

to Councillor Chaundy this evening but if you were at a PACT meeting in Llanedeyrn on Tuesday this week, although I cannot recall seeing you in the audience, I did point out that local Councillors are currently working up a scheme under a Neighbourhood Renewal Project to try and address this problem.

We are also working with the local Constabulary on this issue. In this Council Chamber in November, Councillor Ralph Cook, the Leader of the Labour Group, questioned the representatives of the Police Authority about the amount of action that has been taken in the Pentwyn and Llanedeyrn ward in comparison to his ward of Trowbridge and St Mellons to deal with motorbike nuisance riders. He felt that we had had the biggest bite of the cherry but what I can tell you is if we have had the biggest bite of the cherry it is because as ward Members we have been monitoring data from 101. We have been working with the community to address this problem and I will look at your petition when I receive it fully tomorrow morning. We are doing the best that we can and I know the police are doing the best they can with limited resources as well. In view of what's been in the press this week I am very concerned as to how that will affect policing within our ward and across the City.

Public Question: *Sarah Griffiths*

How does the latest school reorganisation proposals, involving the closure of Llanedeyrn High School, enhance the educational needs and well-being of the most vulnerable young people in the Pentwyn Ward?

Reply: *County Councillor Salway*

Cardiff's Strategic Framework articulates an overarching goal to provide the best possible quality of education for pupils through the creation of a consistent, sustainable, pattern of "fit for purpose" schools, which will provide opportunities for all learners to achieve high standards and contribute to community development, social inclusion and economic prosperity across the city.

Despite having excellent teaching staff at the school, over the last decade, there has been a steady and significant decline in the number of pupils seeking admission to Llanedeyrn High School. As a governor at the school, you will be aware of these falling roles. School budgets are driven by capitation and the school has seen its budget adversely affected for this

reason which means less money to provide a broad based curriculum which is of benefit to all pupils.

Given the significant over-supply of school places in the East of Cardiff, this proposal is made in conjunction with other proposals in order to address the balance of school places and to provide modern environments for learning and community development.

Cardiff Council data shows that the parents and pupils of the Pentwyn/Llanedeyrn areas are increasingly turning to secondary schools outside those communities for their educational provision. This proposal by the Council facilitates and supports a significant commitment from the Church in Wales to engage with these communities to enable the continuation of English-medium education for those who seek it in Pentwyn/Llanedeyrn, in addition to the opportunities that will be available to pupils attending Llanishen High School.

As outlined in the Strategic Framework, investment in school buildings will enable schools to be best placed to provide the opportunities for learners to achieve the outcomes to which they are entitled. The proposals should promote social inclusion by reducing the gap in educational attainment between different groups of people, and will enable parents to turn with confidence to a local school in the secure knowledge that it will offer a high quality of education. I truly believe that in giving pupils this opportunity we will see an improved learning experience and improved outcomes for all our pupils.

Supplementary Public Question: Sarah Griffiths

Thank you for your answer. I accept that there is an issue of falling rolls at Llanedeyrn High School and I do feel this hasn't been helped since the potential closure has been at the school since 2006. But my particular concern is for pupils who have not been able to get a place at St Teilos but have to travel to Llanishen High School. Four out of 10 of ?? output areas contained in the Pentwyn ward are in the 10% of most deprived in Wales in the income domain of Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation of Child Index. It is families living in these areas who fail to get a place in St Teilos and are, therefore, forced to travel almost three miles to their local community High School at Llanishen and whose education needs may suffer the most.

How would you say that Cardiff Council is fulfilling the Welsh Assembly Government's children and young people's right to action that children and young people will not be disadvantaged by poverty when they come from disadvantaged households and they face either an hour's walk to school or potentially £300 a year for a pupil in bus fares? Those are the people I'm really concerned about.

Reply: *County Councillor Salway*

I share your concerns. I've been there with the closure of Howardian High School some 20 odd years ago, so I have a certain empathy. But I can assure you that Cardiff Council will be taking a very, very close look at it, and I believe you were at the meeting when we said that we would be looking at travel to and from schools outside of the Pentwyn area for those pupils who perhaps have difficulty as you have suggested.

(The Lord Mayor thanked the public questioners for their contribution to the meeting)

180 : PETITIONS

The following petitions were submitted:

1. Councillor Aylwin – petition on behalf of residents of Minster Street calling for an increase in the number of residents parking bays in Minster Street.
2. Councillor Chaundy – petition signed by 179 residents of Coed y Gores calling on the Council to take urgent action to stop speeding bikers making a death trap of the footpaths around Coed y Gores and Bryn y Nant.

181 : CORPORATE PLAN 2009-12

The Corporate Plan for 2009-12 identified the main challenges impacting on the Council's policy and budgetary frameworks. It provided an important statement of the Council's strategic priorities and had been developed to reflect political, financial and economic developments over the last twelve months.