

**COUNCIL, 25 NOVEMBER 2021 : ORAL QUESTIONS**

1	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></b></p> <p>With more big events being held in Cardiff, have we got a working strategy to allow the safe and timely exodus of people from the city?</p>
2	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></b></p> <p>Please can you detail what representations you, or your administration, have made to the Welsh Government calling for a change in Welsh planning laws to remove permitted development rights for demolishing any properties that are neither listed nor within a conservation area, and can you please advise when such representations were submitted?</p>
3	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH PARRY</u></b></p> <p>What action is being taken to alter or remove the traffic lights at Cowbridge Road East and Cathedral Road junction that cause needless delays and disruption to buses serving West Cardiff from Westgate Street?</p>
4	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACOBSEN</u></b></p> <p>Further to my request of last Thursday, could you advise on any progress by the Council to acquire the woodland near the Hawthorns in Pentwyn, which is currently being sold by a private company?</p>

5	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></b></p> <p>There have been recent examples in Cardiff of disabled people unable to access shops as permission has been refused for a ramp, or walked off a bus into a temporary cycle lane. What additional action will the Council take to ensure that disabled residents and visitors can use the city's facilities safely?</p>
6	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></b></p> <p>In light of the decision by Nextbike to withdraw their bikes from Cardiff due to excessive vandalism and intimidation on scale not seen in other cities, does the cabinet member now accept that Cardiff has a problem with crime and anti-social behaviour?</p>
7	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH PARRY</u></b></p> <p>Tennis and Bowls have disappeared from Fairwater Park. Residents complain of massive fees to join and access Fairwater Leisure Centre. What is the council doing to keep sports activities from being priced out from ordinary peoples reach?</p>
8	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON</u></b></p> <p>It is great to see improvements taking place at the Cardiff Riding School, a Council managed amenity located in Pontcanna Fields. The stables, the horses, the yards and the facilities look so well looked after, it is a credit to the staff team. There is a lot going on up there with setting out a new outdoor arena, are there plans to renovate the indoor arena?</p>

9	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING &amp; ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LANCASTER</u></b></p> <p>How large a fine will the Welsh Government impose on Cardiff, as the result of the Council missing its recycling target yet again?</p>
10	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING &amp; ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></b></p> <p>Are you satisfied that, at a time when the overall recycling rate across Wales has risen, the council's recycling rate has dropped for two successive years (from 59.2% to 58.1% to 55.8%) and that Cardiff now has the lowest recycling rate of any local authority in Wales?</p>
11	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR FORD</u></b></p> <p>How much did it cost to close off Castle Street and reopen it?</p>
12	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON</u></b></p> <p>Cyclists are enthusiastic and pleased the Council have put the east west route across the city in place. Crossing the city by bike is a hugely better experience than battling in and out of the bus lanes and moving traffic lanes as we used to do. However, the route is halted at each pedestrian crossing. At each crossing there are red and white barriers up and 'Cyclists Dismount' signs. When do the team hope this will be sorted out?</p>

13	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DIANNE REES</u></b></p> <p>The Council has decided to declare a Climate Emergency. In the light of this, what advice is being given to developers building thousands of houses on previously green fields in the North and East of the City on putting into those properties gas boilers, ovens and hobs?</p>
14	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON</u></b></p> <p>Could the council assist local businesses in the Pentwyn community, apply to take over the post office franchise for Pentwyn from the One Stop shop? When it hands back the franchise to the post office as it stands Pentwyn would be without a post office from next year.</p>
15	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY (CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR FORD</u></b></p> <p>How much was spent on children in care and adopting children in the financial years 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19, 2017/18, 2016/17?</p>
16	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AHMED</u></b></p> <p>This month is Islamophobia Awareness Month. What can the Council do to help call-out and challenge unacceptable racism?</p>
17	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING &amp; ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARKHILL</u></b></p> <p>What is the Council doing to prevent pollution from the former Ferry Road landfill site from entering Cardiff Bay and the River Ely?</p>

18	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></b></p> <p>When navigating the new segregated cycle lane through the city centre from east to west or vice versa, cyclists are frequently held up for significant periods of time at the new cycle lights in a way which seems to give them lower priority in comparison to other traffic and meaning that it can now take longer to cycle from one side of the city centre to the other. Does the council therefore have plans to review the phasing of the lights to address this?</p>
19	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH</u></b></p> <p>There are plans to consult on a cycleway to run alongside of the path at the Ninian Road end of Roath Rec – meaning carparking spaces can be kept. Can you confirm that as part of this project funding will be available to redevelop the pathway around the Rec?</p>
20	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></b></p> <p>To protect businesses in Birchgrove, will the council implement a saturation zone to prevent the proliferation of eateries and takeaways and preserve the character of the area?</p>
21	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></b></p> <p>What is the council planning to do to save a section of woodland in the Hawthorns in Pentwyn which is going to auction on December 7th?</p>

22	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE AND LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MACKIE</u></b></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member update the council on the activities the Council is undertaking to promote the city during the Christmas period?</p>
23	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LANCASTER</u></b></p> <p>What support does the Council provide for voluntary groups, who do vital work in helping homeless people all year round?</p>
24	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CUNNAH</u></b></p> <p>We've heard at Full Council in recent months how Cardiff is bucking the trend, with footfall in the city returning to near pre-COVID levels. In previous years in the run up to Christmas, we would inevitably have heavy traffic in the city. What can the Council do to encourage shoppers to use sustainable transport modes?</p>
25	<p><b><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACOBSEN</u></b></p> <p>From what I saw of the Council's Summer of Smiles programme, it looked fantastic with kids having a great time. Has the Council done any analysis of the scheme's success, and are there any plans for a similar project over the winter period?</p>

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**QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL  
(CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)**

**QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI**

The Cabinet Member mentioned at a recent Environmental Scrutiny Committee that he had suggested pop-up recycling collections may happen in Cardiff. Could he update the council on any progress?