

**COUNCIL, 26 JANUARY 2023 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

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

W1

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES**

Will new residents still be able to use the current green recycling bags while they await delivery of their caddies and bags as part of the new recycling regime and, if not, what does the Council advise they do to maintain recycling habits?

**Reply**

Households that are part of the segregated recycling scheme will receive communications and have new sacks and caddies delivered to them for use in separating out different recyclable materials prior to the start of the scheme.

Once the new scheme has then started for these households, any former single-use, co-mingled recycling bags that are presented by households will not be collected. Any new residents within an area, where the new scheme has already started and they may be waiting to receive the red and blue sacks and blue caddy, are encouraged to instead use a suitable container for presenting their segregated dry recycling for collection, such as a re-usable shopping bag/sack or rigid plastic box, rather than a single-use bag.

Those residents who are not participating in the new scheme will continue to use their single-use green recycling bags for their mixed dry recycling.

There is no difference in the recycled items collected at the kerbside between the two schemes, apart from segregation of paper/card, containers/tins and glass, as well as the use of re-useable sacks. Whichever recycling service residents are using, it is important for the recycling to not be contaminated with food and absorbent hygiene products, which are collected separately, and items such as tissues and wet wipes that cannot be recycled. Furthermore, the cleaning of recycled items by washing tins and containers helps to support the recycling of better quality materials.

W2

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS**

Recent heavy rain has highlighted ongoing problems with drains and gullies that are blocked with silt, mud and leaves meaning that rainwater often flows over them or drains away at a very slow pace. Does the council have plans during the coming months to ensure that drains and gullies on our roads are fully cleansed to avoid a situation next autumn and winter where they are overwhelmed and road surfaces flooded?

Wouldn't such action represent an invest to save?

**Reply**

The Highways Drainage and Street Cleansing Teams undertake planned and reactive maintenance activities throughout the year. Depending on the prevailing local conditions, resources may be focused on those locations in the city that are known to be at higher risk.

While work continues throughout the drier seasons, issues such as leaf fall are seasonal and schedules are in place to deal with this and for the teams to work in conjunction with each other. When high rainfall levels are forecast, the Drainage Teams attend to known 'hot spot' locations to clear obstructions within the gullies, while the Cleansing Team carries out sweeping in order to reduce the risk of flooding caused by debris covering the tops of gullies.

In addition to these maintenance activities to clear and reduce the likelihood of gullies becoming restricted or blocked, it should be noted that highway drainage systems across the city have a set storm period for which they are designed to accommodate. Where a storm and associated rainfall levels exceed the capacity of a local system, this may inevitably result in some ponding on the highway.

Considering that, on 11-12 January 2023, the city experienced its third wettest January day on record, with 41.2mm of rain falling in just 24 hours, as well as the fact that the amount of rainfall in January had already exceeded the monthly average of 127mm after this period of rainfall, I think that the city's drainage infrastructure held up well on this occasion; however, we are very aware that we will need to deal with more of these kinds of weather events in future due to climate change.

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS**

Can the council indicate:

- what costs are being incurred to deal with missed waste collections in the financial years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 in Cyncoed and Lakeside specifically and how these compare with previous years especially in the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 financial years?
- how the number of missed collection incidents in Cyncoed and Lakeside in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 compares with 2018-2019 and 2019-2020?

**Reply**

Missed waste collections have been recovered by Collection Teams working on an overtime basis. Where practicable, missed collection requests are allocated back to Collection Teams to clear within their working day. This is not always possible and, therefore, overtime is still used to clear missed collections.

An overview of overtime costs to deal with missed collections from the past five financial years is provided below; however, these costs are not broken down by ward:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Overtime Cost</b>
2018/19	£224,000
2019/20	£244,000 ( <i>pre Covid-19 pandemic</i> )
2020/21	£168,000 ( <i>Covid-19 pandemic</i> )
2021/22	£120,000 ( <i>introduction of 4-day working</i> )
2022/23	£99,000 ( <i>to date</i> )

Missed collection data for the Cyncoed ward in the requested financial years are as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>No. of Missed Collections</b>	<b>% of Total Collections in Cyncoed**</b>
2018/19	26*	
2019/20	239	0.03%

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>No. of Missed Collections</b>	<b>% of Total Collections in Cyncoed**</b>
2021/22	441	0.06%
2022/23	418 ( <i>as of 17/01/23</i> )	0.06%

*\*The digital operational system was in its infancy and the new missed collection reporting process was not in full use, so this data is not suitable as a comparator with other years.*

*\*\*Percentage calculated on the assumption that property numbers in the Cyncoed ward have remained constant since 2018-19, with the total number of collections in the year being 732,849.*

W4

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR**

Can the Cabinet Member outline the cleansing schedule for the Allensbank Road cycle route, in particular the section running from Cathays Terrace to the Heath Pub on Whitchurch Road?

**Reply**

The cleansing schedule for the cycle route is included in the Cathays Terrace small mechanical sweeper round, which is swept once a week. However, Cleansing Services are currently reviewing the cleansing of all cycle routes across the city to establish the most effective time to cleanse and if there is a need to increase the frequency of cleansing on certain routes.

W5

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD**

How can residents who do not have a car access the services provided at the Household Waste Recycling Centres?

**Reply**

Our Household Waste Recycling Centres are used primarily for the disposal of bulky recyclable items that cannot be presented at the kerbside (e.g. pots & pans and unwanted furniture). The sites are therefore designed for use by cars and not for the deposit of smaller items by pedestrians.

Those households without cars can arrange a bulky collection for larger household waste items. In terms of the recycling of smaller household waste items, as I have set out in my Council Statement, the number of Community Recycling Zones at participating Hubs and other locations in the city is expanding and growing in success. Items such as batteries, Tetra Pak, books, CDs, DVDs, printer cartridges and small electrical items are now accepted at these locations. We are also looking to expand the number of Community Recycling Zones into other Hubs across Cardiff.

	<p>In addition, several events were held over the Christmas period to facilitate the collection and recycling of household batteries and broken or unwanted small Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) across the city. The team offered collection points in Splott, Cathays, Canton, Llanrumney and Grangetown during December 2022 and at Heath Park on 7-8 January 2023.</p>
W6	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></b></p> <p>What plans do the council have to inspect all drains in Pentwyn and Llanedeyrn?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>There are approximately 90,000 highway drainage gullies and 400km of carrier pipe for which the Council has responsibility in terms of inspection and maintenance. It is not possible for all drains within the Pentwyn ward to be inspected; however, when a report of flooding or a drainage issue is received, an investigation will be undertaken by the Flood and Coastal Risk Management (FCRM) Team. Therefore, I would urge members and residents to report any flooding incidents that they either observe or experience by contacting C2C or the FCRM Team directly by email at: <a href="mailto:FCRM@cardiff.gov.uk">FCRM@cardiff.gov.uk</a></p>
W7	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></b></p> <p>What plans do the council have to remove leaf fall from pavements and roads?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Cleansing Teams work to remove leaf fall from a schedule of pavements and roads in the city from the start of October every year for a period of three months. This schedule also includes known 'hot spot' locations impacted by leaf fall where localised flooding may cause property damage. The teams are made up of both transit teams who sweep by hand in hard to access areas (e.g. where there are parked cars) and small mechanical sweepers that are deployed in more easily accessible areas and on pavements.</p> <p>Prior to the teams being deployed, the streets are assessed for leaf fall by Cleansing Supervisors. This includes the surrounding areas of tree-lined streets that may have leaf fall issues, and these are added to the schedule where required.</p>

	<p>Although the annual leaf fall cleansing schedule runs for three months, it is recognised that there are areas of the city that will still have leaf fall issues, and Cleansing Supervisors will continue to inspect wards and respond to any requests for cleansing leaf fall. These concerns are addressed throughout January.</p>
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**CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS**  
**(COUNCILLOR JENNIFER BURKE)**

W8	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES</u></b></p> <p>Will the Council provide an update on the underground drainage work on Parc Radur and confirm the date when work will begin on the site?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>I understand that officers from the Council’s Flood and Coastal Risk Management Team contacted local ward members on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 about the current position with the drainage works and to provide an updated programme of works. The commencement of the works has been delayed due to the recent poor weather and ground conditions; however, I can confirm that they are scheduled to commence on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023, with completion by 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 subject to there being no further delays, supply chain issues or poor weather/ground conditions.</p>
W9	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member confirm that its lease arrangements with GLL Leisure include a schedule of maintenance for the estate to ensure no degradation in the value of the land and assets during the time they are assigned to GLL under the contract, and what mechanisms are in place to monitor and manage adherence to the schedule?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The Council has retained landlord responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the fabric of the buildings under the contract and, therefore, the responsibility sits entirely with the Council.</p>

W10	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></b></p> <p>Has the council itself, or has GLL Leisure, raised any concerns about adherence to any maintenance and repairs schedule for the leisure estate transferred to GLL?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>I would refer you to the answer provided to the previous question.</p>
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**DEPUTY LEADER & EDUCATION**  
**(COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)**

W11	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES</u></b></p> <p>Did the Council ever receive representations from schools concerning the negative consequences of mask-wearing in schools during the pandemic and, if so, was this ever communicated to the Welsh Government?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The wearing of face coverings was mandatory, at times, during the Covid-19 pandemic and most school staff understood the rationale to prevent transmission and safeguard themselves and families.</p> <p>We communicated a consistent approach to all schools based on Welsh Government guidance. Senior officers from the Council's Education and Health &amp; Safety Teams also met with Welsh Government officials on a weekly basis to provide updates on any issues, discuss changes to guidance and share best practice.</p> <p>Senior officers received no formal representations, either through the weekly headteacher briefings or the weekly trade union meetings. However, some staff were reluctant to wear face coverings – for example, those who had face mask anxiety or asthma. In response and to reduce anxiety levels, appropriate mask wearing guidance was produced and then shared with schools.</p> <p>In some settings, particularly where there were pupils with speech and language or communication barriers, the Council provided clear/transparent masks to improve communication and ensure that all facial features could be seen.</p>
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W12

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LIVESY**

It's generally viewed by some teaching staff and governors that there is a difficulty recruiting Welsh speaking teaching staff. How will the completely new school at Plasdwr, Ysgol Groes-wen, be able to recruit a whole school of teachers and staff?

**Reply**

The Council recognises that there are some recruitment challenges for posts in Welsh Medium schools; however, at the current time, this doesn't appear to be the case in the recruitment underway for Ysgol Groes-wen. Furthermore, the newly appointed Headteacher is looking at proactive and innovative ways of developing the school's workforce. This includes looking to work with local training universities to promote the school to prospective newly qualified teachers, working with local high schools to see if school leavers are interested in teaching assistant posts, and providing immersion opportunities to support staff in improving their Welsh language skills.

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

W13

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LIVESY**

It's evident that the absence of wider routine, scheduled cleansing and maintenance work on our struggling rainwater drainage systems, trees, verges, roads and many other areas throughout the city, not just in the Pentyrch & St Fagans ward, is partly due to low levels of staff within many of the council's hardworking teams. Long term sickness of one staff member can greatly affect capacity of a whole team. At least one area, covering the whole of Cardiff, rests on the shoulders of one employee (plus supervisor). This results in having to divert resources and 'fire-fight' issues as they come along, large 'one-off' pieces of work that cause disruption to the community or 'jobs on request' which can take months to progress and then take up a greater amount of resource and money. When surveyed in 'Ask Cardiff 2021', these areas ranked higher in priority than lavish, expensive projects. What is the council doing to retain or increase its essential staff in areas residents actually care about?



**Reply**

The Council has a robust workforce planning process, which links with Directorates' business and financial plans, and any recurring themes within these are taken up corporately. This process will be further integrated next year into Directorate Delivery Plans to ensure that workforce is a key element of consideration for services. However, it is also recognised that, with tightening budgets and resourcing difficulties across many services, methods of working need to change and this will need to include more digitalisation of services and investment in new technologies.

With specific reference to Street Scene service area, the number of officers working in frontline teams has reduced over the past decade; however, at the same time, there have been improvements in the management and delivery of work through related improvements in digitalisation and new technology.

A good example is the introduction of LED street lighting and the associated central management system, which is supporting a reduction in maintenance requirements through the use of longer life LED technology and reducing the requirement for inspections of failed streetlights to be undertaken at night.

Soft landscaping and associated drainage in public open spaces is also an area where there is a requirement to deliver improvements, especially with the impact of climate change increasing the likelihood of concerns being raised about surface water flooding and wind damage to trees. Street Scene operates a multi-functional approach to support the service delivered, with cleansing officers supporting highways officers and parks officers in these areas. By upskilling officers to undertake a range of tasks, the service can attend to any identified concerns.

Maintenance is funded by the Council's revenue budget, whereas large capital projects, such as the new Arena, are funded as part of the Council's capital programme. These two budgets are separate, and the Council is unable to spend capital funding on maintenance.

W14

**WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LIVESY**

We are not the only council losing highly skilled staff, leaving to work in the private sector for greater pay and job satisfaction. How much is the council spending on contractors, consultancy or agency staff to replace them, per cabinet member portfolio?

	<p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>We do not hold information that details spending on contractors, consultancy and agency staff that has been incurred due to staff leaving the organisation; however, we do hold information on the reasons for using them. The indications are that 25% of agency staff placements cover vacant posts and this will cover interim periods where posts are being recruited to, as well as any possible indications of where recruitment is difficult (e.g. social worker recruitment).</p>
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**INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT**  
**(COUNCILLOR RUSSELL GOODWAY)**

W15	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES</u></b></p> <p>In light of rising costs to finance the new indoor arena in Cardiff Bay, can the Council confirm that any potential relocation of the development will not interfere with planned housebuilding in the area?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>I can confirm that the Arena development will progress as planned in the approved location following a review of the scheme by the appointed developer/operator. The increase in costs will be fully managed by the developer and has no implication for the Council or any planned housebuilding.</p>
W16	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></b></p> <p>How is the council engaging with businesses in the Gabalfa ward to understand their priorities for the area?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The Councillor will no doubt welcome a series of business roadshows that the Council is currently undertaking across the city. Just last month, the Economic Development team delivered the first of these roadshows at Cardiff Business Park, Ty Glas in Llanishen.</p>

	<p>The roadshows have been developed to provide an opportunity to hold face-to-face sessions and understand the needs of local businesses, whilst highlighting some of the support services that the Council and supporting partners can provide. Partners include Development Bank for Wales, Business Wales, Cardiff Bus and Transport for Wales.</p> <p>Plans are now being developed for an event to take place in the city centre, which will see an additional service to include presentations from our partners and internal Council business related services, which will provide businesses with an opportunity to attend sessions that are specific to their business requirements, needs or concerns.</p> <p>I would also remind the Councillor of the Council infrastructure in place in Gabalfa, where Economic Development operates a range of workshops to support small businesses, with ten units of between 1,750 ft<sup>2</sup> to 2,700 ft<sup>2</sup> located on Clos Mentor just off Western Avenue. Seven small businesses are currently supported on the site. As ever, businesses are also welcome to contact the Economic Development team to raise any issues or opportunities they may be aware of.</p>
W17	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></b></p> <p>How much money has Cardiff Council spent on the design and building of the Cardiff Bus Station since 2012?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The Councillor will be aware that the Council transferred the project to Transport for Wales in 2018 and, I am sure that he will welcome that, in doing so, fully recovered the balance of Council spend on the bus station project.</p>

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

W18	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></b></p> <p>Is it safe for people in need of care being released from hospital without their care package?</p> <p>What is being done to address the delays in care provision?</p>
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## **Reply**

There are currently significant pressures on hospitals across the UK and, as a result, there is a national issue with delayed discharge. Officers are working with colleagues from Cardiff & Vale University Health Board (UHB) to deal with the level of demand and the unprecedented complexity of the needs of individuals in hospital.

Despite this pressure, I can assure you that there is no intention to discharge anyone from hospital in Cardiff without the required care in place. In some circumstances, it may be possible for an individual with lower care needs to return home, if safe and appropriate to do so, with the help of an unpaid/informal carer while a package of care is arranged. In all other cases, care will be arranged before an individual returns home.

I am pleased to say that the current availability of both domiciliary care and residential placements is good in Cardiff and, although we remain concerned about the ongoing stability of the care market and the recruitment and retention of care workers remains an issue; at present, care is available for citizens who need it. It can take time, however, to assess individuals and ensure that the right package of care is in place.

The UHB has arranged for additional wards to be made available for those who need a period of reablement, or who are awaiting an assessment or for care to be put in place. In addition to these additional wards, the Council has worked with the UHB to develop a number of schemes to facilitate discharge, which are set out below and which I have set out previously in my Council Statement:

### ***Discharge to Recover and Assess – Rapid Domiciliary Care Service***

This scheme allows individuals to leave hospital with an interim care package and to have their ongoing care needs assessed in their own home after a period of recovery. 24 discharges have already been assisted through this scheme and we hope to expand this further shortly.

### ***Discharge to Assess – Residential Placements***

For those individuals with higher needs, a short-term placement in a care home can be arranged while their long-term needs are assessed, and a permanent care arrangement put in place either in their own home or in a residential setting. 11 patients have already moved into these residential beds, and we hope to facilitate 20 discharges a month when at full capacity.

***Residential Reablement Unit***

We have also supported the UHB to commission 20 short-term beds in a local care home to provide rehabilitation and reablement for individuals who need to receive therapeutic/reablement support, such as physiotherapy, before returning home. This service launched on 9 January 2023 and the focus will be on a return home to full independence. Initially, 8 beds have come onstream with a further 12 becoming available next month.

The Adult Services Team is working closely with all care providers to keep services flowing and we are grateful to both our social workers and our commissioned care providers for all their hard work, both in supporting hospital discharge and in providing ongoing care and support in the community in what continue to be very challenging times.

**TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING**  
**(COUNCILLOR DAN DE'ATH)**

W19	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVIES</u></b></p> <p>How is the Council assisting Cardiff Bus in increasing passenger numbers back to pre-pandemic levels?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The Council is currently working on a number of infrastructure schemes designed to improve bus service reliability, which is a major factor influencing the take-up of bus travel in the city. In addition, the provision of improved real-time information bus shelter displays will soon be rolled out across the city, which will enable passengers to be better informed about bus services. The Council is also actively investigating opportunities for reduced fare offers to bus passengers within Cardiff.</p>
W20	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></b></p> <p>How many burials were there in Cardiff during 2021 and 2022, indicating the annual figure for each year?</p>

	<p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Cardiff Bereavement Services have undertaken the following number of burials in the 2021 and 2022 calendar years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January–December 2021 = 708 burials</li> <li>• January–December 2022 = 724 burials</li> </ul> <p>Please note that the above figures do not include the burial of cremated remains.</p>
W21	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McEVOY</u></b></p> <p>How many cremations were there in Cardiff during 2021 and 2022, indicating the annual figure for each year?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Cardiff Bereavement Services have undertaken the following number of cremations in the 2021 and 2022 calendar years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January–December 2021 = 2,735 cremations</li> <li>• January–December 2022 = 2,620 cremations</li> </ul>
W22	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></b></p> <p>When does the council intend to undertake a review of the parking arrangements on roads off Clodien Avenue and Allensbank Road known as Zone C4?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>It is anticipated that construction works on the cycleway on Allensbank Road are due to be completed in March 2023. Once construction has been fully completed, the scheme will be allowed to settle in for a number of months and the Council will then seek to monitor the related impacts and undertake a full review at that time. It is therefore expected that a review of the parking arrangements on the roads off Clodien Avenue and Allensbank Road (Zone C4) will be started during autumn 2023 at the earliest.</p>

W23	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></b></p> <p>What possibilities are being considered regarding bus services supported currently by the Bus Emergency Fund, services which need to be provided under social, health &amp; wellbeing, economical &amp; environmental grounds?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>It is currently unclear whether, or in what form, any Bus Emergency Scheme (BES) funding will be provided by the Welsh Government after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Currently, all bus services in Cardiff are in receipt of this support to a greater or lesser extent, as bus usage in the city has not recovered to pre-Covid levels. Bus operators will therefore be reviewing their current networks to try to establish what may be operated without BES funding. As you will be aware, the Council has a limited budget to support socially necessary, but non-commercial services, and supported services will be reviewed in the light of the post-March 2023 bus funding position in Wales.</p>
W24	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></b></p> <p>As we reconsider the fate of bus services supported under the Bus Emergency Fund, can any such supported bus service program consider re-instating a bus service on Lake Road West &amp; Celyn Avenue?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>All supported bus services, and the bus network as a whole in Cardiff, will be reviewed in the light of the post-March 2023 bus funding position in Wales.</p>
W25	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></b></p> <p>Why is Cardiff Council considering an electric scooter hire program knowing they are illegal on public roads based on how unsafe they are?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>The use of electric scooters is only legal when the scooters are part of an on-street hire scheme authorised by the UK Government Department for Transport.</p>

	<p>Trials of on-street hire schemes have taken place in 32 UK towns and cities. A report of the evaluation of these schemes for the Department for Transport was published in December 2022. The findings of the report will help inform further work to develop the policy, guidance and regulatory framework that would be required before the general use of electric scooters could be legalised.</p> <p>The Council will closely monitor developments before making any commitments to support the use of electric scooters in the city.</p>
W26	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></b></p> <p>Can an update be provided on reviewing the residential parking policy in the area between North Rd and Whitchurch Rd to increase provision for residents?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Parking in this area will be reviewed in line with the proposed review of Zone C4. As this review is reliant on the completion of the cycleway works, it is anticipated that the review of Zone C4 will be undertaken during autumn 2023 at the earliest. Any increase in parking provision in the area between North Road and Whitchurch Road will be subject to the usually lengthy statutory Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) processes and, therefore, it is unlikely that any potential changes will be realised before the 2024/25 financial year.</p>
W27	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></b></p> <p>What can the council do to help prevent pedestrians on pavements being soaked by vehicles driving through pooling water during wet weather?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>All highways within the city are inspected for defects on a routine basis, from monthly to annually depending on highway category. Issues of major ponding could be considered as a defect if they are causing significant issue and a works order can be raised. Works are then prioritised using a risk-based approach and delivered in a timescale appropriate to the severity of defect and as resources allow.</p>



	<p>In addition, highway gullies are cleansed on both a reactive and planned basis to address blockages should they occur. There are times, particularly in autumn and early winter, where issues such as leaf fall present increased demand. In conjunction with Cleansing Teams, a targeted approach is taken to ensure known ponding hotspots are addressed as far as is reasonably practicable.</p> <p>The maintenance of the highway and the associated assets is an ongoing process and blockages and defects will inevitably occur. However, by utilising the resources available, every effort is made to minimise their impact.</p> <p>Where pedestrians are splashed and soaked by drivers during periods of heavy rainfall, when there is inevitably a lot of water on the roads, Section 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 can be applied where drivers are found to be driving carelessly or inconsiderately “without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road or place”. This could potentially result in them being issued with a fixed penalty notice of £100 and three penalty points if caught by the police. If drivers fail or refuse to pay the £100 fixed penalty, they could also face a maximum fine of £5,000 if the case is taken to court.</p>
W28	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></b></p> <p>What steps has the council taken to increase the usage of the Cardiff East park and ride in 2022?</p> <p><b><u>Reply</u></b></p> <p>Given the bus market conditions and changes in travel patterns due to the Covid-19 pandemic, significant promotion of the Cardiff East park &amp; ride facility at this time would not represent good value for money. Future opportunities to promote public transport and park &amp; ride linked to the development of the new Cardiff Parkway station and the redevelopment proposals for the Cardiff East park &amp; ride site will be considered at the appropriate time.</p>
W29	<p><b><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></b></p> <p>How can the council be committed to tackling climate change if it lets the Cardiff East park and ride into the city centre?</p>

**Reply**

The Cardiff East park & ride facility is well located to support park & ride to/from the University Hospital of Wales due to the short journey times along the A48 Eastern Avenue. This makes it very economical to operate and both attractive to, and popular with staff, patients and visitors. This service is helping to tackle and reduce traffic congestion around the University Hospital of Wales, which can only be good for the environment.

The Council is looking to develop a transport hub at the Cardiff East park & ride site, which will create opportunities for commuters to access bus services to other parts of the city and walk or cycle if they wish to complete their journey via active travel. The plans, in combination with the future development at Cardiff Parkway station, form part of the Council's Bus Strategy to encourage people out of their cars and complete their journeys by more sustainable transport options.