

**COUNCIL, 29 SEPTEMBER 2022 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(COUNCILLOR CARO WILD)**

W1	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></b></p> <p>How many refuse vehicles does the council own or lease, and what proportion of these have separate compartments to enable the split recycling scheme to be rolled out?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>At present, the Council operates 62 Refuse Collection Vehicles. The exact number used for the collection of recycling varies each day, but on average, the Council uses 17 Refuse Collection Vehicles for collecting co-mingled recycling each working day.</p> <p>The Council will need to replace the current Refuse Collection Vehicles with kerbside sort vehicles in order to collect segregated recycling and enable the further expansion of services offered, such as textiles and small electrical items.</p> <p>The service purposefully leased the current vehicles used to collect recycling, anticipating that these vehicles may need to be replaced.</p> <p>By the end of the year, we will have 5 kerbside sort vehicles to service the current pilot area and to enable expansion of the service. Further vehicles will be required as the segregated recycling service expands over the next few years and the service is currently developing the implementation plan to deliver the change following approval of the new Recycling Strategy.</p>
W2	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR REID-JONES</u></b></p> <p>It has now been several years since Wedal Road Recycling centre was closed. Despite promises and a budget being set aside Cardiff North still hasn't got a permanent recycling site. Could the cabinet member please provide a timescale the opening of a permanent recycling site in Cardiff North?</p>

**Reply**

The Council currently has two recycling centres which currently operate below capacity with booking spaces available. We are also progressing changes to the service to support expanded recycling at the kerbside and via community recycling zones, which will support residents to recycle locally.

As we seek to shift the focus further up the waste hierarchy to prevention, repair and reuse, thereby reducing the city's carbon footprint; consideration needs to be given to developing a large-scale repair and re-use facility in Cardiff. Officers are currently exploring the potential development of a new repair and re-use hub in north Cardiff.

W3

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR REID-JONES**

When will the pop up recycling centre return to Ty Glas, Llanishen?

**Reply**

The Parc Ty Glas site will shortly be cleared in anticipation of it being used in the future to provide facilities to meet local educational needs.

Demand for the pop-up mobile recycling centre has significantly reduced since it was first launched. An average of 430 visits each Saturday in March 2022 has now reduced to 170 visits each Saturday in July 2022. In addition, the pop-up mobile recycling centre provides a service that is already available at our Lamby Way and Bessemer Close recycling centres. As a result, the decline in usage, together with the current financial situation, means that continuation of a duplicate service would not be prudent at this time.

We are providing more recycling facilities in local communities via our community recycling zones and via the 'take-away' van service that was recently trialled in Cathays. Work is also underway to look at the feasibility and business case for the provision of a large reuse facility in the north of the city.

W4	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GREEN</u></b></p> <p>The local members for Whitchurch and Tongwynlais have recently had the pleasure of holding a joint surgery with Wales and West Housing Association (WWHA) where we've learned lots about their work in our ward. However, many challenges still persist. With this in mind, would the Cabinet Member for Climate Change be happy join the ward members and WWHA for a meeting in Tongwynlais to discuss waste management issues on the Catherine Drive estate?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>A senior manager in Recycling and Neighbourhood Services will contact the local ward members to discuss the management of recycling and waste on the Catherine Drive Estate. It is hoped that some local improvements may assist residents and the housing association in facing these challenges.</p> <p>Such challenges remain in several areas across Cardiff in relation to how housing development has historically taken place with limited consideration having been given to the storage and management of recycling and waste.</p> <p>The new Recycling Strategy will require a review of the Supplementary Planning Guidance on the management of recycling and waste, relating to new build properties and modified properties. This will ensure that challenges relating to the storage and management of recycling and waste are limited.</p>
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**CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS**  
**(COUNCILLOR JENNIFER BURKE-DAVIES)**

W5	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></b></p> <p>Can the administration confirm that when trees at the roadside are replaced following damage or for health and safety reasons, they are usually replaced unless there is a compelling reason not to do this?</p> <p>What criteria are used in determining the species of replacement tree selected?</p>
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**Reply**

The Council is responsible for over 12,000 street trees and has a well-established management regime of inspection and maintenance. In the vast majority of instances, trees that are felled for the reasons described in your question are replaced. It is also not uncommon for replacement street trees to be planted in pits within close proximity to the original planting, after taking aesthetic and design considerations into account.

Situations whereby trees may not be replaced can include contamination of soil through harmful substances or pathogens; physiological problems such as poor drainage; infrastructure constraints relating to utility installations, and future proofing for highway improvements.

In terms of determination of selection of species, factors that are considered include available space for growth; root development and canopy; existing tree species within the street scene; susceptibility to pest and diseases; tolerance to location/climatic conditions, and known nuisance factors which have adverse impacts.

W6

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK**

Roath Park Lake is looking dire with unwanted weed and algae growth and a high level of silting, which is unsafe and leading further to declining number of birds, fishes and other wildlife species in and around the lake. What is the council doing to urgently address this problem?

**Reply**

The former Cabinet Member with responsibility for Parks and I have addressed these matters at previous Council meetings in response to questions from you and other Lib Dem Councillors. As has been made clear previously, consideration will be given to the treatment of silt as part of the scheme for improvements to the lake dam.

Blue-green algae is a natural occurrence in inland waters and, in the context of Roath Park Lake, there are no measures that the Council can take to prevent its emergence or remove once present. There is no current presence of Blue-green algae on the lake and you will have noted that the advisory signage installed by the Council in the summer has been removed.

	<p>The presence of Pondweed is also a natural occurrence that the Council has no means of preventing. You should also have noticed that the weed is now dissipating.</p> <p>The outbreak of Avian Flu that occurred during the summer impacted across the UK and the Council has no means of preventing the emergence the virus. As you will be aware, the Council worked closely with Public Health Wales and introduced a control plan to prevent its spread. The last infected bird was collected from the site on 7<sup>th</sup> July; however, the impact of the virus was limited in terms of the overall bird population.</p> <p>Aside from the Avian Flu outbreak, there is no evidence to indicate a decline in birds, fish stocks and general wildlife in and around the lake as you have claimed in your question. Given the concerns that you hold, I would very much welcome any information that you have that evidences such a decline.</p>
W7	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES</u></b></p> <p>What progress has been made on the restoration of Drover’s Way Parc this summer?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>I understand that officers from the Council’s Flood and Coastal Risk Management Team have provided both you and Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones with an update on the required drainage works earlier this month. The re-tender process for these works is currently ongoing, with the deadline for submissions on 30<sup>th</sup> September. Once the submissions have been received and evaluated, budget analysis will be undertaken and discussions with the successful contractor will take place. As soon as the full procurement process has been completed and a commencement date for the drainage works agreed, officers from the Council’s Flood and Coastal Risk Management Team will advise ward councillors and other stakeholders accordingly.</p>
W8	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON</u></b></p> <p>Can the council recommit to the redevelopment of Pentwyn leisure centre and, in particular, the pool for use by the local community and outline the timetable of when works are currently due to start?</p>

	<p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>There has been no change in the Council's commitment to the redevelopment of Pentwyn Leisure Centre. A report detailing the redevelopment proposals is due to be considered by the Cabinet later this year and I will also aim to keep local ward members apprised of progress going forward.</p>
W9	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LITTLECHILD</u></b></p> <p>How much are amateur football clubs charged to use a Council pitch in Cardiff?</p> <p>Is there an annual fee and match fee?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>When the Labour administration came into office in 2012, all mini and junior football was made free of charge, for all clubs across the city.</p> <p>Senior football clubs pay a pitch fee or pitch &amp; changing rooms fee. There is no annual fee. The current fees that apply are pitch only at £50.92 per fixture and pitch &amp; changing rooms at £63.52.</p> <p>When calculating this on a per participant per game basis, based on two teams each with three substitutes, the fees equate to £1.70 per participant for pitch only and £2.12 for pitch &amp; changing rooms.</p>
W10	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LITTLECHILD</u></b></p> <p>What revenue annually is collected from football clubs for use of facilities in my Ward of Pontprennau &amp; Old St Mellons and on what grounds/parks?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The amount of revenue collected from football clubs will vary from season to season based on the number of fixtures played in league and cup formats.</p>

	<p>One site within your ward, Pontprennau Playing Fields, is used for senior football. Based on a typical season of twelve senior fixtures and using current pitch only fee rates, income of £611.04 would be generated. Extensive use of Pontprennau Playing Fields is also made by mini and junior clubs, which is free of charge.</p>
W11	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LITTLECHILD</u></b></p> <p>For football clubs paying the Council, what services should they expect in return?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>If paying a fee on a pitch only basis, senior football clubs can expect goal posts in situ, visible pitch markings and safe playing surfaces.</p> <p>If paying a fee on a pitch &amp; changing rooms basis, senior football clubs can expect the same provision as on a pitch only basis, but also with clean, safe and serviceable changing/showering facilities.</p> <p>Clubs competing in the Senior Welsh League will also have changing provision for match officials.</p>
W12	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LITTLECHILD</u></b></p> <p>If section 106 money has been paid to create a nature area on Council Land, who would it fall to continue ongoing maintenance?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>In most circumstances, the responsibility for maintenance will fall to the Council's Parks Service. In some instances, 'Friends of' and Volunteer Groups will 'adopt' an area and carry out maintenance activities with the support of the Parks Service.</p>
W13	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></b></p> <p>How much money has Cardiff Council spent on the Dell in Fairwater and Victoria Park from 01.01.2017 to 01.01.2022?</p>

**Reply**

The Council has responsibility for managing 526 individually named sites. As a result, individual cost centres are not held for revenue related expenditure, excluding external grant related conditions for the maintenance of records for such expenditure. Revenue expenditure is recorded at a functional level.

Capital expenditure is recorded at a site level and I can confirm that for Victoria Park, a total of £345,933.13 was incurred during the period requested. Of this, £160,884.64 was incurred via Section 106 contributions and £185,048.51 was incurred through individual capital programme allocations.

For The Dell in Fairwater, a total of £140,034.84 capital expenditure was incurred during the period requested. Of this, £28,999.17 was incurred via Section 106 contributions and £111,035.67 was incurred through individual capital programme allocations.

**DEPUTY LEADER & EDUCATION**  
**(COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)**

W14

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR**

What practical support is the council providing to schools with regards to responding to the distribution of misinformation about the new curriculum?

**Reply**

Senior officers meet with Welsh Government officials, along with education officers from other local authorities, on a weekly basis to ensure that Cardiff schools have appropriate and consistent support in the form of communication assets, escalation routes and advice on frequently asked questions. All information is then shared with Headteachers when appropriate on a weekly basis, with further support provided via monthly webinar sessions. Officers also meet weekly to discuss any specific issues raised by schools and how to manage and support schools generally, as well as providing specific support and advice to schools as and when requests are made directly to the local authority.



	<p>To help mitigate against any misinformation that may be in circulation within communities, information has been shared with schools to support them in raising awareness about the new curriculum. The Welsh Government has produced an information leaflet in a number of different languages, including frequently asked questions, in response to queries that have been raised at community meetings and by individuals. These can be accessed using the following link, together with a number of related video messages that have also been made available via YouTube:</p> <p><a href="https://hwb.gov.wales/repository/resource/7a72a785-af96-4e50-aa30-8c2f68498be1">https://hwb.gov.wales/repository/resource/7a72a785-af96-4e50-aa30-8c2f68498be1</a></p>
W15	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></b></p> <p>At what point will we see draft plans for the Cardiff High expansion, as proposed in Band B funding?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>I would refer you to the answer that I provided at the last Council meeting in July in response to a similar Written Question from your group colleague, Councillor Shimmin. The Council would be required to undertake a full statutory consultation with all relevant stakeholders, in accordance with the requirements of the School Organisation Code, on the proposal to increase the number of places at entry to Cardiff High School from 240 places (eight forms of entry) to 300 places (ten forms of entry). This consultation process will need to be undertaken prior to any plans being drafted and issued.</p>
W16	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR REID-JONES</u></b></p> <p>As an UNICEF Child Friendly city, I would hope that period products are now available at point of use in ALL Cardiff schools. Could the cabinet member please confirm that this is now the case?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Period products are distributed to all maintained schools across Cardiff for provision to pupils that need them. This includes the provision of single-use pads in primary schools and a wider range of single use and reusable products in secondary schools/special schools.</p>

	<p>Prior to the introduction of the scheme, we engaged with young people about their experiences and how they would like to access products. The feedback from this exercise was used to develop guidance for schools. The guidance is clear that period pads are made available at point of use within the toilet cubicles in line with the preference expressed by young people. Schools were also provided with containers that could be placed in cubicles.</p> <p>Schools have been reminded of the guidance and it is important that all schools look at the arrangements that they have in place and ensure that pupils can access period products easily when they need them.</p>
W17	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LATIF</u></b></p> <p>How is the council supporting schools to engage with religious and faith communities over the new curriculum?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The new curriculum requirements are set at a national level by the Welsh Government and the Council is working closely with the Welsh Government to provide ongoing support and information to schools. Officers from Education Services and the Community Cohesion Team have been engaging with Welsh Government officials and faith community leads to understand and respond to any specific concerns raised regarding the new curriculum, such as those relating in particular to the new requirements of Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE). Meetings have been held with faith community leads and Welsh Government officials to ensure that there is dialogue on this matter and to establish a process that enables parents to express any concerns to both the school and the local authority.</p>
W18	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></b></p> <p>Which insulation materials were used at Fitzalan High School new build?</p>

**Reply**

I can confirm that Kingspan insulation Class E has been used on the exterior of the new Fitzalan High School building. The use of this material and others like it to insulate building cavities is normal practice. It is permitted under Building Regulations and is in line with UK Government guidance as set out in Building Bulletin 100: 'Design for fire safety in schools'.

**FINANCE, MODERNISATION & PERFORMANCE**  
**(COUNCILLOR CHRIS WEAVER)**

W19

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LATIF**

How is the council taking into account the cost of living crisis when setting council tax in the next financial year?

**Reply**

I would refer you to the Month 4 Budget Monitoring Report that was considered by Cabinet yesterday. The report highlights a significant financial pressure in the current year and it is clear that, looking forward, further pressures will arise going into the next financial year. The cost-of-living crisis will lead to increased demand in some council services and we need to explore all opportunities to balance the budget, whilst being mindful of the impact on individual households if Council Tax is increased.

W20

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY**

Excluding teaching staff, how many salaries above £100,000 were paid by Cardiff Council to staff on 01.05.2022 and 01.05.2012?

**Reply**

On 01/05/2022 – 10 employees received a salary above £100,000.  
On 01/05/2012 – 3 employees received a salary above £100,000.

However, the two sets of data are not directly comparable as the value of £100,000 in 2022 is equivalent to £78,320 in 2012 due to inflation. The comparable figures would be:

On 01/05/2022 – 10 employees received a salary above £100,000.  
On 01/05/2012 – 10 employees received a salary above £78,320.

W21	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></b></p> <p>What is the highest salary of a Headteacher in Cardiff as of 01.09.2022?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Determination of the salaries of Headteachers is delegated in law to School Governing Bodies and decisions must be taken in line within the parameters set out in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (Wales). The highest salary (including all allowances and any additional payments) of a Headteacher in Cardiff, as at 01/09/2022 was £169,060.</p>
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**HOUSING & COMMUNITIES**  
**(COUNCILLOR LYNDA THORNE)**

W22	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></b></p> <p>To what extent will the increase in inflation impact the number of council houses being built over the next 2 years?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>There are many factors that are continuing to affect the construction market in the UK, including the Covid-19 pandemic, Brexit and current world events. These have resulted in shortages in the supply of site labour and building materials, as well as higher costs to produce and import such materials. Taken together with rising inflation, which will further increase the price of construction materials, it is clearly going to cost more for us to build new council houses in the city over coming months.</p> <p>As a result, the overall Housing Revenue Account (HRA) programme will need to be reviewed as part of its next iteration in February/March 2023 to ensure that expenditure, and the timing of expenditure, remains both affordable and sustainable. This is something that was recognised within the Month 4 Budget Monitoring Report that was considered by Cabinet yesterday.</p>
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**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER**

What processes do the council follow to ensure that social house swaps are done fairly and tenants are protected?

**Reply**

Social housing tenants who are considering exchanging properties can do so by advertising their homes on 'Homeswapper', which is an online portal where all social housing tenants across the UK can advertise their properties for a home swap. This allows tenants the freedom to move cities if required. Once they have found a match, an application to their landlord needs to be submitted so that the required checks can be carried out.

Currently, all exchanges are governed by the Housing Act 1985, which sets out the following criteria that tenants are required to meet before exchanges can be approved:

- tenants must hold a secure tenancy.
- tenants cannot have any rent arrears or they must be able to clear any that are outstanding.
- properties must not be fully adapted or must be suitable for the incoming tenants needs.
- properties must be suitable for the size of the families.
- tenants cannot have any ASB issues/Notices served or Court Orders.

For council properties, officers carry out several investigations including safeguarding checks. Necessary action will be taken if there are any issues regarding the vulnerability of a tenant. References from other social housing landlords are also requested if the applicant is not currently a council tenant.

To further ensure that tenants are protected, a property condition check is also carried out to make sure the property is suitable and safe to allow someone else to move into. Any repairs that need to be carried out either by the tenant or the Council are agreed at that time. These repairs will be carried out before the exchange takes place. If there are any specific adaptations to the property, liaison with an Occupational Therapist takes place to confirm that the exchange is suitable.

If the property is in poor decorative condition and both parties still wish to proceed, a visit to the property with all parties involved would take place. Applicants are always strongly advised to view the other

property before an exchange takes place. All tenants sign an agreement to state that they are happy to take the property and garden its current condition.

To ensure that all processes have been followed and that the exchange has been carried out fairly and according to legislation, all exchanges are checked and authorised by a manager before they can proceed.

A new Mutual Exchange advice leaflet is currently being drafted. This will ensure that applicants have all the relevant information to make an informed decision on whether to proceed with an exchange.

W24

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER**

How many people are currently rough sleeping in Cardiff?

**Reply**

As of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022, there were 17 individuals sleeping rough across Cardiff. Significant progress has been made in reducing the number of individuals sleeping rough in the city in recent years; however, this is a constant challenge as new rough sleepers are identified and supported into accommodation.

Our Homeless Multi-Disciplinary Team works hard to support and assist rough sleepers to access and maintain accommodation. So far in 2022/23, 52 rough sleepers have been supported into accommodation. These individuals are often vulnerable with multiple and complex needs and the team works hard to address their underlying issues and support them to maintain accommodation and move towards independence as soon as possible.

There are always a number of people who will refuse our help. There are currently 6 individuals sleeping rough in the city who are regarded as entrenched rough sleepers and who have refused all offers of help. Our Multi-Disciplinary Team continues to support these individuals, providing mental health and other specialist services on the street until such time that they are ready to accept accommodation.

W25

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON**

Could the council consider installing a council CCTV camera at the Londis shop as there is already a Cardiff council camera pole and electricity supply at this location? All the council would need to do is to install a new camera at this location to replace the one South Wales Police had there, as before the camera was installed this location was a hot spot for crime and with the camera now been removed there is real concern in the community this will happen again.

**Reply**

There are a number of options that can be used to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour within local communities and CCTV is one that is often used as a temporary measure to target hotspots of such behaviours. In this particular instance, as you have highlighted in your question, a camera was provided previously at this location by South Wales Police. Such provision is usually implemented on a temporary basis in an area before being repositioned to other higher priority areas; however, this only happens following a decrease in the issue that it is intended to help address, with the camera having been considered to have served its purpose. This is the current situation at the Londis store in question.

Officers from the Council's Community Safety Team have made enquiries with the local policing team, which is closely monitoring the situation since the removal of their camera at the start of this month. The team has also alerted colleagues in the Council's Alarm Receiving Centre (ARC) CCTV control room to ensure that they are aware of this issue. If the crime and anti-social behaviour issues return to this location, then the Council will engage with partners to develop an appropriate response.

W26

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS**

Does the Council provide Council housing to convicted paedophiles when they are released from prison and if so, what safeguards do the Council have in place to ensure our communities are protected from the risks of further offending?

**Reply**

I would refer you to the answer that I provided in reply to your similar Written Question back in March 2022.

**SOCIAL SERVICES (JOB SHARE)**  
**(COUNCILLORS ASH LISTER & NORMA MACKIE)**

W27

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS**

Can the Cabinet Member provide an up to date figure on the number of Children Looked After in Cardiff and the total financial cost to the Authority of looking after children and young people?

**Reply**

As of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022, there were 1,031 Children Looked After in Cardiff. Of these, 49 are Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children, for which there is full cost recovery via Home Office funding.

The net budget for Substitute Family Care is £46.748m and covers direct and commissioned placement costs and includes staff costs linked directly to Children Looked After; internal and external fostering, external residential placements, adoption and internal children's homes and assessment centres. You will note from the Month 4 Budget Monitoring Report that there are significant budgetary pressures on Children's Services in the current financial year, as there are across Wales and the rest of the UK. This is driven by pressures around placement sufficiency and the use of bespoke placements, but I want to assure you that staff right across Children's Services are doing all they can to manage and reduce these pressures.

**TACKLING POVERTY, EQUALITY & PUBLIC HEALTH (JOB SHARE)**  
**(COUNCILLORS JULIE SANGANI & PETER BRADBURY)**

W28

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER**

With supplies falling and demand growing, will the council offer more support to the Cardiff Foodbank?



**Reply**

I visited the Cardiff Foodbank distribution centre earlier this week to discuss how the Council can support them. Our Money Advice Team has also recently secured funding from the Welsh Local Government Association specifically to support Food Poverty provision within the city. £46,000 has been granted to Cardiff Foodbank in the past few weeks, which will be used to top up essential items as demand increases and donations fall. In addition to expanding delivery routes, this funding will be used to enhance current food parcels, adding fresh items and cold packs for people who do not have access to cooking facilities.

Money Advice Officers also attend Foodbank distribution centres across Cardiff. Help and advice is provided to clients attending the Foodbank to apply for benefits, grants and discounts, accessing schemes and discretionary funding and supporting people in debt. This helps to address the root cause of food poverty. Foodbank volunteers are also offered training from the Money Advice Volunteer Mentor.

Trustees from Cardiff Foodbank have been invited to join the Council's new Cost of Living Taskforce, which is made up of representatives from council services and key partner organisations. The purpose of the group is to share concerns and ideas, mapping and understanding the resources available across the city as a collective. This will help raise awareness of all support on offer and address any gaps in provision in the city.

W29

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD**

What support is the council giving to community groups and organisations in Gabalfa ward to help address the cost-of-living crisis?

**Reply**

Council officers have co-ordinated the setting up of a new Cardiff Cost of Living Taskforce, which is attended by a wide range of organisations, including Cardiff Third Sector Council (C3SC) which represents and provide information to local third sector and community organisations, including Moorland, Action in Caerau & Ely (ACE), Seren in the Community, Music in Hospital Care, South Riverside Community Development Centre, Ebenezer Church, St Catherine's Church, Grange Pavilion, Grange Baptist Church,

Makers Guild in Wales, St German's Church, St Mark's Church in Gabalfa, Guide Dogs, Cardiff & Vale Scout Council, The Mentor Ring, Nelson Trust, Llanrumney Hall, Street Aid Wales and STEM Engagement. This will help to ensure that such organisations are aware of all the help on offer.

The Council's Grant Officers compile funding opportunities for charities and third sector organisations each month, with tailored funding opportunities being sent directly to these groups. Training and continuing support is also offered to assist organisations to become more financially sustainable. Officers are finalising plans to create a small grants scheme that will be available to any community organisations that would like to be involved in offering warm spaces to their local community, more details on how to apply for these grants will be shared in the near future.

Individuals who are affected by the current cost-of-living crisis should contact the Council's Advice Line on (029) 2087 1071, where an advisor can then help them to identify the help available to them from a number of support schemes.

W30

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON**

Can the council outline the process of the planned roll out of the Covid booster vaccination programme this autumn?

**Reply**

As I have already outlined in my Council Statement this month, the Covid-19 booster vaccination programme in Wales commenced at the start of this month for adults aged 50+ years of age, those who are in high-risk groups or severely immunosuppressed, and for health & social care workers. The plan is to offer all booster vaccinations by the end of November 2022.

Following the closures of both the Splott and Bayside Mass Vaccination Centres in Cardiff, a new Mass Vaccination Centre has been established in the car park at Woodland House on Maes-y-Coed Road in the Heath Ward, which opened on 5 September 2022. The Mass Vaccination Centre is open seven days a week from 10am to 7pm for vaccination by appointment only, for which those who are eligible will receive an invitation by post. The MVC at Woodland House has the capacity to vaccinate 12,600 people per week and can increase capacity if a surge response is required.

	<p>The Community Team will deliver the autumn booster vaccination to all care home residents, housebound citizens (whose details have been forwarded by GPs) and hospital in-patients. 17 GP surgeries are participating in the vaccination of the over 80-year-old cohort in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. In geographic areas not covered by the participating GPs, Community Pharmacy will vaccinate this cohort, as well as all the social care workers in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.</p> <p>A Well Pharmacy mobile vaccination unit will also be based at the Ikea store in Grangetown, which can vaccinate 1,000 individuals a week. This location was chosen as uptake in the community has been low in the past and it is hoped that this will assist in improving uptake of the booster vaccination locally.</p>
W31	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR NAUGHTON</u></b></p> <p>Does the council know how many Ukrainians are likely to leave the Homes for Ukraine scheme before the end of the year in the Cardiff area?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>From the onset of the Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme, we have been acutely aware of the inevitable risk of homelessness at the end of the sponsorship period. We have therefore sought to mitigate this risk by proactively supporting our local sponsors and working to understanding the likely duration of these temporary arrangements. Across our current cohort of 196 Cardiff sponsors, to date, we have supported 8 families to find move-on accommodation following the agreed end of their initial six-month sponsorship period. Based on our conversations with sponsors to date, we are currently forecasting that a total of 21 families will require move-on support by the end of the year.</p>
W32	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BROWN-RECKLESS</u></b></p> <p>What discussions has the Cabinet Member had with The Health Minister regarding the Health Board's failure to consult in a meaningful way with the residents of Pentyrch, Rhydlafer and St. Fagans, or with the St. Fagans Community Council, over the unpopular decision to relocate the current Pentyrch surgery to Rhydlafer?</p>

	<p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>As far as I am aware, no current Cabinet Member has had any such discussions with the Welsh Government Minister for Health and Social Services. In any event, this would be a matter for Cardiff &amp; Vale University Health Board and not the Council.</p>
W33	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></b></p> <p>How many youth centres open more than 35 weeks of the year were funded by Cardiff Council on 01.05.2012 and 01.05.2022?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>In May 2022, there were 7 youth centres offering open access provision for 44 weeks per year. With the support of six partner organisations, there was also youth centre provision in a further six centres. In May 2012, 18 youth centres operated with a similar level of provision, but we have changed the emphasis of the Youth Service since then to deliver youth activities in different ways and through working with several partner organisations, including in your own ward of Fairwater.</p> <p>For example, since 2012, the Youth Service has developed a wider offer of services for young people in addition to youth centres. It provides an online youth club and range of digital services, which have been cited as best practice by Estyn. It has a designated Welsh Medium/bilingual team working with the Urdd and Menter Caerdydd. Other teams support young people who find it challenging to access youth centre provision – for example, support for young carers and young people with learning disabilities, a youth group for young people with Asperger's, a LGBTQ+ group, a club for deaf young people and girls only groups. The service also provides mental health and homeless prevention programmes. High Schools also have access to a youth mentor.</p>

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W34	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></b></p> <p>What additional investment is the council making in parking enforcement in Gabalfa to enforce the new parking arrangements and loss of parking on Allensbank Road?</p>
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**Reply**

The new resident parking zone that has been installed in Gabalfa (C4) has been completed and Civil Enforcement Officers are patrolling the area multiple times throughout the week. There are also plans to increase parking enforcement via traffic cameras in Gabalfa, in addition to the attendance of the mobile enforcement vehicle within the area.

W35

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR**

Can the cabinet member provide an update on plans for School streets in the Gabalfa ward?

**Reply**

Potential School Street schemes have been investigated for all three of the primary schools in the Gabalfa ward. At this stage, none of the schemes are being progressed.

At St Joseph's Primary School, it is not feasible to deliver a School Street in isolation without reviewing the vehicular access afforded by the network of lanes which connect to the streets around the school. This would be a significant project that would impact on several hundreds of properties.

At Allensbank Primary School, a School Street has previously been investigated. There are potential constraints at this location (e.g. business and lane access), which can be reviewed following the completion of the new cycleway so that the changes to the highway infrastructure in the local area can be taken fully into account when assessing feasibility and impacts.

Investigations have also been carried out at Ysgol Mynydd Bychan. The presence of a large number of flats within Lime Tree Mansions at this location is a potential operational issue, as is ensuring access to St Joseph's Church. We intend to revisit the scheme and this work is most likely to be undertaken in the next financial year. However, the existing parking restrictions ('Keep Clear' areas and 'No Waiting At Specific Times') cover the length of the school grounds and the grounds of the adjacent church. It may be feasible to provide camera enforcement of the parking restrictions as an alternative to a School Street scheme.

W36

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR**

What steps is the council taking to make pavements, walkways and crossings more accessible?

**Reply**

The Council provides pavements, walkways and crossings to a high standard, ensuring that they are accessible as possible. The Council uses UK and Welsh Government design guidance, which ensures that roads are designed in a safe manner. Road safety audits also provide an extra level of assessment to ensure their safety and accessibility.

In addition, the Council undertakes equality impact assessments that are used as live documents when designing transport schemes. The Council also engages regularly with an Accessibility Group to ensure that the needs of the elderly, disabled or people with restrictive mobility are integral to the design process.

W37

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SHIMMIN**

I have been contacted by many residents about the incoming 20mph rules next year and in particular their doubt in people following the rules. What education or campaigns will the Council be undertaking so that the public understand why the new rules are coming in and the benefits of them?

I understand that it is a Welsh Government initiative, so if it is not the Council's responsibility then what pressure is the Council putting on the Welsh Government to do that?

**Reply**

The Welsh Government will be working closely with Communications Teams from all Welsh Local Authorities to ensure that the message about the new 20mph speed limit that will apply in Wales is effectively communicated at an appropriate time. The Welsh Government is currently developing a communications strategy to ensure that a consistent approach is maintained across Wales, which is delivered at the right time ahead of the date when the new speed limit comes into force next year.

W38

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SHIMMIN**

It is my understanding that there is currently only one team that is responsible for street signs. With the new Welsh Government 20mph rules coming in next year I expect this will take up all their time and they will not be able to undertake the rest of their day to day duties. Is the administration freeing up funds, or asking the Welsh Government for funds, to cover the extra cost or temporary expansion of the team to help bring the city in line with the new speed rules whilst not ignoring their important ongoing work which will still need to be done?

**Reply**

The installation of infrastructure on streets is delivered in several different ways. Some of this is associated with maintenance, which is the responsibility of the Council's Asset Team. Signage that is part of new schemes is usually delivered by contractors. Changes relating to the new default speed limit in Wales are being funded by Welsh Government grant and will largely be delivered via external contractors, but there will be some involvement of the Asset Team in the project.

W39

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SHIMMIN**

I am getting an increasing number of enquiries from residents about parking around schools. I know the council is expanding the School Street scheme; however, this is not going to every school and it has been noticed that there is a decline in the enforcement of parking restrictions around schools since the School Street scheme was widened. It is my understanding that enforcement officers are no longer sent to schools in their morning briefings. Can the administration please tell me why schools outside the scheme are no longer seen as worthy of parking enforcement and assure me that officers will be better deployed to help alleviate the problems?

**Reply**

Parking enforcement around schools, particularly at peak drop-off and pick-up times, remains a priority for the Council. Civil Enforcement Officers are still including schools within their patrols and mobile enforcement vehicles are also deployed to these areas to enforce parking in restricted areas, such as pedestrian crossings and 'keep clear' areas outside schools. We have also increased the amount of attended camera locations outside schools, where officers undertake enforcement via live camera feeds.

	<p>Furthermore, School Streets schemes have been implemented at 16 schools in the city to improve road safety and air quality. These are monitored by our automatic moving traffic cameras. There are plans in place to introduce more School Streets schemes across Cardiff, with another three programmed within the next 12 months.</p>
W40	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></b></p> <p>Given recent issues with overgrowth of vegetation on the North Road to Blackweir cycle path, will the council adopt a regular schedule of overgrowth clearance along this and other key active travel routes?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The Council will continue to clear encroachment of vegetation to ensure safe use of its network of active travel routes throughout the city. The timing and frequency of clearance will depend on growth and other specific site characteristics, which will vary from location to location. While a fixed regime to manage vegetation is impractical, best endeavours will continue to be made to ensure a proactive approach. More specifically, I understand that the vegetation to which you refer in your question has been cleared.</p>
W41	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></b></p> <p>How is the council engaging with local universities and their students as the new academic year begins to help minimise occurrence of issues with waste presentation, resident parking and late night noise?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The Council, including officers from Shared Regulatory Services, works in partnership with the city's Universities and South Wales Police through the Cardiff Student Community Partnership to deliver a student arrival engagement plan. This outlines how we are working in partnership to deliver community living information, engaging with students and other stakeholders such as landlords, and are targeting issues that are commonly associated with student households in the city.</p>



In addition, the Universities and Students Unions actively work with the Council to promote responsible community behaviour and provide platforms for the Council to promote a range of community living advice and information – for example, about household waste & recycling presentation and collections, and encouraging students not to bring their cars to Cardiff. This includes attending events such as Freshers Fairs and Community Days, as well as providing advice and information online via their websites and intranet pages and through social media campaigns.

My Cabinet colleague, Councillor Wild, has provided some details in his Council Statement about what the Council is currently doing to engage with students arriving in the city this month, including attendance at Freshers' Fairs and outreach work with students in and around Cardiff University Students Union and the local community.

W42

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD**

In light of the significant changes to the resident parking regime in Gabalfa and Cathays, will the council engage with landlords to ensure they inform new and potential tenants if their properties are not entitled to apply for resident parking permits?

**Reply**

The situation within the lettings market is very changeable and there are many parties involved who let properties. These range from lettings agents through to individual landlords. Prospective tenants and landlords/letting agents are able to utilise the function on the Council's website to confirm if a property is eligible for a residents parking permit.

It is a landlord's/letting agent's responsibility to pass on pertinent information to their customers and ensure that they are able to make an informed choice of residence in conjunction with the need for parking.

Officers have emphasised this information to colleagues from Cardiff University and have worked with them on a communications campaign to ensure that all students are aware of resident parking restrictions and the digital parking permit scheme that is in place in Cathays and Gabalfa. Officers will also be engaging with the major lettings agents in Cardiff to further promote and raise awareness of the new zonal schemes.

W43	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></b></p> <p>Can the administration clarify the policy concerning the replacement of street signs when they are damaged or worn?</p> <p>If the original street sign was in English only, is it the council's policy to replace like for like or to replace with bi-lingual signs?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The Council's Highways Team has a robust routine inspection and maintenance policy and procedure to manage the adopted highway and associated assets. Should there be any concerns with an asset, including signage, then orders are raised for those concerns to be addressed. Should a sign need to be replaced, new signage would, where required, be bilingual.</p>
W44	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></b></p> <p>The extensive repairs being done to the pavements and road surface on Nant Fawr Crescent, Cyncoed are very welcome. Can officers indicate when this work is expected to be completed?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The works on Nant Fawr Crescent in Cyncoed were completed on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. I understand that the site is now clear of all plant and equipment and is open fully to the public.</p>
W45	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></b></p> <p>Which of the unsafe pavements, reported by local councillors and residents, are being fixed this financial year in Cyncoed and Lakeside? With the high percentage (over 60%) of senior citizens and number of young families and children travelling to highly popular primary and secondary schools in the ward, it is vital that the pavements are kept safe for residents in the ward.</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The full length of footway on Nant Fawr Crescent in Cyncoed has been reconstructed. In addition, areas have been highlighted for improvement on Hollybush Road and other localised areas have been repaired across Cyncoed following routine safety inspections.</p>

	<p>Your concerns about the list of streets provided have been noted by the Highways Assessments Team and are being considered as part of the development of the work programme for 2023/24. Any such works would involve either replacing the slabs with tarmac or resurfacing the footway.</p>
W46	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></b></p> <p>In March 2019, when the bus service ceased on Lake Road West and Celyn Avenue, Cardiff Council protected some other bus services. Could I ask on what grounds those decisions were made and given pensioner and residents living on and around Lake Road West and Celyn Avenue have struggled with no service, could their needs be met in the near future?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Cardiff Bus previously revised its commercial bus services to better match and focus resources where there was sustained, regular use – i.e. via Lake Road East and Lakeside Drive. The budget available to the Council to secure bus services in the city that were threatened with withdrawal was not sufficient to also cover any gaps in bus service provision.</p> <p>The current Bus Emergency Scheme (BES) funding mechanism provided by the Welsh Government makes it very difficult for any new or altered bus routes to be provided given that bus patronage is only approximately 70% of what it was pre-Covid-19. The latest BES funding is set to end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and it remains to be seen what will replace it. Until there is some certainty over future funding for bus services, it is unlikely that any such changes can be made. However, the Council is keeping bus services under review and will make every effort to improve service provision where possible.</p>
W47	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES</u></b></p> <p>What scope is there for the Council to support moves for the 62 bus to come via Radyr &amp; Morganstown?</p>

**Reply**

The number 62 bus service, which is operated by Cardiff Bus, is supported with funding from Section 106 contributions in relation the Goitre Fach Farm development. The Section 106 agreement does not require the service to go via Radyr and Morganstown. Bus routes for commercial bus services are determined by the bus operators and the Council will discuss the suggestion with them.

There is also Section 106 funding associated with the Plasdŵr development that we may be able to be used to support bus services to Radyr and Morganstown. This is dependent on the completion of certain phases of development, along with the connecting road network, as well as monitoring of whether a commercial bus service is established without subsidy through the demand that would potentially be generated. The timescales are dependent on the build-out of the development.

W48

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES**

What impact will the Welsh Government's nationwide 20mph limit have on the finances of Cardiff Bus, a Cardiff Council asset?

**Reply**

Cardiff City Transport Services Ltd – otherwise known as Cardiff Bus – is a private company that operates on a commercial basis, but which is wholly owned by Cardiff Council. Cardiff Bus has been consulted as part of the Welsh Government's engagement process in preparation for the legal change of the default speed limit in Wales from 30mph to 20mph next year; however, the potential impact of the new 20mph default speed limit on the company's finances is not known. As I stated previously in reply to a Written Question from Councillor Taylor in July 2022, average urban bus speeds are currently well below 20mph in any event.

The Welsh Government has identified three key reasons for lowering the default speed limit to 20mph:

- 20mph limits reduce collisions and save lives.
- 20mph limits improve quality of life, make streets safer for playing, walking and cycling and, therefore, improve physical and mental wellbeing.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20mph limits encourage the shift away from car use to more sustainable modes of transport that is urgently needed to tackle the Climate Emergency, clean up toxic air and reduce the other environmental impacts of car use.</li> </ul> <p>Improvements to the walking environment and slower vehicle speeds in Cardiff may have a positive impact on passenger numbers and overall propensity to travel via public transport. The Council is also working with partners, including Transport for Wales, to identify bus network improvements and on the integrated ticketing pilot scheme to improve bus travel in the city.</p>
W49	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES</u></b></p> <p>What efforts is the Council making to preserve working farmland for that purpose should plots emerge for purchase and no buyer intends on using it for that purpose?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Private land, including farmland, can be bought and sold in an open market. Should any change of use from agricultural land be proposed, then the Council as the Local Planning Authority would consider any alternative use of land on its planning merits, having regard to all relevant national and local policies, and all other material planning considerations.</p>
W50	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES</u></b></p> <p>Will the Council consider using the grounds at Radyr Comprehensive School as a drop-off/collection point to alleviate congestion on Heol Isaf, and parking on pavements and nearby residential streets?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>As a matter of policy, we would not support the provision of a drop-off and pick-up point within the grounds of Radyr Comprehensive School. All schools within the city are actively discouraged from allowing vehicles onto school grounds at peak times before and after school.</p>

There are several reasons for this. The provision of a drop-off and pick-up point would simply generate more vehicular movements to and from the school site. The additional vehicles would exacerbate existing issues with congestion on Heol Isaf in the vicinity of the school entrance and would also pose a significant safety risk to pupils, both outside the school gates and within the school environment. Access for parents was permitted previously but is now prevented for these very reasons.

A likely effect of these impacts would be to deter pupils travelling to school by sustainable and active modes of transport, thereby undermining the extensive work undertaken by the school and the Council's Active Travel Schools Team to develop and implement the school's Active Travel Plan. This includes providing secure, covered cycle parking spaces for 60 bikes for students and staff. A bike fleet is also being provided to the school for use during and after school times.

Additional parking restrictions are proposed on Heol Isaf to protect the area around the school entrance at peak times. This, combined with the work to implement the school's Active Travel Plan, will help to reduce congestion around the school in the longer term.

W51

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON**

Following the weight restriction on the Caerphilly Road railway bridge, HGV's are diverting down Beulah Road. What impact analysis has been undertaken for the diversion route?

**Reply**

Caerphilly Road rail bridge is a Transport for Wales (TfW) structure. TfW is therefore responsible for the bridge and any inspection and required maintenance. The imposed safety-related weight limit is a result of a structural assessment that was carried out by TfW and, therefore, the Council must implement the weight restriction. TfW has asked that any information requests regarding their structures/services to be redirected to TfW Customer Relations by email to: [Customer.Relations@tfwrail.wales](mailto:Customer.Relations@tfwrail.wales)

There is an advisory diversionary route via Heathwood Road, Fidas Road and Ty Glas Avenue. However, the Council does not dictate routes for non-abnormal load vehicle movements and, therefore, any movements of HGVs in the area will be a decision for the driver or company being serviced. They must, of course, adhere to any weight or size restrictions.

	<p>The Council's Highways Structures Team is responsible for the management of any abnormal load movements and would not route such movements down Beulah Road unless absolutely necessary.</p>
W52	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></b></p> <p>How long does the Council anticipate Transport for Wales will take to carry out repairs to the Caerphilly Road bridge so that the temporary weight restriction can be lifted?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The Council's Highways Structures Team has been in contact with officials from Transport for Wales (TfW) who have confirmed that the project to carry out repairs is progressing. Unfortunately, they have advised that the repairs to the bridge structure are likely to be extensive and will require significant advanced planning. As a result, no date can be given for the completion of the repair works at this point in time.</p> <p>Ordinarily, such works would not be prioritised by TfW as works that directly affect the running of trains are usually given priority. However, the Highways Structures Team has emphasised to TfW the urgency of the reinstatement of Caerphilly Road bridge to full capacity. TfW officials understand the disruption that the weight limit has caused to the local road network and have advised that the repair works to the bridge have been escalated to form part of TfW's Urgent Renewal Programme. It has also been proposed by the consulting engineer overseeing the works that monthly meetings are held between TfW and the Highways Structures Team.</p>
W53	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></b></p> <p>Following the weight restriction on the Caerphilly Road railway bridge, HGV's are diverting down Beulah Road. Can any consideration be given to putting in time restrictions for the use of this road so HGV's avoid school hours?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The Council does not generally dictate routes for non-abnormal load vehicle movements and, therefore, any vehicle movements of HGVs will be a decision for the driver or company being serviced; however, they must adhere to any weight or size restrictions in place.</p>

	<p>In accordance with highways legislation, the Council's Network Management Team can apply restrictions to a contractor undertaking works to a specific development. Therefore, when a contractor approaches the Network Management Team for consent to use the highway, and in line with any planning permission that has been granted, the Council can impose restrictions so that any HGVs servicing the development site can only use the highway at restricted times (09.30am-15.00pm), thereby avoiding peak times.</p>
W54	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></b></p> <p>With the demolition work at the Llanishen Ty Glas site soon to commence, what instructions will be given to construction traffic to avoid Beulah Road in Rhiwbina?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>In accordance with highways legislation, the Council's Network Management Team can apply restrictions to a contractor undertaking works to a specific development. Therefore, when a contractor approaches the Network Management Team for consent to use the highway, and in line with any planning permission that has been granted, the Council can impose restrictions so that any HGVs servicing the development site can only use Beulah Road at restricted times (09.30am-15.00pm), thereby avoiding peak times.</p>
W55	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></b></p> <p>In light of the temporary weight restriction on Caerphilly Road railway bridge, will the Council confirm with Transport for Wales that the railway bridge on Pantbach Road has been recently inspected to confirm its safety?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The Pantbach Road bridge is owned and maintained by the Council and is therefore included in the routine inspection programme that is managed by the Highways Structures Team. All structures are subject to a general inspection every two years and a principal inspection every six years. A general inspection is undertaken from ground level, whereas a principal inspection is more thorough, involving close and detailed inspection of the entire bridge.</p>



	<p>Pantbach Road bridge was inspected as part of the principal inspection programme on the night of 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> September 2022 by a consulting engineer during a closure of the railway line using specialist access equipment. The full report is due next month; however, the engineer indicated that the bridge is generally in good condition with no serious defects.</p>
W56	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR REID-JONES</u></b></p> <p>Lisvane has been waiting for a safe place to cross Mill Road for at least ten years. A crossing is planned (agreed several years ago); however, I have been unable to get a confirmed installation date. Are you able to confirm when it will be installed?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The Council's Active Travel Schools Team engages with schools to encourage and enable children to travel actively to school. Making the streets around schools safer for active school journeys is also crucially important, but with so many schools in need of better infrastructure, such schemes need to be prioritised and funded through the Welsh Government's Active Travel Fund.</p> <p>The Council is developing criteria to prioritise schemes, which will take account of safety and refer to key plans such as the Council's Active Travel Network Map (once approved by the Welsh Government), as well as Council's wider policy objectives and priorities.</p> <p>While this work is ongoing, I am unable to provide a specific timescale for implementing any measures that may be needed in the vicinity of Llysfaen Primary School. However, I can assure you that the Active Travel Schools Team will continue engage with Llysfaen Primary School to support its efforts to promote active travel to school.</p>
W57	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the completion and opening date for the new Cardiff Centre Bus Interchange and confirm how many buses the Interchange can accommodate at any one time?</p>

	<p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>As I confirmed previously in reply to an Oral Question on this matter at Council in June 2022, the new Central Bus Interchange is being delivered and managed by Transport for Wales (TfW) and it is anticipated that it will be fully operational in Summer 2023. However, TfW has not yet confirmed which buses will be using the new Interchange, which can accommodate 14 bus bays.</p>
W58	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Administration's plans to bring forward road tolls and congestion charging in Cardiff?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The Council is in the process of undertaking WelTAG study work on a range of potential options for assessment, which will involve consultation with stakeholders, including Councillors. The outcome of Stage 1 of the WelTAG work is expected to be reported to Cabinet in the New Year.</p>
W59	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member provide a breakdown of the costs of cycle routes in Cardiff and the source of funding?</p> <p>Please provide statistics for the previous 3 years and include full costs of cycle lane segregation.</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The table below shows the expenditure on cycling for the last three years, including funding source, as set out in the Active Travel Annual Report which the Welsh Government requires us to produce each year in relation to cycling and walking schemes. The figures encompass all cycling related expenditure; however, it is not possible to extract specific costs for cycle lane segregation, as this is generally delivered as part of a wider scheme.</p>

<b>Active Travel Expenditure:</b>	<b>2019/20 £000's</b>	<b>2020/21 £000's</b>	<b>2021/22 £000's</b>	<b>Total £000's</b>	
Cycling	4,596	6,019	9,519	<b>20,134</b>	
<b>Funding Source:</b>					
Council	590	448	1,015	<b>2,053</b>	10%
WG Grant	3,873	5,474	8,480	<b>17,826</b>	89%
S106/Other contributions	133	97	24	<b>255</b>	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,596</b>	<b>6,019</b>	<b>9,519</b>	<b>20,134</b>	100%