interest, Cardiff Council will make available the as built, original drawings on all buildings which are affected, or are said to be affected by the safety scandal.

The Amended Motion would read as follows:

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The first amendment was formally seconded by Councillor Keith Parry.

Amendment 2 - Conservative

The Lord Mayor called Councillor Robson to move the Second amendment as follows:

Add new bullet point after “Shared Regulatory Services”

- Notes that previous monies provided to Welsh Government from Westminster (via the Barnett formula) to help leaseholders tackle issues with cladding and fire safety systems were spent elsewhere and calls for any additional sums to be put into a fire safety fund accessible to Welsh leaseholders.

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The second amendment was formally seconded by Councillor Jenkins.

Amendment 3 – Liberal Democrat

The Lord Mayor called Councillor Taylor to move the Third amendment as follows:

Before *This Council* therefore add

This Council regrets that the Fire Safety Bill:

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responsible for their obligations through planning policy and by Shared Regulatory Services.

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The third amendment was formally seconded by Councillor Berman.

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

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

Councillor Ebrahim responded to the issues raised and confirmed that Amendment 3 moved by the Liberal Democrat Group was accepted.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on Amendment 1 proposed by Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Keith Parry

The vote on Amendment 1 was LOST.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on Amendment 2 proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Councillor Jenkins

The vote on Amendment 2 was LOST.

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

The vote on the Substantive Motion was CARRIED.

33 : ORAL QUESTIONS

Question - Councillor Cowan

How much is the overtime bill from waste management since the new system came into being?

Reply- Cllr Michael

I would refer you to the information that has been provided in response to the Written Questions in relation to overtime payments.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Cowan

Councillor Michael, I have always had a very busy case work load in Rhiwbina that but the number of enquiries relating to waste as literally gone through the roof. If it's not concerns about the app being out of date it's the lack of collections or the constant Weekly regular problems or the wrong date of collection. Now I'm not being rude but the Council know how many bins have been issued to residents so surely there should be a better plan in place and we were assured by you Cllr

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Michael on several occasions that this move would be for the better it has been a move for the worse in my opinion and do you take responsibility for the abject failings?

Reply – Cllr Michael

Thank you Councillor Cowan for your question, I think you are speaking without all of the facts on your side. At the very beginning I made it very plain that what we needed was a service that was better for people of Cardiff so we made a lot of changes in the service over the past few years and I kept the Council informed. We have a new management structure, we have a new fleet coming, we have new processes, we have a new digital systems coming. Only this week we have 10 new RCV's coming are now getting the digital system put in, now when you actually say these things it would be better if you check the facts; you will see through the fact that we're actually doing really really well we are back almost to where we were pre changeover except we have residual and certainly food waste off the streets five hours a day earlier. We have had some problems over the last few weeks when the garden collections but garden collections are not a precise science because a lot of it depends on the weather, when the weather changes we could actually get 100% tonnage difference so that actually gives us a few problems. I am really confident that as it settles down and it will and it is, you will see a far better service for the people of Cardiff, a far more cost-effective and a modern way of working. We will of course make other changes along the way to give a service that the capital needs.

Question - Councillor Berman

On how many weeks since the introduction of a new system of waste collection rotas, designed to undertake all kerbside waste collections over four days a week, has all such waste across the city actually been collected over those four days without catch-up collections having had to take place on other days of the week, and what has been the additional cost to date of undertaking any required catch-up collections?

Reply – Cllr Michael

Since the changes to the collection model 12 weeks ago, the service area continues to monitor the completion of collections by waste stream on the designated collection day.

With the exception of garden waste, I can confirm that residual, food and recycling are collected on the day of collection and this has been the position for the last 6 weeks, apart from where there have been issues with vehicle breakdowns.

Where there are issues such as a vehicle breakdown, the service area endeavours to collect later in the day, but if the collection has to take place the following day, the website and app is updated to communicate the change to residents.

The Cabinet continues to regularly monitor performance and challenge the service area to make improvements on any areas where we feel that there are concerns.

Details of the overtime costs since the introduction of the new 4-day collection model have been provided in the answers to the Written Questions.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Berman

I don't think it will come as much comfort to many residents who have been complaining throughout all those weeks since February to myself and other Councillors in this Chamber that you are seemingly dismissing as just a minor statistic the over 9000 missed collections we've had since then actually I am sat here with my garden waste on the curb side just outside so far not collected today I will remain to see whether it is collected but clearly at there are problems for all you're trying to say that this is made the service better it this does not feel that way to residents because we have not been able to get the system to work properly so I suppose my question is similar to Councillor Cowan's which is when are you actually going to take responsibility for this and when can you actually promise that we will get it sorted.

Reply – Cllr Michael

Again Councillor Berman speaks without the use of facts he seems to be really good at this. If you look at exactly how many pickups we have got and how many are left behind, you will find that we are on par and actually in a better position than we were with the last collections. I think that when you actually change something like this it really is difficult to change we had no choice but to actually do this now in the pandemic, we need to get this right for people in this city, we've got agreement from the unions, we have got a new fleet coming, got digital systems going in to make sure that we could deliver the service fit for the capital and we are actually delivering this service so I think if anyone was to take a look at the information provided on the written questions you will see that your premise and questions are factually incorrect.

Question - Councillor Dilwar Ali

Can the Leader make a statement on 16 and 17 year olds who voted for the first time in Senedd Election, where around 70,000 16 and 17 year olds were eligible to vote, and what percentage of these voters participated in Cardiff for the Senedd Election?

Reply – Cllr Huw Thomas

Unfortunately, detailed statistics on the demographic of voters are not available.

The marked register of electors for each polling station are paper based and printed for marking by polling station staff on polling day. Voters who are 16 or 17 years old or qualifying foreign nationals have an indicator printed next to their details on the printed register. Consequently, there are no automated reporting options available to provide this level of detail.

Political parties may purchase the marked register and conduct their own research to analyse voter turnout. Nevertheless, this would require manual intervention to extract voter data from the hard copy of the register for each polling station or polling district.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Dilwar Ali

Thank you leader for your response, I'm a bit disappointed but I'll be urging yourself to work with the Welsh government in future plans to get this data included.

Question - Councillor Hudson

In 2014, Cllr Patel said that we have gridlocked situations because master planning was not in place due to no adopted LDP. Do you agree that planning must come before building to avoid this situation with the replacement Cardiff LDP?

Reply- Cllr Wild

Thank you Councillor Hudson for your question regarding LDPs and how it links to transport.

The current LDP is operating within a good planning system with master-planning that allows the council to insist that transport infrastructure is provided as part of wider developments. The most obvious example of this is the Plasdwr site where the council has already secured over £25M in S106 contributions to fund the likes of:

- New bus services and subsidies
- Cycleways
- Bus priority schemes all the way into the city

Similar arrangements will be made on the other major sites in the near future.

Any replacement LDP will also give us the opportunity to consider the principles of things like transit orientated development and 20minute neighbourhoods – linking to our exciting new plans for The Metro.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Hudson

As many people aren't on digital services and due to Covid we haven't had face-to-face consultations I wonder and I hope I'm right in that we can have a higher response from the public for the replacement LDP because with the last LDP the consultations and the meetings were very well attended and a couple of things were pointed out then about the transport infrastructure etc. so can we have a similar robust consultation on that please?

Reply- Cllr Wild

I think it'll be more robust than the previous one, that is something that we've set out in documents that we've had before this Council now obviously when those documents and plans for the consultation were written we were in the middle of a pandemic we still have restrictions in place that are limiting what we can do, once those restrictions ease will be able to do more face to face and get a really good response from people.

Question - Councillor Sandrey

What does the administration make of the Future Generations Commissioner calling the decision on the future of Castle Street 'retrograde'?

Reply- Cllr Wild

She did not call the decision 'retrograde'. She said:

"I'd say it *appears* to be a retrograde step" she then goes on to caveat her comments further by saying that she hadn't seen the reports.

We have all read the reports and the papers, and to suggest that there is no evidence about concerns over poor air quality in nearby residential areas is false.

I personally believe that when we are discussing important issues such as health impacts of decisions we take we need to be very clear and honest about implications. So I find it disappointing that the Councillor would continue to try and confuse matters by essentially miss-quoting a well-meaning tweet from the Future Generations Commissioner and would ask that instead Councillors support the sharing of good information as the council have tried to do.

Question - Councillor Dilwar Ali

Can I have an update on the Lydstep Flats cladding and when the work will begin?

Reply- Cllr Thorne

As Members will be aware, the cladding was removed from Lydstep Flats and other council high-rise blocks following the tragedy at Grenfell Tower.

Full consultation with residents has taken place about the design of the replacement cladding and a contractor has been appointed and is currently finalising the design and survey work.

Following the appointment of the contractor, there was a major change in legislation that will have an impact on the start date of the work.

This new legislation now requires additional fire safety testing to be carried out and, as you would expect, the laboratories that carry out this testing are currently very busy.

While the fire test is booked for the end of next month, we have been informed that there may be a significant delay of potentially up to 6 months.

I fully understand the frustration of residents about this delay and would like to assure you that we are doing all that we can to commence work at the earliest opportunity.

We will, of course, continue to compensate residents for their additional fuel costs and, for those flats most affected, internal insulation is also being applied.

Question - Councillor Driscoll

River Corridors are said to be the lungs of our city and important areas of Biodiversity. During the Pandemic our Parks Woodland and outside spaces have been invaluable for exercising and spaces of quiet peaceful enjoyment that have been and still are, invaluable for the health, mental health and wellbeing of residents. In Llandaff, Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru are running a temporary road to install a Sewage Pumping Station to facilitate Plasdwr Development. What protection status is afforded to the Taff River Corridor in Llandaff and what measures to protect Fauna, Flora and wildlife are the council taking to enhance and protect Biodiversity in the River Taff Corridor through Llandaff?

Reply- Cllr Wild

Many works on private land by Statutory bodies such as Welsh Water are outside the remit of the Council and are deemed to be “permitted development”.

As the councillor will know, we have had strong policies to protect and enhance river corridors

Alongside national planning policy and statutory designations, the Cardiff LDP includes Key Policy 16 on Green Infrastructure, as well as Detailed Policies EN1 to EN8 which consider countryside protection and the natural environment. Policy EN4 on River Corridors is particularly relevant to your question.

Furthermore, the Council has approved Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Guidance, which provides comprehensive advice in terms of biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems. This SPG includes a specific Technical Guidance Note regarding River Corridors.

Which evidently must be doing some good as our river corridors look so brilliant and full of life.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Driscoll

Thanks for the comprehensive response and I am pleased we have some protections in place for these important areas of biodiversity within a river corridor but in Danescourt we have a meadow and a woodland that is effectively an extension of Radyr wood which is designated a site of importance for nature conservation that is within that river corridor and a stepping stone for protected species and wildlife and has been discovered by many residents in Radyr and Llandaff in lockdown and an important stepping stone for connecting our 15 minute communities and I just wondered will you agree to meet with me at least at the woodland pretty soon just to see what damage has been done by the temporary road that residents fear will end up permanent. I recognise this is on the River corridor so it is really important and I'd be grateful if you could do that.

Reply- Cllr Wild

The Councillor will be pleased to know that I have already visited the site with members of the Planning Committee to see the concerns raised and I'm happy that they are following as you know and it's important to note that this is about water and sewerage services for houses obviously something that we need to make sure we provide to citizens.

Question - Councillor Henshaw

The recent Ofsted report highlighted the experience of sexual harassment that many girls experience across the UK. What more can we do here in Cardiff in our schools to improve the situation?

Reply- Cllr Merry

Any form of sexual harassment or abuse is unacceptable – and it was particularly distressing to read the recent Ofsted report.

Here in Wales, the Welsh Government Minister for Education and Welsh Language issued a Written Statement on 16 June 2021, announcing that Estyn will be conducting a review into the culture and processes in schools to help protect and better support young people. I would strongly advise members to read the statement in full, particularly those who are school governors.

As a matter of urgency, we will ensure that all Cardiff schools are aware of the issues raised, the pertinent recommendations of the Ofsted report and have an opportunity to reflect on practice and policies in their own school prior to an Estyn review process.

As we have a commitment to being a Child Friendly City, it is particularly important to ensure that we hear the voices and experiences of young people.

RSE will become a compulsory part of the curriculum. Raising children and young people's awareness of equality, respect and consent is crucial if we are to stop violence against women and girls, domestic abuse and sexual violence. Good, relevant RSE will play an important role in raising awareness in that battle.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Henshaw

Girls have a right to learn safely in our schools, when Estyn have conducted their review will you update us on their findings?

Reply- Cllr Merry

Yes absolutely Councillor Henshaw and I would like us to use the framework of the child friendly city and consultation with children and young people to actually learn more about their views both on this particularly issue but also the RSE that we will be offering as part that compulsory curriculum and their experiences need to be shaping that.

Question - Councillor Robson

We are now 4 months into the new waste collection regime, yet areas across the city are still experiencing delays and roads still continue to be missed. What changes are you going to make to ensure there is waste collection provision by this Council which is fit for purpose?

Reply- Cllr Huw Thomas

Councillor Michael has dealt with some of this answer I think as you were setting out it is acknowledged firstly this was pre the most significant change process that this service area has gone through in its existence and is it is a substantial piece of work I think it also need to be put into context the number of missed collections that we have been dealing with over the last three months represents at 0.2% of all collections made but Cllr Michael has made the point that residual food recycling waste is now the collected on the day of collection and in fact from the data that I've seen as of the end of March something like 98 percent of all of those three streams have been collected by 3.45 in the afternoon which is exactly why we brought in the change to get that waste off the streets quicker and that is making such a difference to the quality of the street scene. I'd point out and I know there have been written questions on this and in fact the spend on overtime in the first three months of the year compared with two years ago as the cov figures are not comparable is less

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than half so again we are actually realising a significant saving. I think both Councillor Michael and I acknowledge there are continuing issues with garden waste but I wouldn't say that is related to the changes to the four-day collection but I do think that affects some wider factors at play including coming out of the pandemic in some of the pent-up leave we have seen and a national shortage of drivers so in answer to the question we are continuing to expend effort and resources and sourcing resources to keep on top of the green waste collection recognising and has been pointed out, the fluctuations that we do experience within tonnage in in that stream as well.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Robson

I appreciate the detail in that answer and the length of it to try and assuage us. I will pick up on the garden waste aspects in your answer in many parts of the city we have had a real issues with garden waste, colleague after colleague are reporting constituents contacting them I'm quite sure within your group as well though you wouldn't say publicly they'll be having similar problems. Some of my constituents in my ward have only had one of five garden waste collected on the right day at about the right time even the right day would be start. Can we start looking at garden waste because it's always seen as the last bit of the service to be collected when actually for many it's a very important service and people really notice when it's not collected.

Reply- Cllr Huw Thomas

I can reassure you that our focus is on garden waste but I think we would all acknowledge comparing garden waste to residual waste, food waste or recycling being left out there is less of an environmental impact. I think in terms of the collections certainly if a garden waste collection is missed on the day of collection then every effort is being made to collect the following day and if there is an example where a collection is simply not made that is clearly an error but I'm not aware of that happening on a wide scale as I said the focus now is around sourcing additional resources so that we can bring to garden waste the same level performance that we now see on the other waste streams.

Question - Councillor Taylor

Does the administration agree with comments from the Children's Commissioner that it is time to end profit making in the children's residential care sector in Wales?

Reply- Cllr Hinchey

Yes, we would support the Welsh Government's commitment to "*eliminate private profit from the care of looked after children during the next Senedd term*" and we welcome its inclusion in the Programme for Government 2021-2026, which was published earlier this month.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Taylor

I'm pleased to hear that response and look forward to those coming forward.

Reply- Cllr Hinchey

I was just going to say Lord Mayor that I have the utmost respect for the Children's Commissioner I think she's a fantastic advocate for children and young people in Wales and I know Councillor Taylor feels the same.

Question - Councillor Mackie

What is the progress to the proposals for the Cardiff Heat network and what are the anticipated benefits to the climate change agenda?

Reply- Cllr Michael

Funding has been secured for Phase One of the Heat Network, which consists of a £6.6m grant from the UK Government's Heat Network Investment Programme and an £8.6m interest free loan from Welsh Government.

Following a successful procurement exercise over the winter, a contractor has now been engaged under a full Design, Build, Operate and Maintain contract to develop and manage the scheme. They are currently refining final designs and plan to start works on site in the autumn. First connections are planned to go live by March 2023, with phase one to be completed by late 2024.

Buildings that connect to the Heat Network will no longer need to rely on fossil fuels for heat and hot water and the estimated carbon reductions for each customer are in the region of 80%.

Together, the initial phase 1 customers (public sector) will save around 2,100 tonnes of carbon per annum, with around 3,500 more tonnes saved with potential additional private sector connections.

The full anticipated carbon reductions associated with phases 1 and 2 (which match the total heat available at the Trident Park energy from waste plant on which the scheme is based), are anticipated to be around 10,200 tonnes of carbon per annum.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Mackie

I would be grateful if you could tell us what other sources of energy the Council are looking at as well in order to be carbon neutral by 2030?

Reply- Cllr Michael

The Council as you aware has built a solar farm we've used ground source and will continue to use that especially near the new house building programme we've got Radyr Weir, we've got heat exchanger that we are looking on and we are actually at the moment looking at other opportunities such as wind solar hydrogen we need to source energy from renewables and away from fossil fuels if we are going to play our part in combating climate Change and I think that if we actually going to meet the Carbon Neutral target by 2030 this will play an ever more important part in the way we as a Council and all the other public service partners and others work along with us.

Question - Councillor Hudson

Can Cllr Weaver address my question from the June 2019 council meeting when I basically asked for a breakdown between outside specialist advisors versus Directors and Assistant Directors with regard to cost and value for money?

Reply- Cllr Weaver

We did exchange emails over the summer following that question, and in September 2019 I confirmed that spend on salaries at Assistant Director level was very slightly lower at that point than in 2017-18.

The management restructure proposal in 2017 was cost-neutral, based on the restructuring of posts within the existing budget spent on management salaries, and was not based on spend on external consultants.

I also provided information on the expenditure on senior management recruitment processes; which was zero in 2017-18, £35,276 in 2018-19, and £10,753 at that point in 2019-20.

I am very happy to meet or email after this meeting for any detail on spending that you would like though, or if any of that information was incomplete in terms of what you were looking for.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Hudson

Can we continue to monitor this breakdown of costs in future because when it comes back to Council that we need to save money there's all areas that we need to look at and this is one area where we must look at so if I can ask that this breakdown be monitored year by year please?

Reply- Cllr Weaver

Yes we'll happily monitor that because it's part of our budget setting process we do need to look at savings in any area and so of course through that process we will make sure it's monitored but I'll meet with you as well Councillor Hudson as we go through that.

Question - Councillor Taylor

Does the administration accept comments made in the assessment of options for the North West transport corridor that the planned transport improvements "falls short of providing a major step change in the quality and capacity of public transport provision"?

Reply- Cllr Wild

Thanks for your question regarding the assessment of transport problems in the recent NW corridor WelTAG study.

Obviously if there were no transport problems there wouldn't have been much point in undertaking this study.

I think we all agree that public transport does require a step-change, which is exactly why we've been getting on with making these improvements to the NW corridor in particular

- New bus priority measures
 - Progress on cycleway
 - We also know that the P&R at J33 is due to get underway shortly
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But we need to do more, especially as new developments in RCT are underway. Hence why we welcomed this study and will be pushing WG to move ahead with the options outlined. And in particular supporting our cross-rail Metro proposal.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Taylor

Thank you for that response and again we welcome the collaboration with RCT in bringing forward these proposals but the point that the report was making and my interpretation of the report was that the existing LDP has been brought forward and significant work had begun on existing strategic sites in the LDP prior to the strategic transport projects being brought through for those particular sites and for that corridor so my question is now what will be done differently at this point in the LDP to ensure that we sequence those properly so we aren't seeing large developments built without that strategic transport network in place to support it.

Reply- Cllr Wild

It's a really fair question and I mean I don't think any of us would deny and anyone working in transport Planning in most places around the world would love to be able to put all the infrastructure in place, you know as if you're playing SimCity and you build the train lines and everything first but of course they cost hundreds of millions of pounds and it's just how the planning or the development system works in this country. What we have got though is £25million as I said just towards bus travel other different transport infrastructure things being provided for and it's done based on when people have moved in and funded almost entirely by the developer. When you look at the north-west corridor and the LDP monitoring it does show that we were getting quite a long way towards a fifty-fifty modal split those numbers are looking quite good but as we said we know we need to do more, the city's growing fast and to be frank we're much more cognisant now maybe than we were with previous LDPs of the importance of things like active travel and air quality and the climate crisis so certainly we are aware we need to do more so I think it's a fair question.

Question - Councillor Lay

Last week, the Welsh Government announced additional funding for Free School Meals throughout the school holidays, bringing the total to over £110 million. I'm sure the Cabinet Member will join in me in recognising the enormous impact this has on improving children's well-being and tackling food poverty in school holidays and could she let us know what plans there are to work with schools in my Ward and across the City, to make the most of the additional funding Welsh Government has provided to improve digital infrastructure?

Reply- Cllr Merry

Like you, I very much welcome the additional funding for Free School Meals throughout the school holiday periods and the positive impact this will have on children across the city.

With regard to the investment in ICT, I also welcome the additional Welsh Government grant funding. This year, Cardiff will receive an additional £1.7m, which will be the third year that we have received funding support from Welsh Government for ICT investment.

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This funding will be used to compliment the long-term schools ICT investment plan that has been agreed with schools across the city and will result in over £6m being spent on new equipment and ICT support packages in Cardiff schools in this financial year.

As a result of this ongoing investment, by the end of this financial year, we should have completely refreshed the Wi-Fi infrastructure in every school in Cardiff as well as other ICT improvements undertaken since the start of the pandemic.

Question - Councillor Cowan

A statement was made prior to the 2017 Local Government Elections that a replacement site was going to be identified for the Wedal Road Household Recycling Centre. When can we expect to know where the site is?

Reply- Cllr Michael

If I recall we've looked at about 8 sites across the North of Cardiff, some have been too expensive, some have been in the wrong place or have planning issues. We will continue working with our colleagues in Property to find a place and we've got money in the budget so we will continue looking for a site in Cardiff North.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Cowan

Councillor Michael you never cease to amaze me I have to say you know that you didn't mention in your previous question that you spent £115k on overtime for a system which is failing and your now telling me that we saw a video in 2017 from a Cabinet Member saying that Wedal Road wouldn't be shut until a new site was made available and that clearly didn't happen and now you're saying you are still exploring the options five years later so can we expect to have an update just before the next election is that too much to ask?

Reply- Cllr Michael

I didn't have to actually say it was £115k over time but it was actually less than half of what we were spending I think that's good news Councillor Cowan. The only Member from your party who has ever come forward with a suggestion of a somewhere to put the site and I keep asking you every chance I get actually approached me and suggested I look at Forest Farm which we did do and unfortunately it was not suitable for various reasons including it's got the propensity to flood. If you or any other member of your party and of course you know Rhiwbina well would like to approach me and tell me with a list of sites you think would be suitable I'll be happy to go and look but you seem to specialise in asking questions and pretending that it's going to happen with a magic wand. It doesn't work like that I mean earlier on you were complaining about waste collections, I have got to tell you that if you look at the actual figures and facts which is what I deal with, we've collected around 11 million pickups in the last four months so when you only get 9000 left behind and not all of them that were left behind because there could be a whole range of issues ranging from a contamination to not be presented well so that it isn't just a case of simple little soundbites which you seem to specialise in, its facts, get your facts straight help yourself help the council identify some of the sites you would like me to look at, I'm happy to do so.

Question - Councillor Hopkins

Can the administration confirm the nature and extent of the projects agreed to be submitted in response to the UK Levelling Up Fund and Community Renewal Fund?

Reply- Cllr Huw Thomas

There's a lot of detail about this actually in my statement and also in the Cabinet report so that is a good place to mine for all the details but I can confirm that following the meeting of Cabinet last week we submitted a specific bid for the renovation Cardiff market seeking financial support to the tune of around £5.4million that report also sets out our intention to submit future bids when they open up later in the year and relating to the development of an urban park and transport link between the city centre and Cardiff Bay to a new youth facilities in Ely and a Taff corridor regeneration scheme in Butetown and Grangetown as well as investment in renovation and new facilities at Forest Farm. With regard to the Community renewals fund we submitted bids totalling over 800k on behalf of partner organisations and these bids include proposals for upskilling workers who have been impacted by covert and support for migrant workers and investing in entrepreneurial activities or indeed supporting the circular economy and new active travel assessment for young people.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Hopkins

Thank you Councillor Thomas for the information you provided in the answer there and I'm sure the process requires projects that are virtually ready to go because of the relatively short timescales but given that the decision making process about whether or not to approve projects is now within the UK levelling up fund and the Community Renewal Fund is now centralised at a UK level, a process that under the previous EU structural fund was within the competence of the Welsh government, do you agree with the Welsh Government's economy Minister that the UK government is now engaged in a deliberate assault on Welsh devolution in how these funds are being managed?

Reply- Cllr Huw Thomas

I would certainly support the principle that's been set out by Welsh government of not power lost not penny less. I think it's important to distinguish between the levelling up fund and the wider so called structural funds to replace the EU funding because taking on its own the levelling fund and from memory we are talking about 800million over four years between Scotland Wales and Northern Ireland and that is very much a drop in the ocean and so I think the key consideration comes from how the structural funds replacements are distributed I think we all await further clarity from UK government on that front.

Question - Councillor Bridgeman

Can the Cabinet Member for Environment please outline the work to prevent flooding to Cardiff from the River Rhymney in light of the probability of sea levels rising because of climate change?

Reply- Cllr Michael

The management of the risk of flooding from main rivers – the River Rhymney being designated as one – is the responsibility of Natural Resources Wales who monitor

and maintain the existing flood defences and manage any future improvements plans.

However, there are proposed enhancements to flood defences along sections of the River Rhymney contained within the Cardiff Coastal Protection scheme.

The scheme aims primarily to reduce the risk of flooding from the sea due to the deterioration of the existing flood defences at Rover Way, but the works also extend along sections of the River Rhymney to prevent further failures of embankments and improve resilience.

Further details of the proposed scheme can be found in the report on the Coastal Risk Management Programme that was considered last week by the Cabinet.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Bridgeman

With the recent press reports into parts of Cardiff being dramatically affected by rising sea levels would you be able to explain what difference this would actually mean for the residents who live near the River Rumney estuary?

Reply- Cllr Michael

With the programme we are putting together which is now in its final stages before hopefully we start sometime in spring we were looking at putting 100,000 tonnes of rock mainly on the estuary part, we then move on to a raising the embankment along the Rover Way site and we look at bolstering up the defence by the Lamby Way Bridge to stop the slippage into the River of the embankment. It is a one in 200 year flood defence scheme now so we need to get the right levels to breach this we are talking about wind and tidal flow rain so this should actually save the prospect of flooding along that because if it ever breaches I'm afraid it's a serious consequence for parts of Cardiff from Splott to Penylan. Some of the reports I seen have actually predicted dire consequences and look horrendous but when you look closely at them this one was predicting that most of inner Cardiff would be flooded and didn't take into account the Barrage which has prevented flooding in Cardiff for a quite a while so I can I think predictions should always be taken with a pinch of salt when you actually start to look into them as long as we in Cardiff play our part with the carbon neutrality and take as much action as we possibly can to prevent breaches and flood schemes like this are always going to be welcomed.

Question - Councillor Driscoll

We know reducing speed limit to 50mph on the A4232 will reduce Air Pollution and reduce accidents and a measure the Cabinet Member for Transport could have done at the same time as closing Castle Street, but chose not to. So will he reconsider and do this now?

Reply- Cllr Wild

We do have a proposal for the reduction of the speed limit to 50mph on the A4232 from Culverhouse Cross to the Queensgate Roundabout in Cardiff Bay. The speed limit would be enforced by average speed cameras.

A scheme has been developed and we will seek funding for this from Welsh Government in the next round of grant bids. If funding is obtained, the scheme would be delivered in the 2022/23 financial year.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Driscoll

I understand that is one of the measures to be taken with a clean air strategy and the action plan but this is a measure that could have been easily implemented at little cost in a short time and as a supermarket chain says every little helps so I just wonder why you haven't brought it forward sooner.

Reply- Cllr Wild

The clean air action plan a guess there are a hundred and one different things we could do but the focus for us had to be on Castle Street as that's where the legal directive was so that had to be a priority first and foremost the list of the others I know lots of different variances as to which comes first but it had to be Castle Street that was done first and we are getting to the A4232 and it shouldn't be too long now Cllr.

Question - Councillor Gordon

What is the timescale for reconfiguring the junctions at Leckwith Road / Lansdowne Road / Wellington Street as part of Cycleway 5? Riverside communities need the junctions upgraded to provide a safer journeys for young people, children and parents crossing each day on foot or bikes to reach Ysgol Pwll Coch and Fitzalan High.

Reply- Cllr Wild

We are currently developing the design for the Lawrenny Avenue section of Cycleway 5, which includes reconfiguring the Leckwith Road junction.

The current programme for the scheme shows the works being completed towards the end of 2022, prior to the new Fitzalan High School opening in early 2023.

This new section of cycleway will provide a safe route along Lawrenny Avenue for pupils, parents and staff of Ysgol Pwll Coch and Fitzalan High School.

We are planning to engage external consultants to investigate the remainder of the route for Cycleway 5 to connect the City Centre to Lawrenny Avenue later in the year. This will include the Wellington Street junction.

Supplementary Question- Cllr Gordon

It's good news to know this is happening but as you know one year in the life of a small primary school child is a really long time and I wonder if there's any potential in actually trying to put something in on a temporary basis which would in fact model how the crossings are designed and it wouldn't cost a huge amount if there wasn't lots of raising and levelling of pavements etc. but if there could be some kind of temporary measure put in to assist the pupils going to Ysgol Pwll Coch and Fitzalan in the meantime before the end of 2022.

Reply- Cllr Wild

I'm keen to get all of these things changed sooner rather than later I think I'll ask officers to look into it you know we have trialled pop up ways of doing things as you've indicated and I think it's fair to say that they're not as easy as they look as they still have to have a lot of safety testing and be put right so I just have to caveat that slightly but I will ask officers to look at that junction to see if there's any improvements that can be made especially as that new pop up cycleway abruptly ends there doesn't it.

34 : URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business

35 : COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

To receive nominations and make appointments to current committee vacancies as set out in the report and in accordance with the approved allocation of seats and political group wishes.

RESOLVED:

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

36 : OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive nominations and make appointments of Members to statutory and non-statutory outside bodies which are required annually.

RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to approve appointments to outside bodies as listed on the Amendment Sheet.

37 : LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

To appoint Local Authority School Governors to fill vacancies.

RESOLVED:

Council AGREED to approve the new appointments of Local Authority governors to the school governing bodies as set out in the Council Amendment Sheet, each for a term of 4 years from the date of the appointment, in accordance with the recommendations of the Local Authority Governor Panel.

38 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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