

COUNCIL, 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 : ORAL QUESTIONS

1	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></p> <p>Have you considered using the lower Wedal Road site currently occupied by council Parks Dept for a new recycling centre; if not, why not?</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></p> <p>What plans are there to increase bus usage over the medium term especially in those parts of the city such as Cyncoed and Lakeside which remain poorly served?</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH PARRY</u></p> <p>What representations has the Council made to the Welsh Government to rescue leaseholders and other occupiers of blocks flats with cladding and other safety problems that threaten their lives and financial wellbeing?</p>
4	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MACKIE</u></p> <p>As we emerged from the pandemic the Council has been investing in marketing and promoting the city as a destination again. How effective has that been compared to other Core Cities and other parts of Wales?</p>

5	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL</u></p> <p>With the proposed plans for the introduction of a new sewerage pumping station to accommodate development at Plasdwr. In the event of any flooding, or hydraulic overload of the system, will this mean there's a potential for the pumping station to fail, resulting in untreated sewerage to overflow into the river system?</p>
6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>After a recent poll listed Cardiff as the UK's least safe city, what is the council doing to make city safer?</p>
7	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH PARRY</u></p> <p>Will the Council make 'As Built' plans available to leaseholders of blocks of flats caught up in the cladding scandal?</p>
8	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES</u></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member give an update on the effect supply issues caused by Brexit are having to Capital Improvements to Playgrounds and Parks Infrastructure?</p>

9	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES</u></p> <p>Pontpennau and Old St Mellons was included in a pilot trial this year to treat weeds in verges pavements and gutters without using dangerous chemicals. Unfortunately at the time the weed treatment took place, wet weather required a return visit and the results have not been judged a success by residents who complain of the unkempt appearance of roads and streets. Will this experimental system be rolled out across the City or will the Council be using another method of weed control?</p>
10	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>WHO guidelines on safe levels of No2 air pollution have been revised down dramatically, meaning that the current plans for Castle Street could now breach safe limits. Will the plans for the reopening of the street to general traffic be revisited as a result of this?</p>
11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH PARRY</u></p> <p>Rather than providing mobile recycling centres, would it not be more to the point to re-open the Waungron Road Recycling Centre that has lain empty for many years? A daily reminder to the residents of West Cardiff of the waste and incompetence of the current administration.</p>

12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR STUBBS</u></p> <p>The HGV-driver shortage has deepened over the summer due to the failure of the UK Government to take effective action, with virtually every sector of the economy being impacted and hauliers stating that the easing on Visa restrictions will have little impact. In light of this, could the Cabinet Member update us on the resilience of waste collections, and on progress in recruiting new drivers?</p>
13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PHILLIPS</u></p> <p>Junior triathlon clubs, like the one based in Whitchurch, are currently able to hold safe events within the Maindy Pool and Stadium complex. Will they be able to continue to enjoy swim, bike and run events safely within the proposed new sports development in the bay?</p>
14	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>What progress has the council made on resolutions included in the council motion in June in relation to cladding and fire safety concerns?</p>
15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LAY</u></p> <p>Earlier this month, the Food and Drinks Federation warned that the UK was in for permanent food shortages. Given the UK Government's continued failure to address the country's supply chain issues, what mitigations are you looking at to ensure we will continue to be able to deliver meals to our children in schools?</p>

16	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>Will the Leader advise when a road in Cardiff will be named ‘Cheers Drive’ after the successful suggestion by ‘I Loves The Diff’ and my petition which was supported by hundreds of people across the City and beyond?</p>
17	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>Following the delayed spraying of weeds across Cardiff, when will the council return to communities and remove the dead vegetation from our paths?</p>
18	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CUNNAH</u></p> <p>In the last weeks, ordinary Cardiffians have sat in massive queues at petrol stations, experienced the cost of heating their homes skyrocket, seen empty shelves in their supermarkets thanks to supply chain failures, and heard food distributors warn of shortages at Christmas. Whilst it’s clear that the UK Government has totally lost control of the situation, could you update us on steps the Council is taking to protect Council services, and in particular those vulnerable residents who depend on our work?</p>

19	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></p> <p>My written question to Council in June 2021 was “what money used whether grants, direct help or loans have been given to CATs since transfers in the Heath Ward from 2015 to date?” Your reply was that a total of £25,000 has been allocated to CATs in the Heath Ward since 2015. Can you itemise what the £25k has been used for and in future all ward councillors would be consulted in the first instance?</p>
20	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McGARRY</u></p> <p>UK consumer inflation jumped a record amount in August, putting real pressure on the household budgets of many. At the same time the UK Government plans to proceed with its cut in Universal Credit by £20 a week. Could you outline what, if anything, the Council can do to help families now facing real anxiety about how to heat their homes and feed their children this winter?</p>
21	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JONES-PRITCHARD</u></p> <p>The Race Equality Task Force was proposed in August last year and soon after agreeing its membership, the Leader proposed an All Party Group, for the visibility of members of the work of the Task Force and also a conduit of ideas, questions and observations of members to be fed into its work. The All Party Group has still not met and, after reading in Cllr Thomas' statement of the impressive work and list of achievements of the Task Force, it would appear that the ideas, questions and observations of other members are not required! Would the leader please explain why the All Party Group has never met and why the input of other members has not been sought?</p>

22	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HENSHAW</u></p> <p>Can I thank you Cllr Merry for introducing the Edible Playgrounds project to Cardiff schools and ask you to share with us some of the benefits of an Edible Playground?</p>
23	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>What actions is the Leader proposing to counter the recent survey marking the launch of Murdertown, which listed Cardiff as the least safe city on a list of 15 cities?</p>
24	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI</u></p> <p>Can you provide an update on the delayed cladding work for Lydstep Flats?</p>
25	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES</u></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member give an update on the installation of the “Happy to Chat” benches?</p>