

COUNCIL, 29 SEPTEMBER 2022 : ORAL QUESTIONS

1	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>Following a public consultation in 2021, residents and businesses voted to keep Castle Street open to private vehicles. Following Welsh Government intervention in September 2022, Cardiff Council is now considering whether Castle Street should be closed to private vehicles. Businesses and residents will be adversely impacted if Castle Street is to close to private vehicles and risks 'passporting' pollution into residential areas. Before any decision is taken to close Castle Street, will the Cabinet Member agree to a local referendum for residents in Grangetown and Riverside to vote on whether Castle Street should close to private vehicles?</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>What is the council's strategy to reserve the increasing economic decline being witnessed in Queen Street as demonstrated by increasing numbers of empty shop units?</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LIVESY</u></p> <p>When the Council's Planning Committee in May 2020 approved the planning application for the new Pentyrch Surgery in the village of Rhydlafer, some 2 miles outside of Pentyrch, the consequence was that the existing surgery in Pentyrch would close. In reaching its decision, the Planning Committee discussed in some detail the problem of there being no public transport between the two villages without which anyone who did not have access to transport of their own would be unable to use the surgery in Rhydlafer. The Planning Committee's decision was influenced by a commitment by the Council to meet with the developer with a view to overcoming the access problem. More than two years have passed without any news or apparent progress on this very important transport issue. Hundreds of residents in Pentyrch and Rhydlafer remain both angry and frustrated over the decision and apparent lack of interest by the County Council.</p>

	<p>Can you please provide a detailed report on what steps were taken, when, and the conclusion reached following the Planning Committee's decision to resolve this transport problem?</p>
4	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOWEN-THOMSON</u></p> <p>The Burns Report – One Region, One Network, One Ticket (Nov 2020) highlighted the importance of a 'Network of Alternatives' to give people and businesses new, credible transport options that do not involve the motorway or the use of a car, as well as the creation of a new South East Wales 'rail backbone' increasing the number of stations between Cardiff and the River Severn. Do you agree that the creation of flexible, accessible rail stations provide a vital contribution to improving the environment, reducing emissions, increasing economic investment and helping towards the creation of a healthier, more prosperous Cardiff and region?</p>
5	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER (SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LITTLECHILD</u></p> <p>When the recent LASSAR (Local Authority Social Services Annual Report) was published on page 14, it has highlighted the "Increase and consistency of Children being placed in Unregulated placements". How many children and young people does this affect under the care of Cardiff Council and what age are those housed in unregulated placements?</p>
6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING & COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>What steps are the council taking to protect tenants who engage in council home swaps?</p>

7	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE-DAVIES (CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIBSON</u></p> <p>I am certain that this chamber is delighted with the Welsh National Football Team and its historical qualification to take part in the World Cup. A belated congratulations to the team. My question is, are there any plans in place for Cardiff City Council to organise or make provision for outdoor/covered Fan Zones?</p>
8	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER & EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARR</u></p> <p>Will you join us in congratulating Molly Fenton and the Love Your Period campaign for their work? It is inspiring to see the efforts being made to ensure young women have dignity in managing their periods through access to free sanitary products.</p> <p>What more can councillors and school governors do to ensure the products on offer reach all students as intended?</p>
9	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>Why are there stacks of blue bins at Lamby Way, and what was the cost of them?</p> <p>Are the Council planning to collect the blue bins distributed to households under the original glass recycling pilot and what was the total cost of this redundant scheme?</p>
10	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member provide an update on whether legal air quality limits have been exceeded on Castle Street since the closure of the road was reversed?</p>

11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PROCTOR</u></p> <p>Can you give an update on the plans for the Llanishen Reservoir?</p>
12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>How many councillors have acquired pepper corn rents on commercial Council owned properties, or bought Council leases since 1999?</p>
13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>With Cardiff failing to bid to be the host city for Eurovision 2023, what action will the Cabinet take to ensure that any future opportunities to host a worldwide event at short notice can be accommodated?</p>
14	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE-DAVIES (CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>I attended a Health Inequalities conference recently and the Cabinet member for Poverty, equality and public health was also in attendance. Many strong compelling research evidence into racial health inequalities exposed during Covid19 were presented. We also heard about cardiac condition having higher prevalence in certain ethnic minority communities i.e. Bangladeshi community. The presentation stated one way to improve health and reduce risk of these communities is through exercise and Bangladeshi women in particular are least likely to exercise and one main reason for this was 'feeling uncomfortable in mixed gender facilities'. Cardiff piloted and opened 'women only swimming' at its leisure facilities many years ago on the back of such research evidence; these sessions were very popular. However, whilst Covid19 exposed these health inequalities, it also led to significantly reduced 'women only swimming' in the city. Has Cardiff back-tracked on its commitment on addressing health equity?</p>

15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER (FINANCE, MODERNISATION & PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES</u></p> <p>Given the inflationary pressures on the Council's budget, what new support is being offered from the UK government as a result of the fiscal event last Friday?</p>
16	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER & EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member advise which schools are still not offering hot meals to pupils and what is the longest time a school hasn't offered this provision?</p>
17	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>Is it still the case that the pop up recycling centre in Parc Ty Glas will remain open indefinitely, as was announced by the council as recently as March this year?</p>
18	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER (SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRIDGEMAN</u></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member update Council on steps being taken to increase the number of foster carers in Cardiff?</p>
19	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER (SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>How many children in Cardiff are in out of county placements and can we be told what the total cost is for the past 3 years, with a breakdown?</p>

20	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></p> <p>In light of the fact that this week's Labour Party conference has voted for a manifesto commitment to proportional representation for general elections, when is the administration going to reconsider its failure to support bringing forward a report to implement proportional representation for the local council elections in Cardiff in 2027?</p>
21	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOULTRIE</u></p> <p>Constituents in my ward of Pentwyn and Llanedeyrn were the first in Cardiff to experience the new recycling scheme which will be rolled out further. What my constituents would like to know is what was the outcome of this trial so far?</p>
22	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MACKIE (SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GUNTER</u></p> <p>I note that Cardiff was recently accepted to the World Health Organisation's Global Network for Age Friendly Cities. Could you tell me what work is being done in Butetown to meet the commitment to support the development of an Age Friendly Community?</p>
23	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (TACKLING POVERTY, EQUALITY & PUBLIC HEALTH PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUMPHREYS</u></p> <p>Could the cabinet member provide the council with an update regarding the progress made towards the delivery of the proposed Ely Youth Zone?</p>