

CABINET – 17 APRIL 2012

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Question received from the following Member:

1. Councillor Jean Fooks to Councillor Rose

"In campaigning leaflets for the city elections, the Conservatives are saying that it is their number one priority to campaign for free residents' parking in Oxford. Would the cabinet member please tell us what would be the financial loss to the county council if the charges for residents' parking permits in the city were removed? Will he also say whether the city Conservatives are likely to persuade him that this should be a priority?"

Answer

"In the report to Cabinet on 21st June 2011 on the 'Provisional Revenue & Capital Outturn 2010/11' (Agenda Item 6) Annex 7 states that the income from Residents Permits in Oxford in 2010/11 was £448,448.72. The figure for 2011/12 will be published in the same way in due course and will reflect the full-year effect of the increase in permit charge to £50 (1st and 2nd permits) from 1/1/11. If the permit charge was to be removed then this would be the loss to the County Council.

I note there are two questions here, and decline to comment on your second question, as this is a local election issue, and subject to the rules of purdah. I would make the point that party political issues should be dealt with as part of any party election campaign and not as part of County Council business which this "Question and Answer" session is intended to deal with."