

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at County Hall, Cardiff on 27 October 2022 to transact the business set out in the Council summons dated Friday, 21 October 2022.

Present: County Councillor Hinchey (Lord Mayor)

County Councillors Ahmed, Ahmed, Dilwar Ali, Ash-Edwards, Berman, Boes, Bowen-Thomson, Bradbury, Bridgeman, Brown-Reckless, Burke-Davies, Carr, Carter, Chowdhury, Cowan, Cunnah, Davies, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Driscoll, Ebrahim, Elsmore, Ferguson-Thorne, Gibson, Green, Gunter, Henshaw, Hopkins, Humphreys, Hunt, Jenkins, Jones, K Jones, Owen Jones, Joyce, Kaaba, Lancaster, Latif, Lay, Lent, Lewis, Lister, Littlechild, Livesy, Lloyd Jones, Mackie, McEvoy, McGarry, Melbourne, Merry, Michael, Molik, Moultrie, Naughton, Owen, Palmer, Jackie Parry, Proctor, Reid-Jones, Robinson, Robson, Sangani, Sattar, Shimmin, Simmons, Singh, Stubbs, Taylor, Huw Thomas, Thomson, Lynda Thorne, Waldron, Weaver, Wild, Williams, Wong and Wood

21 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received for Councillor Goodway

22 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.

Name	Item Number	Nature of Interest
Cllr Mackie	Item 8	Personal Interest – Family Member is Head of Integrated Care
Cllr Lister	Item 8	Personal Interest – Family Member employed by Care & Repair
Cllr Stubbs	Item 12	Personal Interest – Chair of Charity in Splott which supports people who are struggling with the costs of living.

23 : MINUTES

The minutes of the 29 September were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

The Lord Mayor, called upon Councillor Brown-Reckless who confirmed she wish to make the following statement:

'I would like to apologise to the Director of Governance and Legal, Davina Fiore, for comments I made at our last meeting of Council during my contribution on the setting up of an Advisory Committee regarding the Maindy Trust arrangements, and I would like to emphasise that this apology is sincerely made.

To draw a line under this matter so that we can all move on in a positive way, I formally withdraw all the comments I made on this matter, so that there can be no doubt that my comments are retracted.

It is important to me to have good relations with the Director of Governance and Legal going forward, as with all others, and I would like this to be reciprocal. This apology is given in good spirit and I am very sorry.'

24 : PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions

25 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were received:

Name	No. of relevant signatures	Nature of Petition
Mrs Mary Pearce	536	Calling on the Council to provide a reliable and more frequent bus service between the centre of Cardiff and Radyr and Morganstown
Cllr Hunt	32	Requesting the Council to extend the double yellow lines at the entrance to Redwood Court, Cardiff
Cllr Cunnah	27	Calling on the Council to introduce Parking Orders at Anstee Court, Cardiff

26 : LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor made the following announcements and attended the following events:

- Congratulations to Cllr Bethan Proctor and her partner Tom, on the birth of their baby girl Mali Eluned Stride;
- Attended and started the Cardiff Half Marathon, congratulations to the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones;
- Pentyrch community council "freedom" awards with local councillors and MS;
- Addressed the Mental Health Conference at Village hotel, and awarded the Trudy Williams award;
- Visited a number of Care Homes and play projects, including the Welsh Refugee Council play project in Elm St;
- Attended the blessings of the new classrooms at St Albans Primary school in Tremorfa with the Archbishop of Cardiff and Cllrs Ed Stubbs and Jane Henshaw;
- Presented around 80 new Lord Mayors Own Scouts with their converted white neckerchief at Cardiff University Halls;
- Met with our new Irish Consul General, Mrs Denise Quade;
- Welcomed over 30 new UK citizens at our British Citizens ceremony at City Hall;

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- Opened a new Community Room at Asda in Cardiff Bay, and ended up being asked to take the Cyclone machine challenge by school children;
- Presented awards to young cricketers from Lisvane Cricket club in Cathays;
- Welcomed a group of international students from Switzerland, Germany and France to the Mansion House and held a Q&A with them;
- Opened a Road Safety Conference in Jurys hotel, where some fantastic and innovative ideas are coming through to make pedestrians, cyclists and road users safer;
- Met staff at City Hospice in Whitchurch with Nicky Piper, fund raising chair Amanda Fenton to better understand the fantastic work they do in Cardiff, supporting those receiving palliative care;
- Attended the 10 year celebration of the Cardiff United Synagogue in Cyncoed with the local and UK Chief Rabbi's;
- Attended and presented at the Wales Care Awards last Friday in City Hall. The testimonies of individuals reminded me of how much we owe to the carers and health organisations who were in the front line during the pandemic;
- Attended some fantastic Diwali celebrations, including a packed hall in Mardy Street, Grangetown this week with Vaughan Gethin and Cllr Ash Lister;
- thanks to Cllr Norma Mackie, for arranging a Quiz Night and Auction at Cardiff Athletic club, which raised over £800 for the Lord Mayors Charity appeal, Guide Dogs Cymru and thanks to Cllr Joel Williams for arranging a coffee morning – he has details circulated; and
- Reminder that our Wales National Remembrance Service will be taking place in Alexandra Gardens, on Sunday 13th Nov 10-12.30 with various other local services taking place in areas such as Canton, Rumney, Whitchurch and Black Service Members service on Nov 5th.

27 : ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2021 - 2022

The report informed members of the Council's treasury management activities between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022.

RESOLVED: Council AGREED to note the Treasury Management Annual Report 2021/2022.

28 : LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

To enable Cabinet to consider the 13th Annual Social Services Report as required under Part 8 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 (SSWB Act).

The Council is also required by law (Section 144B of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014) to prepare and publish a Market Stability Report (MSR) which includes an assessment of the sufficiency of provision of care and support in respect of both Adults and Children's Service. The first such report for the Cardiff and Vale region is included as part of the documents supporting the Annual Social Services Report.

RESOLVED: Council AGREED to approve the Local Authority's Social Services Annual Report for 2021/22 (including Appendix 5 MSR) respectively) for consideration by Council.

29 : ANNUAL WELLBEING REPORT

This report was the Council's annual performance report, providing an assessment of the progress made in the delivery of the administration's priorities as set out within the Corporate Plan 2021-24. This report also enables the Council to discharge a number of statutory obligations, including a self-assessment of performance as required by the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and the publication of a statutory Annual Well-Being Report, as required by the Well-Being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015.

A reference back was proposed by Councillor Bablin Molik and seconded by Councillor Joel Williams.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the reference back.

The reference back was LOST.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the recommendations in the report.

The report was CARRIED.

RESOLVED: Council AGREED to approve the Annual Well-being Report 2021/22 for consideration by Council.

30 : SIXTH CARDIFF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT

The report outlined the purpose of the Local Development Plan (LDP) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) process and to seek the endorsement of the sixth Cardiff LDP AMR for submission to the Welsh Government by 31st October 2022.

RESOLVED: Council AGREED to endorse the sixth AMR for submission to the Welsh Government by 31st October 2022.

31 : CABINET STATEMENTS

Leader's Statement

The Leader responded to questions relating to:

- Cardiff Public Services Board
- Shared Prosperity Fund

Social Services Statement

Councillor Lister responded to questions relation to:

- Cardiff Youth Justice Strategy 2022-24
- National Adoption Week 2022

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Tackling Poverty, Equality and Public Health Statement

Councillor Bradbury responded to questions relating to:

- COVID-19 Autumn Booster Vaccination Programme
- Launch of the Winter Fuel Scheme
- Cost of Living Taskforce
- Warm Places and Food for Young People

Transport & Strategic Planning Statement

Councillor De'Ath responded to questions relating to:

- Transport Projects

Deputy Leader & Education Statement

Councillor Merry responded to questions relating to:

- Free School Meals for Primary School Children

Climate Change Statement

Councillor Wild responded to question relating to:

- Segregated Recycling Expansion
- Monthly Garden Waste Collections
- Small Mechanical Sweeper Fleet

Culture, Parks & Events Statement

Councillor Burke-Davies responded to questions relating to:

- Coed Caerdydd

Finance, Modernisation & Performance Statement

Councillor Weaver responded to questions relating to:

- Financial Update
- Bobi Chatbot

Housing & Communities Statement

Councillor Thorne responded to questions relating to:

- Tenants Conference 2022
- Modular Home Extensions
- Homelessness Prevention

Investment & Development Statement

In Councillor Goodway's absence the Leader responded to questions relating to:

- Llanrumney Regeneration Scheme Update

Cardiff Economic Outlook

32 : NOTICE OF MOTION - 1

The Lord Mayor noted that a Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Thomson and seconded by Councillor Moultrie had been received for consideration. One Amendment had been received from the Liberal Democrat Group.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Thomson to propose the motion as follows:

This Council deplores the economic chaos wrought by the Chancellor's September 'mini-budget' which resulted in

- *Sterling crashing to its lowest ever value against the dollar, pushing up the cost of imports*
- *Interest rate rises and the withdrawal of hundreds of mortgage products*
- *Liquidity threats to several major pension schemes, prompting a multi-billion, taxpayer-backed, Bond buy by the Bank of England to "restore market functioning"*

all of which directly worsened the already significant impact of the Cost of Living Crisis on Cardiff residents.

The Council notes with concern that the 'mini-budget' provided no new support for public services, and further notes that the subsequent decision to postpone the Spending Review will result in a significant real-terms cut to Council budgets, at a time when we are dealing with both unprecedented inflationary pressures and a surge in demand for services, noting as well that £300 million has already been cut from this Council's budget as a result of a decade of austerity.

In particular, the Council expresses extreme concern that the budget gap facing the Council in the next financial year now stands at £53 million, and will result in deep cuts unless the UK Government commits to properly funding public services in all 4 nations.

The Council welcomes the work Cardiff Council is undertaking to best support residents at this challenging time - including establishing warm spaces in our hubs, strengthening money advice and into work services, expanding support to help homelessness, and the establishment of a Cost of Living Taskforce to co-ordinate help with other partners - but also recognises that even more help will be needed if the UK Government fails (as threatened) to increase benefits in line with inflation.

The Council resolves

- *To declare a Cost of Living emergency in recognition of the unprecedented financial pressures facing residents and Council services*
- *To promote and publicise the support the Council and partners are offering in response to the crisis*
- *To condemn the Government's recent mishandling of the UK economy, and to call on the Prime Minister and Chancellor to properly fund Public Services including Councils*
- *To support the principle that those most able to pay – whether individuals or corporations - should shoulder the greatest burden in responding to the Cost of Living Crisis and balancing the nations' finances*
- *To request Cabinet provide the Council with a regular updates as to the impact of the Cost of Living crisis on the delivery of Council services, and on our work to help the most vulnerable in our City*

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Councillor Thomson confirmed that the amendment as proposed by Councillor Carter and seconded by Councillor Taylor was accepted in part.

The Amended Motion to read:

This Council deplores the economic chaos wrought by Brexit and the Chancellor's September 'mini-budget' which resulted in

- Sterling crashing to its lowest ever value against the dollar, pushing up the cost of imports
- Interest rate rises and the withdrawal of hundreds of mortgage products
- Liquidity threats to several major pension schemes, prompting a multi-billion, taxpayer-backed, Bond buy by the Bank of England to "restore market functioning" all of which directly worsened the already significant impact of the Cost of Living Crisis on Cardiff residents.

The Council notes with concern that the 'mini-budget' provided no new support for public services, and further notes that the subsequent decision to postpone the Spending Review will result in a significant real-terms cut to Council budgets, at a time when we are dealing with both unprecedented inflationary pressures and a surge in demand for services, noting as well that £300 million has already been cut from this Council's budget as a result of a decade of austerity.

In particular, the Council expresses extreme concern that the budget gap facing the Council in the next financial year now stands at £53 million, and will result in deep cuts unless the UK and Welsh Governments commit to properly funding public services.

The Council welcomes the work Cardiff Council is undertaking to best support residents at this challenging time - including establishing warm spaces in our hubs, strengthening money advice and into work services, expanding support to help homelessness, and the establishment of a Cost of Living Taskforce to co-ordinate help with other partners - but also recognises that even more help will be needed if the UK Government fails (as threatened) to increase benefits in line with inflation.

The Council resolves

- To declare a Cost of Living emergency in recognition of the unprecedented financial pressures facing residents and Council services
- To promote and publicise the support the Council and partners are offering in response to the crisis
- To condemn the UK Government's recent mishandling of the UK economy and the disastrous hard Brexit and to call on the Prime Minister and Chancellor to properly fund Public Services including Councils

- To support the principle that those most able to pay – whether individuals or corporations - should shoulder the greatest burden in responding to the Cost of Living Crisis and balancing the nations' finances
- To request Cabinet provide the Council with a regular updates as to the impact of the Cost of Living crisis on the delivery of Council services, and on our work to help the most vulnerable in our City

The motion was formally seconded by Councillor Moultire

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the amended Motion.

The Lord Mayor called Councillor Thomson to respond to the debate.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the Substantive Motion.

The Vote on the Substantive Motion was CARRIED.

33 : NOTICE OF MOTION - 2

The Lord Mayor noted that a Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Lewis and seconded by Councillor Jackie Jones had been received for consideration.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Lewis to propose the motion as follows:

Since the arrival of SS Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks on 22nd June 1948, the people, now affectionately known as the Windrush Generation, are those who answered the call of the UK to help rebuild a war torn and battle-weary country.

Many of the Windrush Generation settled and were welcomed in Cardiff, with the expectation of being in Cardiff for generations. Despite being settled for decades, many have been negatively impacted by the new Nationalities and Borders Act 2022.

Council notes Cllr Ebrahim's motion passed by Cardiff Council in October 2018 calling upon the Council's Cabinet to explore how best the Council can provide advice, help and support to those individuals and their families affected by the negative impact of the 2014 Immigration Act, which encouraged them to come forward so that the Council can help secure their right to remain in the UK and allow them to live here in Cardiff, confident of their immigration status.

Cardiff Council supports the passing of a Windrush Act at Westminster which:

- Places a duty on public bodies to reduce race disparities for outcomes in their work as exposed by the*
- UK Government's Race Disparity Audit and the Cardiff Race Equality Task Force Report.*

- c. *Establishes a Commonwealth community cohesion fund, which will come from existing budgets, for the development of projects for the residents of UK and the Commonwealth to tackle disparities and rebuild social and economic ties of communities damaged by the Windrush scandal such as those communities in Cardiff.*

Since the Cardiff Race Equality Task Force Report marks ‘the beginning of our city’s efforts to end long-standing racial injustices for good’ and provides a road map to implementing the goal of (inter alia) ‘creating a more equal capital city across our public services, voluntary sector and within our communities’, in line with the Welsh Government’s Anti-Racist Nation by 2030 policy:

The Council RESOLVES:

To support the passing of a UK Windrush Act that supports Cardiff residents.

To appoint a Windrush Lead Member on the Council who will:

- a. *Advocate for families impacted by Windrush and current legislation.*
- b. *Provide a first point of support for Cardiff victims of the Windrush scandal and those negatively affected by the Nationalities and Borders Act 2022.*
- c. *To promote and support a network of legal, social and voluntary sector organisations to provide an effective service for Cardiff residents affected by the Windrush Scandal and the Nationalities and Borders Act.*

To raise our awareness of the impact of the new Nationalities and Borders Act 2022 on communities.

The motion was formally seconded by Councillor Jackie Jones

The Lord Mayor invited debate on the amended Motion.

The Lord Mayor called Councillor Lewis to respond to the debate.

The Lord Mayor called for a vote on the Motion.

The Vote on the Motion was CARRIED

34 : ORAL QUESTIONS

Councillor Driscoll to Councillor De’Ath

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 electric buses take place?

Reply – Councillor De’Ath

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This is great news for the city, we are hoping this money will buy between 40 and 50 buses, inflation permitting. We have not distributed the grants yet so we don't know precisely which companies will get the buses. I would strongly suspect we will be using both the stations you've mentioned. The average electric bus takes 8 hours to charge but once it's charged it can go for 160 miles; so it won't need to top up at stations in the way you are suggesting. At the depot is the most appropriate for buses to be charged rather than points around the city.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Driscoll

Can you confirm how much the contribution towards the buses was from the UK Government; and in the event there was to be a power cut, which could possibly happen we are told in the future, are there contingencies plans in place to charge the electric buses, and will this involve diesel-powered generators?

Reply – Councillor De'Ath

The money is £8 million we have got from the Welsh Government, that's where it's been issued from. Again, we don't know precisely which companies will get this money for electric buses so I can't comment on any particular contingencies they will have, but how the buses are powered is something we're taking a great interest in; we're currently engaging with operators to see where they source their electricity because obviously we want them to use the most sustainable methods possible.

Councillor Molik to Councillor Wild

Should one night of rainfall lead to significant flooding and closure of roads in a capital city like Cardiff?

Reply – Councillor Wild

We discussed it in the chamber last time; the impacts of climate change feel very real on cities like Cardiff. Flash flooding is very extreme and our drains often can't cope with the speed of downfall, which in turn leads to ponding, and that is exacerbated in autumn when we have a lot of leaf fall around. Whilst we can't control the weather, we can't control where the rain falls, we are working hard to put in place mitigations on drainage. Various sustainable drainage schemes you will have seen around the city centre; new developments have them, you've seen them in Wood Street, Cathays Place, places like Canton. So things we can do around sustainable drainage we are, but it's the realities of flash flooding, it will cause disruption.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Molik

Residents in wards like Cyncoed and Lakeside certainly take pride in their surroundings and do play their part, and would certainly support removing leaves. However, my concern is, is it safe for residents to do that. My supplementary question is, are we now asking residents to be clearing drain ways, and how often are drains checked throughout the year, in particular as you mentioned during leaf fall season?

Reply – Councillor Wild

In terms of collecting leaf fall, I've been part of schemes in my ward for 7 years where residents have gone out and swept leaves, and I've never known of any safety issues in all of that time, and they do it all weekends throughout the autumn. In terms of clearing leaves, I don't think it's anything new; I think people have swept around their

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drains for years, and it's a good bit of community work. And if people could do that it's really going to help them; I don't really care about publicity and the politics of it if it's going to stop people's homes from flooding. But the idea that our services can get to every drain when the leaves come down one night in the whole of Cardiff; it's not going to happen, it's not a realistic expectation. So absolutely, if people can help uncover drains I would very much encourage them to do so, and I'd ask if you could do the same because I don't want people's houses flooded.

Councillor Ali to Councillor Thomas

Can the Leader make a statement on the rationale to lease a parcel of land at Hailey Park to Welsh Water?

Reply – Councillor Thomas

I'm aware that both you and Councillor Burke-Davies have been working hard to represent the concerns held by some of your residents on this matter. I know that you are also aware that a judicial review application has been issued relating to the planning application associated with this development, so I will naturally not be committing on those matters. However, I do think it's right to clarify that Welsh Water Dwr Cymru has served a statutory notice on the Council that it intends to carry out essential pipe laying work to include a pumping station in Hailey Park, and requires access for ground surveys. Facilities like these are commonplace, and indeed there are several parks in Cardiff which already house such facilities. The particular proposal I understand will strengthen the resilience of the sewage system in the area, and in particular mitigate the risk of sewage spilling out into the environment. Welsh Water has got statutory powers to undertake works for the laying of pipes and ancillary work in third party land, and these are contained in the Water Industry Act 1991. However, relevant Council departments have been in dialogue with Welsh Water to mitigate the impact of the works on local residents and the users of Hailey Park. Whilst a negotiated lease is not a requirement for Welsh Water to exercise their statutory power of entry and carry out works, formalising the statutory occupation via a lease could allow the Council to have greater input into aspects such as ongoing access to the works and to the impact on the Council's adjoining or neighbouring land. To reiterate and clarify, Welsh Water do not need a lease to access the land in question to carry out the planned work, but the Council believe using such a lease could allow us to better mitigate the impact on the wider park. I can confirm that we will not conclude such an agreement until the matter of the judicial review is settled.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Ali

Can you clarify the position for the local ward councillors during the legal proceeding.

Reply – Councillor Thomas

I think it's best for me to do so probably via the Monitoring Officer and in writing so that it's absolutely clear what you're able to say and do on the matter.

Councillor Robson to Councillor Burke-Davies

Grassroots 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 temporarily losing a pitch. Does the Cabinet Member agree that this is a serious and ongoing problem in Cardiff?

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Reply – Councillor Burke-Davies

I disagree agree with your assessment of the situation. The service the Council continues to deliver is discretionary, and the maintenance of the pitch stock are not insignificant. Notwithstanding this we strive to deliver the best possible playing surfaces within the budget envelope. The Council also works in partnership with local leagues and governing bodies and has mechanisms in place for liaison through which such issues can be raised. Given the current and future financial challenges faced by the Council partnership working is becoming increasingly important and the Council has over time worked with clubs to achieve pitch and facilities improvements through asset transfer processes and grant awards. I suggest that any specific clubs who experience issues should report those to the Council. We would be happy to continue to work in partnership and if they bring those reports to us they would be pushing on an open door.

Councillor Hopkins to Councillor Merry

Data on percentage attendance in primary and secondary schools outlined the Annual Wellbeing 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?

Reply – Councillor Merry

Last year school attendance was affected by Covid for a range of reasons. For example, attendance reviews carried out by the Education Welfare Service found anxiety to be a considerable barrier to attendance. Subsequent lockdowns during the pandemic resulted in heightening of previous anxiety and mental health issues, together with further entrenched attitudes to poor attendance and the emergence of a more casual approach to attendance by some families. To address these challenges, the Council has been working with schools to conduct persistent absence reviews in every school to identify and prioritise those pupils with poor attendance under 50% or who have failed to return to school. Fixed Penalty Notices for non-school attendance have also been reinstated from the start of the Autumn term. We have deployed additional Education Welfare Officer resources until March 2023 using Welsh Government funding and have developed a communications campaign brief, in consultation with headteachers, that emphasises and reinforces the importance of good school attendance. All this work will be further reinforced by the reinstatement of statutory attendance returns by the Welsh Government this year.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Hopkins

I think we all can recall that during the worst of the pandemic, concerns were expressed in all corners of the chamber about the impact on our most vulnerable learners of the pandemic. The attendance data in the Annual Wellbeing Report is overall attendance data, but it's highly likely that the attendance of our more vulnerable groups is likely to be an even greater cause for concern, you can see that to a degree in the figures relating to the attendance of Children Looked After in secondary schools. Can you confirm that this element of the data is also being looked at in particular, and is being given a high priority in discussions with schools leaders?

Reply – Councillor Merry

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I'm sure you will understand that non-attendance will be very individual to pupils but it will also follow certain trends and patterns as well, both of which will be explored with the schools. The aim is to have personalised plans but still to pick up that data that cuts across.

Councillor Lewis to Councillor Lister

Can the Cabinet Member outline what work is being done to recruit and retain staff in Children's Services?

Reply – Councillor Lister

We have a workforce strategy in Children's Services which is designed to support the recruitment and retention of social workers and social work assistants which is based on prudent social work, so we're making sure that only social workers are doing what social workers should be doing, and looking to other posts to support those as much as possible. In addition to that we've got a market supplement that we use, we've got a range of initiatives such as Practice Development Week which is taking place this week to support learning and development across the service area, as well as using practice leads to support that development throughout the year. We've relaunched the newsletter to make sure that we're celebrating good news throughout Children's Services, and we're working with universities to attract student social workers as much as possible so we can bring them into Cardiff to do their training where they're more likely to stay on.

Supplementary Question – Councillor Lewis

As we are social care staff are under phenomenal pressure with increasing demand and heightened media scrutiny. What can the Council do to support them?

Reply – Cllr Lister

Thank you for highlighting the immense pressure that staff are under, as I mentioned earlier on during the debate on the Local Authority Social Services Annual Report, the staff are under immense pressure but they are doing fantastic things, and I think one thing we can all do as politicians and members in this chamber is actually celebrate that work, celebrate the good things that are being done to support children and young people and their families to stay together where it's possible, where it's safe to do so, and really shout about that good work from the roof tops. I make sure I'm doing that every month in my statements, and I just appreciate if members can support me in that and share good practice and good news stories whenever we can.

Councillor Driscoll to Councillor Goodway

What were the annual bills for utilities at County Hall and Wilcox House in the two years prior to lockdown, and how do these compare to the years during the periods of lockdown?

Reply – Cllr Thomas on behalf of Cllr Goodway

The costs for gas, electricity and water for 2018/19 and 2019/20, prior to the pandemic, were £455k and £510k respectively for County Hall. Staff use of County Hall through the pandemic was significantly reduced; however, due to ventilation requirements and limitations on the ability to zone heating and lighting, this meant that savings during the pandemic were limited for County Hall. This is demonstrated by costs for 2020/21 being £454k. 2021/22 saw an increase in staff use of County

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Hall as restrictions were relaxed; however, the rising cost of utilities has meant that costs have returned close to the pre-pandemic level with utilities for 2021/22 costing £484k. For Wilcox House the costs for gas, electricity and water for 2018/19 and 2019/20, prior to the pandemic, were £125k and £137k respectively. The office building was largely vacated in 2020/21 due to the pandemic and was only occupied by the Alarm Receiving Centre. The utilities costs for 2020/21 and 2021/22 were £150k and £111k respectively. Water consumption and charges reduced across both sites during the pandemic and have not returned to pre-pandemic levels.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Driscoll

I wanted to make the point that a lot of our staff are working from home and there's concern that somebody's going to be paying their bills and they're transferring what they would have used in electricity to their home. I just wanted to be certain that - I know there is some consumption from government to them from working from home - but I just wanted to see if we're doing everything we can to support those workers with their energy bills while they're working from home.

Reply - Cllr Thomas

We engage regularly with trade union colleagues on such matters, clearly central to that will be a fair pay deal, and all the indications are from the two main trade unions that we are moving in that direction across a nationally negotiated pay settlement. There is clearly the tax refund that can be claimed via HMRC, and I'd obviously encourage all our staff who are eligible to do so. Of course, there are benefits and savings from working from home not just costs, for example the cost of commuting, and savings sometimes related to childcare as well. I think there's a degree of balancing out, but we're very much closely engaged with the trade unions to continue to monitor the situation.

Councillor Molik to Councillor De'Ath

Is our city centre becoming out of bounds for our buses?

Reply – Cllr De'Ath

Thank you Councillor, this week I myself have personally caught a bus from the city centre, I think Cllr Bradbury has caught one almost every day for the past month or so, a very regular public transport user, so I have to say evidently not.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Molik

Forty minutes on a Saturday for a bus to get from Albany Road aiming to get to town, people dropped off on Richmond Road because the bus simply could not get onto Newport Road. Despite this delay, the reduced bus service into the city centre will have a knock-on impact on the footfall of our city centre, and thereby on the businesses. Do you think that have some of the decisions taken regarding the transport infrastructure in our city centre need to be reversed, i.e. removal of bus lanes forcing buses to be stuck amongst motorists.

Reply – Cllr De'Ath

Do I think we should remove bus lanes, make it easier for buses? No, no. At the moment there's obviously a lot of work going on in the city centre isn't there, there's £25m of infrastructure going in as I said in my statement, there's lots of changes that will ultimately make it easier, when they're finished, for buses to traverse around our

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city centre, along with our brilliant new bus station. So things are going in the right direction; it will get better and better to use a bus in Cardiff.

Councillor Owen Jones to Councillor Lister

What support does the Council provide to new parents across Cardiff?

Reply – Cllr Lister

I do think you need to declare an interest on this one. All parents expecting a baby in Cardiff can access a number of support programmes from Cardiff Parenting. Programmes available range from GoBrain and GoBrain Toddler, which support emotional development and the experiences for both parents and baby between 0 and 3 years; there's also Mellow Dads-to-be project which supports dads-to-be in terms of what it means to actually become a parent, how babies communicate and the role that dads have to play to make sure that we've got positive role models in their lives. We've also got a Circle of Security programme which is a relationship-based programme which has recently started. It lasts over 8 weeks for parents of 4-month-old to 8 years old, to make sure the parents can develop that understanding of their relationship with their child.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Jones

The fact that some of that is news to me probably should mean that we should advertise it more because I'm invested. Probably in my position, possibly slightly outside your portfolio, free coffee around the city might go down very well with new parents, but thank you.

Reply – Cllr Lister

Definitely I've recently extended an invite to the Leader to come and view some of the parenting programmes which we do offer, just to make sure that we are talking about them as much as possible, and making sure they tie in as much as possible with the Flying Start expansion, and just making sure that parents across the city know what support is available to them, and I hope your little son is doing well too.

Councillor McEvoy to Councillor De'Ath

Could the Cabinet member give an update on Cardiff Council's cycling policy?

Reply – Cllr De'Ath

Really pleased you're asking me about cycling, I hope it's something I can engage with you positively on. Our policy on cycling is essentially set out in the White Paper which is to deliver an integrated network of cycle lanes. We're also doing loads of stuff around schools and that kind of thing which I shall be reading out in the form of a list in answer to the next question which I'm being asked.

Supplementary Question – Cllr McEvoy

My question is quite specific, it's one aspect of policy which really does concern me a lot. Talking of children earlier, my son is 3, he loves walking, obviously we try to keep them as close as possible when they're walking with us; but I'm really concerned walking in town, to the point of in fear. My boy is 3, there are elderly people walking, and there are bikes cycling at 20mph down Queen Street, down St Mary Street, down High Street, and I really fear that somebody's going to get.. I should have said at the beginning - will you undertake to do something about it, please.

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Reply – Cllr De’Ath

I think to be fair that’s a fair point Neil, I don’t know if you follow South Wales Police on Twitter, literally I think in the past 5 days they’ve launched a series of patrols, trying to crack down precisely on this kind of extremely antisocial behaviour, so I certainly support anything we can do to support them tackle this.

Councillor Lancaster to Councillor De’Ath

What is the Council doing to promote walking to and from schools?

Reply – Cllr De’Ath

The Council’s Active Travel Schools Team offers support to all schools in Cardiff on the development and implementation of School Active Travel Plans. This includes:

- Support with the promotion of active travel through the school curriculum.
- Walk to school initiatives including the Living Streets WoW Tracker scheme.
- Provision of covered bike shelters and scooter parking.
- Provision of bespoke bicycle fleets for cycle training and curricula-based activities, through the Cardiff Schools Bike Fleet initiative – 105 schools and other education settings have taken up Bike Fleet so far.
- Our annual programme of cycle training and pedestrian training delivered by the school’s Road Safety Education team.
- Delivery of the School Streets programme with schemes now in place serving 16 schools.
- Improving the highway environment within the vicinity of schools to make active journeys to school easier and safer – this includes the introduction of additional parking restrictions and using CCTV camera enforcement of School Keep Clear and zebra crossing zig-zag markings.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Lancaster

As a governor of Llanishen High, we want to encourage pupils to walk if possible, using the Council’s prescribed Safe Walking Routes. However, neither my fellow governors nor the teachers have been able to find out what these safe routes are. I have made enquiries of the Council and have also drawn a blank. Will the Cabinet Member commit to publishing all safe walking routes to all Cardiff schools, in a manner which is easily accessible for pupils and parents?

Reply – Cllr De’Ath

I will absolutely look into this and see how we can engage on it to give you the information you need.

Councillor Berman to Councillor Burke-Davies

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?

Reply – Cllr Burke-Davies

I don't there's a precise model that's used, broadly speaking I think it's specific to the circumstances. I know that you've had recent correspondence with officers in regard to Scholars Way in your ward, and it's not uncommon for such an arrangement to be trialled first and then base a consultation off the results of that trial. The trial itself is to test the arrangements and has generated responses from within the local community. Historically there have been a number of trials in your ward dating back to 2010, and other wards have had such arrangements that have led to a permanent locking regime or the continuation of a non-locked regime, but that again is dependent on the result of a trial as it comes forward. My expectation would be that the arrangements for any locking trail regime is communicated using signage on the entrances to the site prior to the trial commencing, which was the case in this instance. Off the back of the trial that's happening at the moment, you and your ward colleagues would be engaged to let you know what the outcome was and where we go from there.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Berman

I'm just really interested Cllr Burke-Davies if you could perhaps look at the process because I think there is an element of consultation that is lacking from it at the moment in that before the scheme was put in on a trial basis, there was no notification to residents, there was no consultation with the residents in the wider area as to whether they were happy with this going ahead, there was no proposal that came to us as local councillors before that trial took place; albeit I have lobbied on behalf of a resident who wanted to see it taken forward, but I'd anticipated that there would be a consultation first. So could you just look at the whole process because it's made it difficult for some residents who now find they have a longer walking route for instance to get to bus stops, to get to the local supermarket, and I think they would have liked to have had their say before they suddenly found that the gates were locked and they couldn't get through at certain times. So as I say could we look again at the whole process, because I think we need to do far more consultation when we're talking proposals like this forward.

Reply – Cllr Burke-Davies

I take your point to a degree but I think what we'd end up in a situation of doing then is consulting on the consultation. This process here is to inform what's going to come forward off the back of it. I do think communication could be better and I'll hold my hands up to that. That's broadly in every aspect of life, I don't think we communicate particularly well these days because of digital and what not. I think there's conversations you could have face to face and I would endeavour to do that with you off the back of the consultation that takes place. In particular this is a different beast to what's happening in consultations with other parks, for example there was quite an extensive consultation in regard to locking regimes at Roath Pleasure Gardens and Parc Cefn On and we engaged with a third party and it was very extensive, and obviously we discussed the outcome of that consultation. This for me is different, because the results of this consultation process and how it works will then be brought forward to you and members of the public to see if we want to take it forward. But I do take your point about better communication.

Councillor Lay to Councillor Thorne

Can the member please advise me if the Local Neighbourhood Regeneration scheme is still running and available for members to bid for?

Reply – Cllr Thorne

The Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes Programme is a member-led city-wide regeneration programme, which delivers a wide range of improvements in local communities. We are currently in the final year of a 3-year programme and five agreed schemes are being delivered. There is a small amount of funding in 2023/24 within the capital programme to launch a new programme to gather project ideas and design a small number of schemes, and it is our intention to launch a new competitive round next month. Ideas put forward for consideration will be assessed against programme criteria and the highest scoring schemes will be prioritised in line with available funding. The assessment criteria will focus on regeneration benefits, environmental impact, community involvement and match funding.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Lay

Can the member please tell us when will members be informed about the launch?

Reply – Cllr Thorne

Funnily enough I was talking to officers this week about it and members will be informed by email very shortly, and I know that officers are looking to set up a drop-in session where members can come in and find out all about the schemes and how they work and how they can put forward a bid; and I've asked them to do that, perhaps late Monday afternoon when most groups hold their group meetings prior to Council so a lot of councillors will be around.

Councillor Williams to Councillor De'Ath

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.

Reply – Cllr De'Ath

As I said before, I am genuinely sympathetic to people who live on the edge of the city in terms of the bus services; it needs to be better, needs to be regular, etc. But I must say to you, I'm sorry to break this to you as a proud capitalist, but this is what happens though when you leave things to the vagaries of the market. The reason we can't intervene and regulate the bus service in the way we'd like is because of Margaret Thatcher's 1985 Transport Act. I get asked this question every month Joel, and I give very similar answers; Welsh Government are planning a series of interventions, none of which are at all Thatcherite.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Williams

Oh my gosh, it's Margaret Thatcher's fault is it, that's why there aren't buses in Old St Mellons, oh my gosh. You know my supplementary question is: we give planning permission for the St Ederyn's development, and our Supplementary Planning Guidance doesn't allow us to have sufficient off-road parking because we say residents are going to be made to use the bus, yet the buses just aren't there for them to use. Therefore they have no other option than to own a car, and that causes antisocial parking. So I'll put the question to you again: how can we have a Local

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Development Plan predicated on a 50-50 modal split when the buses just aren't there for new developments let alone existing communities?

Reply – Cllr De'Ath

Obviously Welsh Government are working on franchising, we ourselves are publishing a bus strategy going forward, so we're trying to clear up the mess the buses have been in for the past 30 years.

Councillor Shimmin to Councillor Burke-Davies

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?

Reply – Cllr Burke-Davies

It's really important to secure a sustainable future for St David's hall as the national concert hall for Wales, and it remains a commitment for this administration. We need to consider all options if we are to address the significant maintenance works and investments required, which need to be addressed at St David's Hall. Any future decision, as detailed in our Stronger, Fairer, Greener policy statement, will ensure that St David's Hall retains its position as a world-class auditorium that can continue to play a pivotal role in Cardiff's musical ecology.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Shimmin

Can the administration commit right now to ensuring that all interested groups, users and organisations are properly and fully identified, and directly consulted on any change to ownership or management of St David's Hall?

Reply – Cllr Burke-Davies

I think that's an absolutely fair question, I don't think you've spoken out of turn at all, and I think in continuing to ensure this is a world-class venue that we have to do that and we have to make that commitment.

Councillor Ebrahim to Councillor Thorne

Can the cabinet member provide an explanation outlining how Cardiff Council are working with partner organisations to remove all drug paraphernalia around the city?

Reply – Cllr Thorne

I know you agree with me that drug litter is a serious concern and extremely alarming and distressing for the public. Operationally, Cleansing Service staff are trained to safely collect needles. They respond quickly to drug litter reports, proactively cleanse hotspots and work closely with other organisations with a maintenance function, such as FOR Cardiff in the city centre and the Welsh Government in Butetown. Strategically, prevention and addressing the root causes of drug use in public spaces is a better long-term approach. Drug users often present with traumatic backgrounds and embedded dependencies, but can be supported by our multi-disciplinary approach in Cardiff involving the Council, University Health Board, Police and third sector. Representatives from partner organisations also meet regularly via the Street Based Lifestyle and Complex Needs group, which ensures joint working and currently supports new outreach work by the Cardiff & Vale Drugs and Alcohol

Service to engage directly with drug users and encourage engagement with the services available.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Ebrahim

Can the cabinet member explain how the partnership is working to remove paraphernalia from public land not owned by Cardiff Council?

Reply – Cllr Thorne

If we details of concerns about drug litter on Council or private land, Cleansing Service staff will remove the drug litter, and then advise the landowner to secure the area or employ a suitable contractor to remove the items if there is any re-occurrence. If you have any instances please do get in touch and we can make sure it's dealt with.

Councillor Williams to Councillor Wild

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 that "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?

Reply – Cllr Wild

Members, nothing makes me more angry and all of us angry than when people dump rubbish in their communities, bags and flytipping, and I believe in this instance the flytipping, once it was reported, it was collected within 24 hours. I would remind all of the importance of that reporting; get it on the app, we can get it picked up with our hardworking staff. In terms of the second part of the question, and your opposition to the Arena, I'm genuinely shocked. I understand it may have been a tough week for the member in terms of his political allegiances, but I didn't realise he had now joined the Anti-growth Coalition. But in all seriousness, and I think it's only fair, it's confusing enough for us all sometimes in politics Cllr Williams; but I wonder whether you'd confirm, it seems you're now opposed to the Arena, is this the position of your party, have you had conversations with the leader of your party who's been a strong supporter of the Arena for a number of years and has worked well with us on that? Cllr Driscoll, I wondered whether he's confirmed with you the position of your party, given your spokesperson for culture and the arts Cllr Jayne Cowan, and finances. So Cllr Williams I wonder if you'd confirm for us all, tough times but I wonder if you'd set the record straight?

Supplementary Question – Cllr Williams

Well, I'll have to take soundings from my group on the Arena. From my new group maybe. But quite frankly my supplementary question is this: it stinks that the national press to get involved to get a huge amount of flytipping outside people's homes

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collected in Cardiff. My question to the Cabinet Member is this: does he think it is acceptable for flytipping to go on for 7 weeks in a residential area, and then only be collected once the national press are informed? I've been advised it was reported long before that by local residents and no action was taken.

Reply – Cllr Wild

It was telling with the member that he chose to look around to his group; didn't ask to speak to his leader about his position on the Arena which is, and I've heard him speak before about his respect for all people in the Chamber, I'm not sure he has respect for his own group to be frank. In terms of the national press, what I'm interested in Cllr is, did you report this or were you more interested in Twitter, national press; you seem so excited about the mess and I'm wondering whether you actually reported this at the same time, that's what we'd be interested to know. We need to get it reported, but absolutely do I not think it is acceptable for flytipping, for this kind of waste. Our staff work really hard to get it cleaned on time; we'll keep reporting it and we'll keep supporting our staff as we get these problems dealt with.

Councillor Taylor to Councillor Thorne

Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the operation of the begging protocol agreed with South Wales Police?

Reply – Cllr Thorne

Cllr Taylor, I refer you to the answer already provided to your Written Question.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Taylor

I wonder if you would clarify what the Written Response actually says though, because the first sentence says that South Wales Police are developing an initiative called Operation Luscombe, and then the second sentence says South Wales Police aren't introducing Operation Luscombe; because when you made the statement in July to Council, it was said categorically that Operation Luscombe was being introduced, and then I received a call from South Wales Police days after to say that was not true. I raised my concerns last time about the impact of compounding trauma on people who are experiencing homelessness, and punitive measures to tackle homelessness. So you can just clarify: is Operation Luscombe being introduced; if it's not Operation Luscombe, is a new begging protocol being introduced in the city?

Reply – Cllr Thorne

I think there's probably a difference between South Wales Police looking at it and what's happening in Cardiff, and what I said in my statement is correct; we have a different approach, and South Wales Police are working with our outreach team. We want to make sure that we provide all the support we can and understand why people are begging, and work with the multi-disciplinary team to try and address that. So I apologise if there's been any confusion.

Councillor Humphreys for Councillor Kaaba to Councillor Thomas

Could the Leader update the Council on what policy decisions the administration have taken over the last 49 days?

Reply – Cllr Thomas

It has been a very busy 7 weeks has it not? Notwithstanding the national period of mourning for the death of Her Majesty the Queen, we have been very busy, taking for example in September decisions on the new Recycling Strategy, the Annual Property Plan, as well as the revised procurement of a construction contract to deliver our Coastal Risk Management Programme. We also approved SOP provision for children and young people with Additional Learning Needs, Complex Learning Needs and Autism Spectrum Condition Provision for Primary and Secondary Aged Pupils. Last week Cabinet considered the Annual Wellbeing Report, the Local Authority Social Services Annual Report and the Sixth Cardiff LDP Annual Monitoring Report, all of which we considered today at Council also. We've also taken decisions in relation to:

- The review of the Leisure Services contract with GLL;
- Our Socially Responsible Procurement Strategy 2022-27;
- The redeclaration of the Cathays Additional Licensing Scheme;
- The implementation of the Renting Homes Wales Act 2016;
- The Llanrumney Regeneration Scheme;
- Commitments to Unpaid Carers;
- The Cardiff Electric Bus Scheme;
- And of course, preliminary work for what is anticipated to be an extremely difficult Budget settlement.

So others may have been, I won't say partying, they were doing partying before weren't they; but certainly in local government here in Cardiff it's been a very busy 7 weeks.

Supplementary Question – Cllr Humphreys

It's good to hear that our Stronger, Fairer, Greener is being delivered at such a pace. Does the Leader agree with me and however share my frustration in contrast with the chaos we have witnessed from the Conservative Government, at a time when people in my ward of Ely and across the country are crying out for decisive action and support in this cost of living crisis?

Reply – Cllr Thomas

I absolutely do Cllr Humphreys, and I think it's really important for us to keep in mind; we may joke in this Chamber and we may look at the antics and theatre in Westminster, but it is our constituents in ward like Ely, like in my ward of Splott, who are at the sharp end of the economic carnage that has been unleashed over the last 7 weeks by the Tory Government. But I think we also need to remember it's not just the last 7 weeks is it? We had that carousel over the summer, an election, a leadership contest that provided the worst possible outcome; and even before that we had a prime minister Boris Johnson more interested in covering himself and his actions during Partygate, rather than responding to what most normal people could see as an emerging crisis. I look at how other countries in Western Europe have responded to this crisis - and there are some global factors at play - none of them are facing the type of austerity, the type of cuts, and indeed the cost of living pressures that we are now facing in this country.

Councillor McGarry to Councillor Michael

Firework Night and the days surrounding it cause great stress to pets, other animals and people. What current powers does the Council have to restrict the use of or ban fireworks?

Reply – Cllr Michael

The legal controls on the supply of fireworks fall under UK Government consumer protection law. Retailers are only permitted to sell consumer fireworks to the public and not professional grade ones, and unless the business has a special licence to supply fireworks all year round, supply is restricted to just four periods during the year, including the run up to Bonfire Night and New Year. In addition, regulations prohibit the supply of fireworks to consumers where the noise level is greater than 120 decibels. Shared Regulatory Services carries out checks annually to ensure that suppliers are complying with the relevant firework safety legislation, including age controls. There is no requirement for organised firework displays to be licensed by the Council; however, there is an expectation that the necessary risk assessments will be in place to enable the event to take place safely.

Councillor Boes to Councillor Wild

Is there currently any presence of Keep Wales Tidy within schools, to encourage local children to litter pick and address the amount of litter in streets adjacent to schools and draw attention to the impact of littering?

Reply – Cllr Wild

There is an Eco-Schools programme run by Keep Wales Tidy; it's designed to empower and inspire young people to make positive environmental changes in their school and in the wider community, and it also builds on their skills, numeracy and literacy, encompassing Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship. There are a number of Eco-Schools already in Cardiff; I'd suggest it would be worth getting in touch with them. The project is part of a number of exciting projects in this field across Cardiff. We hope that every school in Cardiff will be signing the One Planet Pledge, where they will have their own plan. This pledge has been designed with young people. I was in the Chamber a couple of weeks ago, taking part in a debate with the Youth Council, and Cllr Merry and myself are really looking forward to seeing the progress of the schools, and I'm sure all of you with schools in your wards will be in touch with them about those One Planet Pledges and see how it can link in with the local community.

Councillor Moultrie to Councillor Wild

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?

Reply – Cllr Wild

The really impressive school, St Phillip Evans Primary School, signed up via Cardiff Commitment's Curriculum Team to participate in this project, the Circular Economy Network, a network of projects linked to Cardiff Metropolitan University, Celsa Steel, and our One Planet Cardiff team. I heard those teachers really passionate about climate change, they were saying how passionate the pupils were, and I've also agreed to meet them again to hear more about their ideas. The biggest role the Council can play with circular economy is to do with our recycling strategy, what we

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do with our materials; it's really exciting to see young people realise and actually these communities helping them because they'll be the future green jobs, and if we can collect all that waste and get this stuff sorted by the time these young people are through and they've learnt these skills, green jobs, then we'll hope there'll be a repurposing remanufacturing industry, and again it's really good Cllr that you've got involved in this and really trying to push this with the school.

Councillor Humphreys to Councillor De'Ath

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

Reply – Cllr De'Ath

I imagine this is really irritating for your residents. Officers have been out, I understand it's a particular group of cars that have been parking at these locations which have now gone, which is good news. But the problem we have is that there aren't actually Traffic Regulation Orders prohibiting people parking so we're looking to put those in as soon as it's feasible and hopefully that should stop the problem.

35 : URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

36 : COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

To receive nominations and make appointments to current committee vacancies as set out in the report and in accordance with the approved allocation of seats and political group wishes.

RESOLVED: The Council AGREED to receive nominations and appoint to the vacancies on Committees, in accordance with the Party Group wishes, as set out in Table A and on the Amendment Sheet.

37 : APPOINTMENT OF PARENT GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES TO CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Council was requested to appoint parent governor representatives to the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee to fill two vacancies.

RESOLVED: The Council AGREED to approve the appointments of Bridgid Corr and Celeste Lewis as parent governor representatives on the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee, each for a two year term commencing on 27 October 2022.

38 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17 (f) received for consideration together with the responses as a record in the minutes of the meeting