

COUNCIL, 28 MARCH 2024 : ORAL QUESTIONS

1	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER & EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>If successful after the next General Election, the Labour Party have announced plans to end VAT relief on private school fees. This will inevitably lead to a sharp increase in the costs of private education. How many young people resident in Cardiff attend private schools and what assessment has the Council undertaken as to the additional cost of providing state education in Cardiff should VAT relief be ended on private school fees?</p>
2	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (TACKLING POVERTY, EQUALITY & PUBLIC HEALTH PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>In 2018, the council passed a motion put forward by the then Labour Group calling on the UK Government to make fair transitional pensions arrangements to all women born on or after 6 April 1951 who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase in the state pension age with lack of appropriate notification. Given that the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman recently recommended that the UK Government should compensate the women affected (known as WASPI women), does the council share my concern that neither the Chancellor nor the Shadow Chancellor have so far committed to doing so?</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE</u></p> <p>There would appear to be an issue affecting Canton that might apply in other parts of the city. At specific locations within Canton, residents are concerned about the practice of local garages using the limited quantity of unrestricted parking spaces on local streets for storing vehicles pending repairs. Such use of parking spaces can last many weeks to the detriment of residents and the environs. Can the Cabinet Member please advise what solutions are available for residents?</p>

4	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member update the Council on the progress, if any, that you have made regarding the acquisition of the Companies House building in Crown Way as a site of the replacement Cathays High School?</p>
5	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS (LEADER PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LATIF</u></p> <p>The resoundingly sharp increase in anti-muslim hate or Islamophobia is fuelled by politicians linking peaceful protestors to terrorism, can Cardiff Council make their stand known to the hundreds of Cardiff residents who regularly protest to call for ceasefire & peace in Palestine?</p>
6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HINCHEY</u></p> <p>The Heath and neighbouring Wards have the highest proportion of older persons in Wales, many of whom are unable to drive or able to own a car. The sudden withdrawal of the 86 bus route through the centre of Heath at the end of this month will isolate some of our most vulnerable groups of people, including many older and disabled residents who do not have an alternative way except taxis to get to local supermarkets, the city centre and visit friends and family. The withdrawal of the service through central Heath will severely impact the wellbeing of many residents. Will the Cabinet Member work with Local Members in Heath to find an urgent and alternative options, including new Welsh Government bus funding to support our most vulnerable citizens?</p>

7	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL</u></p> <p>If the proposals to remove the two-hour free parking charges are implemented, what impact will this decision have on businesses in Llandaff High Street?</p>
8	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BURKE (CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>The number of pitches on Roath Rec was recently reduced from four to three but I have been advised by a transport officer this is only temporary whilst works are carried out on the improvement scheme which is providing a long-overdue upgrade of the footpaths around the Rec as well as introducing a new cycle route. Will you confirm that when these works are completed, there will be a return to four pitches on Roath Rec and that the pitches will all be of equivalent size to the ones that were in place before the works began (despite the fact that the footpath with the cycle lane alongside is being located further into the park)?</p>
9	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING & COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GUNTER</u></p> <p>There is some concern that the Social Housing Grant will not be spent in full by Cardiff Council this financial year. Can the cabinet member please give an update?</p>
10	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>How much is in the revenue budget for new bus shelters which are not funded by capital schemes or section 106 monies?</p>

11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>Does the cabinet member share my concern at the number of hospitality businesses, including Society Standard, The Brass Beetle and Wildflower Cafe, that have recently closed on Whitchurch Road and that others are also reporting difficulties?</p>
12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE</u></p> <p>Does the Cabinet Member have sympathy for businesses on Cowbridge Road East that face the prospect of a diminution in their customer base because of the withdrawal of free car parking in local district shopping centres?</p>
13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER & EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR REID-JONES</u></p> <p>Could the cabinet member please confirm the total number of children refused a secondary school place for September 2024, who are living within the catchment of their preferred school?</p>

14	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR DE'ATH (TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>In relation to the traffic regulation order banning right turns from Wellfield Road into Marlborough Road, the council has previously advised local residents that the permanent order will not be accompanied by a diversion that directs traffic via other nearby roads such as Sandringham Road and yet the legal notice placed in the Western Mail on 25 March states in relation to a temporary traffic regulation order being implemented now to ban the same right turns that traffic will be diverted along Penylan Road, Sandringham Road and Balaclava Road. No doubt some of the traffic diverted into Sandringham Road will instead choose to continue a bit further along Sandringham Road and then cut down Blenheim Road (past the entrance to Marlborough Primary School) to get to Marlborough Road. Do you therefore accept that the banning of right turns from Wellfield Road into Marlborough Road (whether on a temporary or permanent basis) will lead to increased traffic on Sandringham Road and Balaclava Road, and also a degree of increased traffic going past the entrance to Marlborough Primary School on Blenheim Road?</p>
15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR THORNE (HOUSING & COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR FERGUSON-THORNE</u></p> <p>There has been a lot of publicity about the quality of housing those in Channel View high rise flats are experiencing while awaiting new accommodation. What are you doing to help and support these residents?</p>
16	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER & EDUCATION PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member outline how many schools across Cardiff will be setting deficit budgets for 2024/25 and how does this compare with 2023/24?</p>