

COUNCIL, 21 JULY 2022 : ORAL QUESTIONS

1	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR REID-JONES</u></p> <p>I read with interest the Stronger, Fairer Greener report outlining the policy for the 2022-2027 term. Public transport improvements are referred to 11 times in the report and are referenced regarding climate emergency and the council's Active Travel Plans, neighbourhood improvement, subsidised public transport for harder to reach communities and the need to link our communities. Could the Cabinet member please give his assurances that improvement to public transport will be prioritised throughout this administration's term?</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>Do you consider it acceptable for key non-confidential information relating to a proposed cabinet decision to only be contained within the confidential appendices attached to a cabinet report?</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER (SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR FERGUSON-THORNE</u></p> <p>It is pleasing to see that Welsh Government has provided funds to expand the Flying Start offer, and I am personally very pleased to see that this will now cover the whole of the Adamsdown ward which I represent. Families in my area, along with the other areas the expansion covers, already face many challenges which have only been heightened by the current economic climate in the UK and this expansion will go some way to addressing these issues and families, I am sure, will be keen to take up this offer. With this in mind, could the cabinet member give an update on the expansion roll out and, in particular, give an indication of when this extended offer will be available to these additional families?</p>

4	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE-DAVIES (CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>Could the cabinet member provide an update on progress following the January 2022 Cabinet Report on Community Engagement and Safety in Parks?</p>
5	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></p> <p>In relation to the 20 mph speed limit, does the administration support exemptions for significant bus routes?</p>
6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (TACKLING POVERTY, EQUALITY & PUBLIC HEALTH PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SINGH</u></p> <p>Obviously, we are deeply concerned about the latest government report showing parts of Riverside showing some of the highest rates of child poverty in Wales. Can you outline the different actions the council could take in supporting people living in these communities?</p>
7	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>The Welsh Government recently proposed changes to legislation to cover existing 30mph limit roads to 20mph limit roads. The Senedd has now approved these changes with the legislation coming into effect in 2023. Local Authorities have the power to disapply the legislation to current 30mph roads to ensure the speed limit remains at 30mph. It is important arterial roads into and out of the City Centre remain at 30mph to minimise the risk of added congestion. Given the above, can the Cabinet Member provide a statement to the Council on the Council's approach to these changes?</p>

8	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE-DAVIES (CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALDRON</u></p> <p>Is the cabinet member content with the visual appearance of Roath Park Lake?</p>
9	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE-DAVIES (CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE</u></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member congratulate Parks Officers who responded with speed to our Team Canton request to stand down closure of Thompson & Victoria Parks for the duration of exceptional temperatures, manifestly a feature of climate change, and comment further on what parks can do to mitigate the climate emergency?</p>
10	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>Could the Council give an update of the lease and situation of the Newbridge Inn, in Trowbridge?</p>
11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER & EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR REID-JONES</u></p> <p>Shortly after my election I was contacted by one of my constituents Molly Fenton a local activist and founder of the Love Your Period Campaign. During 2019 Molly campaigned to have accessible sanitary products in all schools in Wales. The Welsh Government supported the campaign and have been providing products directly to Welsh schools ever since. Do you support this Welsh Government initiative?</p>

12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (TACKLING POVERTY, EQUALITY & PUBLIC HEALTH PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>Could the council consider reviewing and expanding youth services in Pentwyn and Llanedeyrn?</p>
13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (TACKLING POVERTY, EQUALITY & PUBLIC HEALTH PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUNT</u></p> <p>It has recently been reported that 1.3 million children in 359,000 households in the UK are now subject to the Government's two children benefit cap. This means that 1 in 12 children now live in families affected by this piece of legislation that cuts household incomes by at least £2800 per year. Could the Cabinet Member confirm how many children and families in Cardiff are affected by this?</p>
14	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER & EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES</u></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member respond to the Don't Divide Us report "Who's in charge?" on councils' anti-racist policies for schools?</p>
15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>Is there a recognition that pension bus pass users actually need a bus service to use their passes on in Cardiff?</p>

16	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE-DAVIES (CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBINSON</u></p> <p>I would like to ask about Grangemoor Park in my own ward of Grangetown. As you are aware, the park has been closed since January for extensive remediation work and is due to be closed until December due to the wide-ranging nature of the work required. This vital green space is much loved and valued by residents, particularly given the proportion of housing in the ward without access to gardens. Access to Grangemoor Park was a mental health saviour for many during lockdown, and the community is understandably keen to see the park restored to its former glory. Unfortunately, facilities at the park are tired and in dire need of a refresh, partly because how people use the space has evolved over the years. For example, barbecues and family picnics are popular but they can cause issues for wildlife and grassland when appropriate stands and tables aren't provided. On the basis that the people of Grangetown deserve green spaces that serve their needs, can the cabinet member commit to a consultation exercise to scope what facilities Grangetown residents would like to see at the park when it is reopened please?</p>
17	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS (CHAIR OF POLICY REVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>Will you meet with the Council Leader to ensure that as few Cabinet and Officer decisions as possible are exempt from call-in?</p>
18	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING & COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>What steps are being taken to make district shopping areas safer and more welcoming for residents and visitors?</p>

19	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING & COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALI</u></p> <p>It's really pleasing to see the re-cladding work has begun at Lydstep Flats. Do you have a timescale for completion and, once completed, would you also consider renaming the individual blocks?</p>
20	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALI</u></p> <p>Can you provide an update on the pilot project for EV chargers on street lampposts?</p>
21	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR EBRAHIM</u></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member outline what has been put forward by the developers of the arena as a plan to ensure local people are given the opportunity, and particularly young people, from the communities in Butetown and around the new arena are able to access jobs related to the development, and what is the council doing to push this further?</p>
22	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING & COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARRY</u></p> <p>In February this year I wrote to you enquiring about the proposed retrofit of the BISF houses in the Rumney and you advised that the WG funding vehicle (ARBED) had expired which meant the scheme had stalled. You also advised that you had been asked to submit a “business case” for them to consider funding the scheme. Can you confirm that you have submitted the business case and what the outcome of that bid is please?</p>

23	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING & COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DERBYSHIRE</u></p> <p>Can you please issue an update on the situation for residents following the terrible fire in the flats on Greenway Road?</p>
24	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHOWDHURY</u></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member for Transport & Strategic Planning, Councillor Dan De'Ath, join me in congratulating Canton's Radnor Primary on its Active Travel School Gold Award, only the second school in Wales to receive this accolade, and would he outline the support the council can give Radnor so that it can share this best practice across Cardiff?</p>