

## COUNCIL, 27 JANUARY 2022 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

### CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY)

W1

#### WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

How many 'Looked After Children' are there in Cardiff?

For context, can the Cabinet Member provide the figures of 'Looked After Children' for the past 3 years and the cost of out of county placements for 'Looked After Children' for the same period?

#### Reply

<b>Numbers</b>	<b>31/03/2019</b>	<b>31/03/20</b>	<b>31/03/21</b>
Total Number of Children Looked After	902	955	993
OOO* External Fostering	179	185	182
Total External Fostering	391	367	344
OOO* Residential	63	72	70
Total External Residential	69	82	88

<b>Costs</b>	<b>31/03/2019</b>	<b>31/03/2020</b>	<b>31/03/2021</b>
OOO* External Fostering Spend	7,365,883	8,065,936	7,442,814
External Fostering Total Spend	16,089,741	16,000,667	14,066,931
OOO* Residential Spend	10,407,794	13,219,065	13,223,180
External Residential Total Spend	11,399,555	15,055,883	16,622,476

*\*OOO = Out of County – i.e. children looked after who are placed outside the Cardiff boundary.*

**CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT**  
**(COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MICHAEL)**

W2	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></b></p> <p>Since February 2021 how many missed waste collections have been recorded by the council?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>In the 11-month period between February and December 2021, a total of 17,815 missed collections were reported to the Council, compared to 22,976,237 collections that were undertaken. This represents a 99.92% success rate in terms of completed collections.</p>
W3	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></b></p> <p>Following a number of missed bin collections in Curlew Close, Rhiwbina – including food waste missed for several collections leading to a fly infestation – what action will you take to ensure this cul-de-sac of flats is not missed again?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Our Collection Supervisors are aware of the issues experienced at Curlew Close. Supervisors will attend the site with the crews on the next collection to ensure that the crews are aware of the locations of all bins. Supervisors will also closely monitor the collection of all waste streams from Curlew Close over the next four weeks to ensure that the improvements are embedded.</p>
W4	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></b></p> <p>Residents have reported on occasion that they are now unclear about the arrangements for securing an assisted lift for removal of their waste. Can the council clarify how residents are able to obtain an assisted lift, whether the orange diamond scheme is still in operation or whether it has been superseded by a different system?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>If residents need help putting bags, bins or food caddies out to be collected, they can apply for an assisted lift collection by contacting C2C on (029) 2087 2087. Further details can be found on the Council’s website at: <a href="https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/help-putting-out-bags-and-bins">Help putting out bags and bins (cardiff.gov.uk)</a></p>

	<p>An officer will need visit the property to agree a collection point and ensure eligibility for the service. If approved, it will begin straight away.</p> <p>Since the introduction of in-cab technology, crews are notified of recorded collections via their in-cab device. Orange diamonds are therefore no longer essential, but are available if required.</p>
W5	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></b></p> <p>Why does the council not routinely remove incorrectly presented waste, rather than leaving it on the street where it is often not taken back in, and consequently is left to fester or ends up ripped open contaminating the environment with loose waste and litter?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Whilst prompt removal of incorrectly presented waste is important to prevent littering; it is also important that the behaviour of residents in presenting contaminated recycling is addressed in order to prevent recurring issues.</p> <p>Residents have a duty of care to present their waste and recycling on the correct day, at the correct time, and in the correct container. Where residents fail to present their waste correctly, they have a responsibility to take that waste back in and present it correctly at the appropriate time.</p> <p>If incorrectly presented waste was routinely removed, it would encourage further poor behaviour. Therefore, enforcement officers are responsible for searching and removing incorrectly presented waste and recycling so that they can take action as appropriate.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Services will be reshaped in 2022. Cleansing teams will be trained to search and remove waste, logging incorrect waste presentation issues for action by the enforcement team. This will minimise the amount of time that incorrectly presented waste is left on the streets.</p>

W6	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></b></p> <p>The restrictions on lending of litter picking equipment from council hubs to one per individual is likely to negatively impact informal litter picking groups and those organising community litter picks who used this service, particularly in areas not well served by alternatives. What plans do the council have to increase availability and accessibility of litter picking equipment?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Litter picking equipment, kept within the local Hubs, is for use by registered litter champions and is aimed at individuals wishing to litter pick within local communities, rather than large groups.</p> <p>For those wishing to carry out group and community litter picks, they can either contact the Love Where You Live Team via email (<a href="mailto:lovewhereyoulive@cardiff.gov.uk">lovewhereyoulive@cardiff.gov.uk</a>) or contact <a href="#">Keep Wales Tidy</a> who also have a number of litter picking hubs.</p> <p>The Council really values the support of our community volunteers and we encourage them to get in touch with our co-ordinator to discuss any concerns or provide suggestions about how to improve the support we can offer.</p>
W7	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></b></p> <p>Leaf fall is a particular problem around Africa Gardens and adjoining streets, causing issues for pedestrians. How often are leaves swept in the area and can this be increased?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The leaf fall cleansing schedule runs from October to December and Africa Gardens and surrounding areas were cleansed every two weeks during this period. The area is currently being monitored as part of a review of cleansing rounds and it is anticipated that a weekly cleanse of this area will be introduced in the coming months.</p>

W8	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></b></p> <p>What, if any, measures were put in place to protect and keep safe waste operatives collecting refuse into the night and early hours of the morning, outside normal operating hours?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The operatives that were used for the late-night collections are actually street cleansing operatives who usually work nights in the city centre. As such, relevant risk assessments and health checks are already in place for these members of staff. These staff are also fully trained in the use of Refuse Collection Vehicles and waste collections as part of our business continuity planning.</p>
W9	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></b></p> <p>What is the cost of overtime for the recent waste collections which have occurred as late as 2330 and 0130 in some parts of the city?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The work was undertaken by the City Centre cleansing teams who normally work nights. As such, there was no overtime paid for this work.</p>
W10	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></b></p> <p>As a result of allegations of criminality, South Wales Police have undertaken investigations into the Council's Waste Department. Can the Cabinet Member provide a public update on the actions flowing following the investigation and if information cannot be made public, arrange for a confidential briefing to be given to Members of the Council?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>As I confirmed previously in reply to a Written Question from your group colleague, Councillor Hudson, in June 2021, all current internal disciplinary processes have been concluded in relation to the arrests of five Council employees and two agency employees that were made in February 2018. Therefore, there are currently no officers on suspension in relation to this case. Two employees remain employed by the Council, with the other roles being either recruited to or modified during the recent restructure of the service area.</p>

The Governance & Audit Committee, of which you are a member, has been kept up to date and provided with a confidential briefing that set out the position in respect of associated internal disciplinary investigations and was advised of the ongoing police review.

The Council has new leadership and management within the Waste Department. Working alongside officers from the Council's Audit Team, several processes and controls have been implemented service-wide to limit the risk of similar events occurring. Alongside this, robust performance management means that any changes to performance are visible and challenged by the management team.

As I also made clear previously, the Council needs to be careful not to prejudice the police investigation that remains ongoing so any further comment on this process would be inappropriate.

## **CULTURE AND LEISURE** **(COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY)**

W11

### **WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS**

Can the council confirm that play equipment at Rhydypenau Park will be renewed during the current financial year?

#### **Reply**

The Council is committed to investing in its parks' playgrounds and infrastructure and, during the current financial year, I anticipate spend being in the region of £3million as I have outlined in my Council Statement. It's my intention to continue the momentum, building on this year's investment, as we strive to fulfil our commitment to be a Child Friendly City.

Rhydypenau Park features in our provisional programme for 2022/23, subject to budget and project costs once known, and officers from my portfolio area will be in contact with local ward members in the new financial year to commence the consultation process.

W12

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN**

When can we expect to see the works undertaken that are being planned to improve the paths around Roath Rec, and will these plans also include improvements to the path on the Ty Draw Road side which also floods in places even if not as badly as the path on the south side?

**Reply**

We have been developing the design of the circular route of Roath Recreation Ground with a view to providing a fit for purpose, well drained surface that enables improved access for users and essential maintenance vehicles. Future provision will also include new park furniture.

The Parks Service is working in partnership with colleagues from the Planning, Transport and Environment Directorate to integrate the design plans with proposed cycle route improvements. As the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport confirmed at Council in November 2021 in reply to a question from Councillor De'Ath, funding will be sought from the Welsh Government's Active Travel Fund for these works as part of our grant bids for schemes to be delivered in the 2022/23 financial year. This approach will enable the allocation of Section 106 funding to other projects. Whilst this may mean a delay in the commencement of the works, it will result in a much more effective use of resources.

Completion of the scheme has the potential to see a cycle network connecting Wellfield Road to Ninian Road and beyond with improved pathways and infrastructure as an additional outcome. We are continuing to consult with Plasnewydd ward members on these proposals.

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS**  
**(COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)**

W13	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></b></p> <p>How many staff are currently employed in youth services and how many staff were employed by the council in 2012?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>In January 2012, the full-time equivalent (FTE) of staff employed in the Youth Service was 130.58. In December 2021 the FTE was 65.98. A total of £160,000 is also provided annually to partners through our Youth Innovation Grants, which have overall supported 3,414 young people in Cardiff. The quality and value of the service and the work of the youth workers is reflected in the recent accreditation of the Bronze Level Youth Quality Mark. The service also continues to develop and innovate by extending its reach through different types of youth work, such as extended street-based support and outreach, part-funding with partners to add value and, more recently, digital youth work. The latter will provide many young people with access to youth support and social interaction, which they previously would have found difficult.</p>
W14	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></b></p> <p>The council is consulting on a significant number of proposals to increase provision for pupils with additional learning needs in primary and secondary schools across the city which clearly is to be welcomed, but all but one of the proposals being consulted on are for new or increased provision within the English-medium sector. Does the administration feel this is equitable given that there is already greater provision within the English-medium sector than there is within the Welsh-medium sector?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>In addition to the proposals that are currently being consulted on, there has been recent investment in the increase of Additional Learning Needs (ALN) places at primary age with the development of 'Yr Hafan' primary Specialist Resource Base (SRB) at Ysgol Pwll Coch, which is proposed to be expanded.</p>



	<p>Furthermore, as set out in the Cardiff's proposed Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP), which was circulated to all members in October 2021, Outcome 5 sets out the Council's aspirations to increase the quantum and distribution of specialist ALN places offered within the Welsh-medium sector.</p> <p>Consistent with the draft WESP, officers have submitted a bid to the Welsh Government under the Welsh capital scheme requesting funds to increase the places at the ALN SRB at Ysgol Glantaf, as well as establishing on-site SRB provision at Ysgol Plasmawr and plans to establish a primary Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) SRB in Welsh-medium. The outcome of this bid is not yet known, but is expected shortly.</p>
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**FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE**  
**(COUNCILLOR CHRIS WEAVER)**

W15	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></b></p> <p>Cardiff's recovery from the pandemic will be fragile and will require the wholehearted support from the Council. Can the Cabinet Member confirm how much money was collected from Cardiff Businesses in the previous three financial years in Business Rates and after handing the sums over to Welsh Government, how much money was returned to Cardiff Council?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The anticipated final audited contribution to the all-Wales pool for Business Rates for the last three years is £563 million. Of this, Cardiff Council has received £356 million back, which means that we have made a net contribution of £207 million over the last three years.</p>
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**HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES**  
**(COUNCILLOR LYNDA THORNE)**

W16	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></b></p> <p>How many council properties are currently void?</p>
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## Reply

With the growing pressures on affordable housing, it is more important than ever that our empty or void council properties are made available as quickly as possible, whilst still ensuring that the homes that we let are of a high standard.

There are currently 181 void council properties which equates to 1.32% of our total Council Housing stock, 45 of which are in Butetown and Grangetown and are void due to refurbishment or future demolition/regeneration. 1.32% is a significant improvement since July 2019 – when you asked me a question on this issue at Council – when there were 342 voids (2.52%).

Last year, the Council's Voids Management Team was shortlisted as a finalist in the Housing Innovation category of the Welsh Housing Awards, which recognises the significant progress that has been made.

The work of the team was fully reviewed in 2019 and led to several changes being made to improve both the service and the void turnaround times of our properties. This included the expansion of our own workforce by 13 operatives, including 1 lead electrical operative to help speed up electrical testing requirements, as well as a new works scheduler to ensure that productivity is always maximised.

We have also streamlined our internal processes to avoid unnecessary delays and, more recently, the service has been fully digitalised, speeding up administration processes further.

Where possible, any works are carried out with the new tenant in occupation. In addition, in agreement with new tenants, where only minor decorations are required, the team provides decorations vouchers allowing the tenant to choose their own colours and carry out the work themselves.

Our in-house workforce has grown significantly since 2019 allowing more direct control over the works carried out. This has led to an improvement in the average turnaround time for our properties from 43 days in July 2019 to 31 days currently.

In January 2022, the new voids contract commenced with two external providers. These external contractors now work across the city, rather than in specific areas, and this will allow greater flexibility to mobilise any workforce to any area.

Even though significant progress has been made, there is still more to do. To increase flexibility within the service, a framework agreement for a pool of small contractors will be procured shortly. This will allow for small, trade specific businesses to be utilised, as and when required, which will further reduce the number of days that properties are void.

W17

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD**

Residents are increasingly raising fear of crime and personal safety concerns, in particular around the Gabalfa interchange; would the council consider reviewing public safety improvements in the vicinity?

**Reply**

The Community Safety Team recognises the importance of understanding fear of crime and concerns regarding personal safety and they are continually reviewing areas which could benefit from interventions.

All underpasses around the Gabalfa Interchange were upgraded with LED lighting in March 2020. Lighting in the underpass by the nearby Aneurin Bevan pub has also been upgraded.

Since October 2021, the Police have received only one report in relation to Gabalfa Interchange that was not in relation to a road traffic collision. In addition, patrols of the area have not noted any issues; however, the local Neighbourhood Police Team will focus on the area for the next week or so to help identify any specific issues of concern.

South Wales Police is also utilising [StreetSafe](#), which enables residents to indicate where they feel unsafe and the reasons for this, but where they have not witnessed or experienced crime specifically. The information provided will also help inform the work of the Community Safety Team.

As the work of the Police and Community Safety Team is data led, information on the types of crime and causes of why people feel unsafe is critical to the allocation of resources and the identification of effective interventions. Therefore, it is important that anyone witnessing an incident of crime, including anti-social behaviour, should contact the Police by phoning 101 or visit the Crimestoppers website at: <https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org> where information can

be given anonymously. If there is any concern about immediate danger or harm, then people should contact the Police immediately by phoning 999.

W18

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK**

How many empty residential properties does Cardiff have according to area?

**Reply**

As I confirmed in my previous reply to a Written Question from Councillor Carter, there are currently 181 Council dwellings that are empty or void, of which 45 in Butetown and Grangetown are void due to refurbishment or future demolition/regeneration. This equates to just 1.32% of our total Council housing stock.

The table below shows the number of voids broken down by area/ward as of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Number</b>
Adamsdown	2
Butetown	32*
Caerau	9
Canton	1
Cathays	1
Ely	20
Fairwater	13
Gabalfa	2
Grangetown	30**
Heath	1
Lisvane	1
Llanishen	6
Llandaff North	6
Llanrumney	8
Pentwyn	16
Plasnewydd	2
Riverside	9
Rumney	6
Splott	8
Trowbridge	6
Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>

*\*The figure for Butetown includes 26 void properties in Nelson House, which is currently being refurbished into family accommodation.*

*\*\*The figure for Grangetown includes 19 void properties that are located in the first phase of the Channel View regeneration project.*

In terms of private sector residential properties, I would refer you to the recent report to Cabinet in December 2021 on the [Private Sector Empty Homes Policy 2021-24](#), which confirmed that, this year, there are 1,355 long-term empty private sector dwellings in Cardiff. The total number of empty homes that are liable for Council Tax and have been unoccupied for six months or more varies from year to year, but is usually in the range of 1300 to 1400 properties. Page 8 of the Private Sector Empty Homes Policy 2021-24 also includes a chart showing the number of empty private sector residential properties by ward as of 1 April 2019.

W19

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN**

Has the council managed to secure re-gained access for users of Penylan Library to the toilets in the building shared with Penylan Community Centre and, if not, can the council please take further steps to resolve this issue with GLL?

**Reply**

The Library Service has been working closely with GLL to re-introduce the public flow through the building, subject to the relevant Covid-19 restrictions imposed by the Welsh Government. The health and safety of the public and staff has always been the priority and, as such, a one-way system has been in place, which has meant that the toilets have been unavailable.

From 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022, library users will return to entering and exiting the library via the main entrance and the fire door entrance will be closed. The one-way system implemented during the Covid restrictions will be removed and all centre users will enter and exit via the main entrance doors. The toilets will be available primarily for community centre and library users; however, members of the public will also be able to access the toilet facilities if required.

**INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**(COUNCILLOR RUSSELL GOODWAY)**

W20

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK**

How many empty shops does Cardiff have according to area?

**Reply**

The figures provided below are based on the records held at a specific point in time (i.e. 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022) by the Council's Revenues Team and reflect property description codes used for shops and restaurant premises (including cafés), which are based on an assessment by the Valuation Office Agency of what the most likely use of the premises would be. The figures are subject to change on a daily basis to take account of new occupations or vacancies; however, it should be noted that businesses will sometimes move in and out of premises without informing the Council.

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Number</b>
Adamsdown	19
Butetown	25
Caerau	2
Canton	14
Cathays	146
Cyncoed	5
Ely	7
Fairwater	1
Gabalfa	15
Grangetown	11
Heath	3
Lisvane	1
Llandaff	2
Llandaff North	5
Llanishen	5
Llanrumney	2
Pontprennau & Old St Mellons	1
Penylan	7
Plasnewydd	34
Rhiwbina	3
Riverside	20
Rumney	4
Splott	4
Trowbridge	1
Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	12
<b>Total =</b>	<b>349</b>

**SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**  
**(COUNCILLOR SUSAN ELSMORE)**

W21	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></b></p> <p>What is the average percentage of staff, on weekly basis, out of work in social care due to covid related reasons and/or other sickness?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The overall average percentage of staff absence in Adult Services for the 4-week period up to 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 was 12.6%. This figure also includes other absences, such as those related to maternity leave or sabbaticals.</p> <p>The average percentage for Covid-related reasons and/or other sickness is 9.7%.</p>
W22	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></b></p> <p>Across social care what is the cost of frontline social care providers and how many bodies do we have providing frontline service internally and commissioned in the private sector?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p><i>“Internal frontline social care services”</i> in Adult Services have been defined as the Assessment and Care Teams and the direct service provision, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Community Resource Team providing care at home, and a Supported Living Service for individuals with a Learning Disability (both services are registered with Care Inspectorate Wales as Cardiff Domiciliary Care Services)</li><li>• Older People’s Day Services</li><li>• Learning Disability Day Opportunities</li><li>• Safeguarding Unit</li></ul> <p>The reported costs of these frontline services are based on the actual budget for the 2020/21 financial year which totals £16,638,525.</p> <p>In relation to commissioned front-line care provision services (i.e. Domiciliary Care, Care Homes, Internal Supported Living), Adult Services currently commissions the following number of providers:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domiciliary Care (75 providers)</li> <li>• Care Homes (142 providers, which includes care homes in Cardiff and out of area)</li> <li>• Supported Living (11 providers)</li> </ul> <p>The reported costs of these commissioned services are based on the actual budget for the 2020/21 financial year which totals £91,573,225.</p>
W23	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></b></p> <p>What is the cost of non-frontline staff (i.e. managers, admin and directors) within social care?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The total cost of managers and non-front-line staff in Adult Services for 2020/21 was £3,104,945. This equates to 2.7% of overall costs and includes those costs for the following non-frontline officers and teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management and Admin</li> <li>• Finance &amp; Care Brokerage</li> <li>• Contracts Monitoring</li> <li>• Strategic Commissioning</li> <li>• Business Support</li> <li>• Policy &amp; Performance</li> </ul>

**STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**  
**(COUNCILLOR CARO WILD)**

W24	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></b></p> <p>Will the Council agree to permitting First Responders (who respond as the emergency services) to use Cardiff's bus lanes when on emergency life saving duties, if registration numbers are given in advance?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Volunteer Community First Responders that support the Welsh Ambulance Service in Wales will generally use their own private vehicles and do not use blue lights when responding to emergencies.</p>
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	<p>As a result, they are not permitted to use bus lanes in Cardiff. Should any driver responding to an emergency 999 call subsequently receive a Penalty Charge Notice for using a bus lane, then they would be able to appeal this via the Council's appeals process, when any mitigating circumstances could be considered and supporting evidence provided.</p>
W25	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></b></p> <p>When will the Nextbike scheme be restarted?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The OVO Bikes/nextbike scheme was back on street from 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The return to operation is being carefully phased to ensure that the risk to the fleet is minimised. It has been re-launched initially with a smaller fleet of 400 bikes, with a focus on the highest usage stations.</p>
W26	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></b></p> <p>Can the administration confirm when a response from the Welsh Government to the council's Active Travel plan will be received and the plan made public?</p> <p>Can confirmation also be given that there will be further public consultation about specific projects within the plan before implementation?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Following the recent Active Travel Network Map consultation, as agreed by Welsh Government, the final map will be submitted to Welsh Government in June 2022. The timetable for considering and approving the Active Travel Network Map will be a matter for Welsh Government. As with all strategic routes, there will be full public consultation on specific projects, such as new routes, within the Plan prior to any scheme being implemented.</p>
W27	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></b></p> <p>A commitment has been made to repairing the road surface in Nantfawr Crescent in Cyncoed during the current financial year but work has yet to begin. Given the very poor and dangerous condition</p>

	<p>of the road at this location can an assurance be given that this work will proceed as indicated?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>I can confirm the target start date for the Nant Fawr Crescent reconstruction works is 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The footway has to be renewed before the carriageway reconstruction can be started. We estimate that the duration of the footway work will be 9 weeks, followed by 10 weeks for the carriageway reconstruction works.</p>
W28	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></b></p> <p>Are any pavement improvement schemes planned in the Cyncoed/Lakeside ward in the period ahead?</p> <p>If so, where are these located and how have the particular locations been determined?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Footway improvement works are planned for Nant Fawr Crescent in February 2022. Ward members will be notified 10-14 days prior to the works commencing, with residents notified 7 days prior.</p> <p>Approximately 850m<sup>2</sup> of footway patching has been carried out in the ward in the current financial year, along with a 1300m<sup>2</sup> Active Travel footway scheme on Cyncoed Road.</p> <p>The 2022/23 footway programme has yet to be determined.</p>
W29	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></b></p> <p>Resident parking availability on streets between North Road and Whitchurch Road is a long standing issue. When will the council review the parking policy in this area and consider increasing the proportion of road space reserved for residents?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Officers have committed to reviewing the resident parking area between North Road and Whitchurch Road after the delivery of the changes to parking arrangements in the area affected by the</p>

	<p>proposed Cycleway 1.2, which runs along Allensbank Road. In the meantime, and when a more normal situation returns following the Covid-19 pandemic, surveys will be undertaken that will inform the type of scheme which might be considered for this area.</p>
W30	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></b></p> <p>Are the council able to confirm that Crown Way will not be closed to traffic, nor will any of the residential New Zealand, Canada, Australia or Newfoundland Roads be opened to through traffic due to the Cathays High School expansion plans?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Crown Way will not be closed to traffic to accommodate the expansion and redevelopment of Cathays High School. However, measures to manage vehicle speeds, the provision of pedestrian crossings and restrictions on parking are likely to be introduced on Crown Way as part of the overall package of highways measures forming part of the school development.</p> <p>There are no plans to open up New Zealand, Canada, Australia or Newfoundland Roads to through traffic.</p>
W31	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></b></p> <p>What planned improvement works are there to the pavements and bus stops along Whitchurch Road?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Routine monthly safety inspections are carried out on Whitchurch Road, with only minimal footway defects having been recorded. There are no areas that have been highlighted for improvement works and our records show no recent customer complaints. If there are any specific areas of concern, then officers would be happy to assess these areas and provide feedback on any work that may or may not be required.</p> <p>Bus stops located within the section of the cycle scheme along Whitchurch Road between the junctions with Crwys Road and Allensbank Road are being upgraded with new 'Bee Friendly' bus shelters, which have living roofs planted with wildflowers to attract bees and other insects.</p>

W32	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></b></p> <p>What steps are being taken to ensure that enforcement activity is sufficient to support the changes to digital parking permits?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Parking enforcement within the new digital parking permit area will continue to be undertaken by officers on foot patrol who will patrol the streets regularly and issue notices to the vehicles directly.</p> <p>In addition, camera enforcement vehicles will be utilised to patrol each street within the area regularly, but they will not directly enforce parking offences in relation to unauthorised vehicles being parked within a resident permit area/bay. However, the data that they gather will be analysed regularly to help build up, gradually over time, detailed parking profiles for each street. This intelligence will be used to inform where and when Civil Enforcement Officers are deployed and what level of enforcement is required.</p>
W33	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SATTAR</u></b></p> <p>Lots of residents have raised concerns with us about illegal parking on double yellow lines, on pavements and reservations, as well as in front of lane gates. Can the Cabinet Member advise what the Council has done in Grangetown over the last 12 months to tackle problem parking and how residents can support the Council to stop this issue permanently?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The Council can only undertake enforcement action against vehicles that are parked where there are parking restrictions supported by a Traffic Order, such as double yellow lines, resident parking bays, zebra crossing zig-zag lines etc.</p> <p>The police remain responsible for enforcing parking on pavements, in front of lane gates and on central reservations where there are no traffic orders in place and the vehicles are causing an obstruction.</p> <p>Officers are currently developing Traffic Orders to install double yellow lines around the central reservation islands along Clive Street. As soon as these are in place, Civil Enforcement Officers will enforce any parking on the central reservations.</p> <p>Grangetown is patrolled on a daily basis at present; however, officers</p>

	<p>advise residents to report any parking issues where vehicles are parked in contravention of a Traffic Order parking restriction directly to C2C by phoning (029) 2087 2087. Civil Enforcement Officers will then be directed to respond as soon as resources are available.</p>
W34	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER</u></b></p> <p>As the dark nights continue it is clear that there are areas of Grangetown which are not well lit and cause concerns for residents, especially those walking alone or exercising. Parts of the Taff Trail, particularly between Clarence Bridge and Windsor Quay are at times pitch black. What work is the Council doing to improve lighting across Grangetown and the rest of Cardiff, to improve visibility and peoples' sense of safety?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>I fully understand residents' concerns and I am pleased to confirm that the existing street lighting in Grangetown has very recently been upgraded to LED lighting. This is more energy efficient and reduces both running costs and carbon emissions. In addition, the system is centrally controlled, which means that if there are any specific areas of concern with the existing lighting, then there is the potential to raise lighting levels locally.</p> <p>I have also asked the Transport Team to review the light provision on the Taff Trail within the Grangetown area. This ties in with work that we are already doing to improve lighting on existing cycle routes within the Bute Park area, including the route along the spine road north of Sophia Gardens through Pontcanna Fields. As you may be aware, in planning the provision of lighting through any parkland and woodland areas, careful consideration needs to be given to the presence of protected ecology, most notably bats.</p> <p>Last week, the Cabinet considered a range of issues relating to safety in the city's parks, including the provision of lighting. We agreed to continue to seek support through Active Travel funding and directorates will continue to collaborate to maximise such opportunities.</p>
W35	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></b></p> <p>Many residents of Llanedeyrn Road, whose houses are accessed via the two access roads on either side of the street, find they are repeatedly blocked in by parents dropping off and picking up their children from Ysgol Bro Ederm and Ysgol y Berllan Deg at the start</p>

and end of the school day. Problems involve blocking residents' driveways, blocking the entrances to the access roads, blocking the turning circle at the closed off end of the access road on the north side, and parking on the grass verges. Will the council undertake to work with South Wales Police to help deter inappropriate and obstructive parking in this locality?

**Reply**

Engagement with Ysgol Bro Edern staff, pupils and their parents, as well as residents living close to the school, has recently been undertaken by Sustrans on behalf of the Council. The purpose of this exercise was to gather information about conditions and issues on Llanedeyrn Road and adjoining streets associated with school journeys during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times.

The feedback will be assessed and used to inform the development of potential solutions to the issues and problems being experienced in the vicinity of the school. Initial proposals and options will be developed and shared with the school and local community as part of a further consultation exercise later in the year. The feedback will also be shared with the Council's Civil Enforcement Team who will take appropriate action under the powers at their disposal.

W36

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN**

Can you please provide the full list of all traffic schemes that are on the future programme for design and delivery, broken down by ward?

**Reply**

Our strategic transport programme spans the whole of the city and has several projects that are either in, or due to be in, the various stages of design and delivery. The following programmes will be designed and delivered over the medium term:

- City Centre Improvements (various)
- Cycle Superhighways 1-5, Taff Trail Improvements and Roath Park Cycleway (formerly Red Route)
- Active Travel Network
- Road Safety Programme
- Public Transport Corridors
- Transport Programme Enabling Projects

Detailed maps showing the locations of the projects are available,

	<p>and the images/maps contained in the Transport White Paper best represent the strategic picture for the programme.</p> <p>The list of transport projects within the programme is subject to change, as it is dependent on funding, consultation, Cabinet approvals and the changing transport needs of a capital city.</p>
W37	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></b></p> <p>In January 2020 news broke that the Administration was considering introducing a ‘congestion charge’ in Cardiff. Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on these proposals and whom they would impact?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Our Transport White Paper identified that to raise the estimated £1-2Bn investment needed for our public transport system, we would need to investigate a number of potential funding mechanisms.</p> <p>We are currently progressing the first stage (Stage 1) of the necessary assessment work in accordance with the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (WelTAG) produced by Welsh Government. This requires the Council to identify initially a longlist of options against the objectives of the study. The purpose of this stage assessment work is to develop a potential shortlist of options that may be taken forward to more detailed assessment, which would consider the likely impacts of these options, including any wider societal impacts, in order to help inform any future decision on taking forward such a scheme.</p> <p>We also note that the UK Government is considering road user charging schemes to replace the estimated £40 billion generated by duty on fuel as people move to electric vehicles.</p> <p>The member may also be interested in the <a href="#">Independent Review of Road User Charging in Wales</a> that was undertaken for the Welsh Government, together with the final recommendations made by the <a href="#">South East Wales Transport Commission</a>, chaired by Lord Burns, in relation to Road User Charging.</p>
W38	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></b></p> <p>The Administration has outlined plans to increase segregated cycle lanes throughout Cardiff. The Administration has already commenced construction of a segregated cycle lane on Newport Road in the Adamstown Ward. As you travel out of the City Centre,</p>

via Newport Road, there are already existing bottlenecks on the highway which will worsen if the highway is reduced. Can the Cabinet Member outline what plans are in place for segregated cycle lanes for the sections of Newport Road in Old St Mellons, Rumney and Penylan?

**Reply**

The Council is seeking to provide a permanent segregated cycle route along the entire length of the Newport Road corridor to the city's boundary with Newport. It would also connect with St Mellons Business Park and the proposed Cardiff Parkway development via a segregated facility along Cypress Drive.

The route would connect to a future segregated cycle lane that is planned along the A48 within the neighbouring Newport local authority area that would extend into west and central Newport. This route was identified by the South East Wales Transport Commission (the 'Burns Commission') as a key project for the wider city-region.

Work to investigate options for the alignment and design of the route is currently being undertaken. Consultation on initial proposals, including possible options, will take place later this year.