

Formal Council Questions and Responses

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1 **Question to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing : 2019/39 - City plan to make Newport a living wage city**

Councillor C. Evans asked:

Dear Cabinet Member,

Cardiff is 'on track' to become first living wage city in the UK, this has come after a three-year plan between communities, businesses and Cardiff Council in the hope of lifting thousands of workers out of poverty.

The rate is calculated to reflect the increased cost of living and is £1.09 per hour more than the minimum wage for over 25s.

In your administration's meetings with various business leaders and particularly with major local employers, have you ever discussed Newport becoming a 'living wage city'?

If not, will your administration follow Cardiff's lead and put in place our city's plan to become a living wage city?

Councillor Mudd responded:

Newport City Council is a Living Wage Employer. I have asked officers to raise this as a proposition with One Newport Public Service Board and also local business networks such as the Newport Economic Network, the BID and the wider business community.