QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Questions are listed in the order in which they were received. The time allowed for this agenda item will not exceed 30 minutes. Should any questioner not have received an answer in that time, a written answer will be provided.

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1. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON	COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT
Can vehicles now park in CPZs in my Division with impunity even when trailers and caravans and not displaying index plates associated with the vehicle towing them?	Following on from Cllr Howson's Question to CMD in July we are still investigating the possibility of being able to enforce existing powers to enable us to take action with regard to non-motorised vehicles parking in Controlled Parking Zones. Officers are speaking with other authorities to ascertain how they deal with similar situations. We will update Cllr Howson by end October.
2. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON	COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT
What is the possibility of the Cowley Branch returning to passenger service in 2019, as has been suggested in some quarters?	There is no realistic prospect of this service operating next year given the funding and work needed to bring it about, but it is being considered as part of the Oxfordshire Rail Connectivity Study work and remains an important scheme.
COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON	COUCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
What is the current view of the future of Northfield School?	The current view of Northfield school is that it remains a key school in the provision of specialist provision for the children and young people of Oxfordshire, in particular for those with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs and/or Autistic Spectrum.
	Over the summer we have been working to carry out the essential safety works required to the Northfield school building. There is still work to do before the building will be ready for pupils to return, and this work has not

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	been completed by 05 September 2018, but is still on track for all pupils to return after the October Half Term holiday.
	 We have worked closely with the school's leadership team and the Interim Executive Board to keep the school operational for Term 1 (September – October). This means some alternative arrangements are needed, until the building work is completed: There will be a 5-day timetable. The teaching content for Term 1 will be restricted, with some teaching/activities supported by external providers. Some pupils will continue to be educated at Hill End. Some pupils will continue to be educated in temporary classrooms on the Northfield site.
	We are still planning for all pupils to return to the Northfield school building for Term 2 in October, and continue their education at Northfield school.
	In conjunction to this work an Options Appraisal has been conducted to secure the long-term future of Northfields school as it is a vital part of enabling sufficiency of places for children and young people who require this provision. The Appraisal Paper along with the SEND Sufficiency of Places paper is being presented to the Cabinet in the coming weeks to secure a decision in relation to the rebuilding of Northfields School.
4. COUNCILLOR EMILY SMITH	COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT
When highways work (resurfacing for example) is planned a Road Traffic Notice is published and emailed to local members. But if the resurfacing work is postponed residents and members are not always told. Can the cabinet member please explain the councils process for notifying	Highway works are undertaken by Ourselves, Developers, or Utility companies and can need to change at very short notice in some circumstances. Formal publication of changes to a Road Traffic Notice does not need take place providing the works and associated traffic management restrictions are undertaken within the period already published.

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residents and local members when works are delayed and whether she is satisfied the current arrangements are sufficient?'	That said, I accept that more can, and should be done, regarding informing local members and residents when start dates or duration of work changes, particularly in regard to county council led works, and is something I have requested senior officers to take action on. In addition, Performance Scrutiny is also looking into Customer Satisfaction with regard to roadworks.