

COUNCIL, 27 OCTOBER 2022 : ORAL QUESTIONS

1	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL</u></p> <p>I welcome the announcement regarding funding for additional Electric Buses. Will these electric buses be using the new bus station and the proposed Waungron Station Interchange and will these sites have charging terminals located on-site; if not, where will the charging of the buses take place?</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>Should one night of rainfall lead to significant flooding and closure of roads in a capital city like Cardiff?</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALI</u></p> <p>Can the Leader make a statement on the rationale to lease a parcel of land at Hailey Park to Welsh Water?</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>Grassroot football teams in Cardiff, and South Wales FA registered Match Officials, continue to express concerns about the standard of pitch maintenance including a lack of good quality pitch markings and pitch defects that compromise the safety of participants at various venues. Some parks are losing a pitch. Does the Cabinet Member agree that this a serious and ongoing problem in Cardiff?</p>

5	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER & EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></p> <p>Data on percentage attendance in primary and secondary schools outlined in the Annual Well-being Report 2021/2022 indicate that attendance has yet to return to the levels recorded pre-pandemic. How is the council working with schools to address this challenge?</p>
6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER (SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEWIS</u></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member outline what work is being done to recruit and retain staff in Children’s Services?</p>
7	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL</u></p> <p>What were the cost annual bills for utilities at County Hall and Willcox House, in the two years prior to lockdowns, and how do these costs compare to the years during the periods of lockdown?</p>
8	<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 our city centre becoming out of bounds for our buses?</p>
9	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER (SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES</u></p> <p>What support does the Council provide to new parents across Cardiff?</p>

10	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></p> <p>Could the Cabinet member give an update on Cardiff Council's cycling policy?</p>
11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LANCASTER</u></p> <p>What is the Council doing to promote safe walking to and from schools?</p>
12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE-DAVIES (CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>What level of consultation with local residents do you consider is sufficient prior to the introduction of a park locking scheme where a volunteer group of local residents takes on responsibility for locking and unlocking a park, particularly where that could lead to the loss of an established through pedestrian route at certain times of the day?</p>
13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING & COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LAY</u></p> <p>Can the member advise me if the Local Neighbourhood Regeneration scheme is still running/available for members to bid for?</p>

14	<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 Council wants to see at least 50% of journeys undertaken by 'sustainable' means, such as by bus. However, in order for this to happen there must be buses available for residents to use. In Old St Mellons bus routes have been cut, with Cardiff Bus routes 30 and 45 scaled back, including at peak times and in evenings. As a consequence, buses are not a viable alternative for many residents. What plans do the Council have to improve bus provision for residents and organisations in Old St Mellons and surrounding areas?</p>
15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE-DAVIES (CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SHIMMIN</u></p> <p>Can the administration clarify the future of the ownership or management of St David's Hall, and whether there are any plans to change either of these away from the council?</p>
16	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING & COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR EBRAHIM</u></p> <p>Can the cabinet member provide an explanation outlining how Cardiff Council are working with partner organisations to remove all drug paraphernalia around the city?</p>

17	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>It was recently reported to me and seen in the press that residents in Old St Mellons complained about a mountain of uncollected rubbish which had been building up outside their houses for the last seven weeks. Some locals spoke about the "nauseating stench" and the fact "huge rats" have been seen "having the time of their lives" amongst the flytipped broken bin bags. It was reported the pile of refuse became so big that it completely blocked the nearby pavement on Drawlings Close in Old St Mellons, forcing passers by with both prams and wheelchairs to walk into the road to get around it. Does the Cabinet Member agree with me that instead of pursuing large vanity projects, such as the Cardiff Indoor Arena (partly funded through millions of pounds in borrowing), this Council should instead focus on the bread and butter issues residents face, like ensuring their rubbish is collected frequently and on time?</p>
18	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING & COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the operation of the begging protocol agreed with South Wales Police?</p>
19	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE-DAVIES (CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GUNTER</u></p> <p>It's great that the Council is protecting wild flowers and wildlife habitat by not cutting back vegetation during nesting and flowering season. Now that cutting back can resume, can the cabinet member advise if ward colleagues can be provided with a schedule of work, detailing how these areas will be maintained throughout the Winter months?</p>

20	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUW THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KAABA</u></p> <p>Could the Leader update the Council on what policy decisions the administration have taken over the last 49 days?</p>
21	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CHAIR OF LICENSING COMMITTEE)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McGARRY</u></p> <p>Firework night and the days surrounding it cause great stress to pets, animals and people. What current powers does the Council have to restrict the use or the banning of fireworks?</p>
22	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOES</u></p> <p>Is there currently any presence of 'Keep Wales Tidy' within schools, to encourage local children to be involved in litter picking to address the amount of litter around streets adjacent to schools and raise awareness of the impact of littering?</p>
23	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOULTRIE</u></p> <p>I understand St Phillip Evans Primary have been part of the circular economy innovation project. Could you tell me more about how the school and pupils are getting involved in the circular economy?</p>

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**QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH
(TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)**

QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUMPHREYS

Could the Cabinet member update the council on the process being discussed regarding illegal parking, in particular on Michaelston Road outside the Western Cemetery and the grass verge that goes through the whole of the Grand Avenue? I understand from colleagues this is a city-wide issue.