

These notes indicate the decisions taken at this meeting and the officers responsible for taking the agreed action. For background documentation please refer to the agenda and supporting papers available on the Council's web site ([www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk).)

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA	DECISIONS	ACTION
<p><b>1. Minutes</b></p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2021 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 2 November 2021 (<b>CC1</b>) and to receive information arising from them.</p>	<p>The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting and Ordinary Meeting of 2 November 2021 were approved and signed as an accurate record.</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies for Absence</b></p>	<p>Councillor Rooke – Dispensation granted.</p>	<p>DLG (A. Newman)</p>
<p><b>3. Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Members are reminded that they must declare their interests orally at the meeting and specify (a) the nature of the interest and (b) which items on the agenda are the relevant items. This applies also to items where members have interests by virtue of their membership of a district council in Oxfordshire.</p>	<p>There were none.</p>	
<p><b>4. Official Communications</b></p>	<p>Council noted that in light of public health guidance nationally, and in consultation with the Group Leaders the Chair had decided to reduce the numbers of councillors attending in person down to a quorum of the Council. That is, 17 members plus two others, to ensure that the meeting did not drop below the legally required number of councillors present.</p> <p>All other members of the Council had been invited to attend remotely via MS Teams and to participate in the discussion, but not vote, as only those physically present could legally do so. All motions would be formally proposed and</p>	<p>All to note</p>

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	<p>seconded from Councillors in the Chamber but if the original proposer was online, they would be allowed a full five minutes to speak as if they were in the Chamber, after the formal proposing and seconding.</p> <p>Council noted an update on the current Covid situation in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>Council noted that due to Covid the planned open day at Oxfordshire Fire Station had been cancelled.</p>	
<p><b>5. Appointments</b></p> <p>To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.</p>	<p>There were none.</p>	
<p><b>6. Petitions and Public Address</b></p>	<p>Council received the following Petitions and Public address:</p> <p>Public Address</p> <p>Ms Linda Newbery, Ms Berenice Westwood, Mr Jimmy Pierson, Ms Katya Sargeant and Ms Matilda Gettins in support of Motion 14 by Councillor Ian Middleton.</p> <p>Petitions</p> <p>Mr Tim Baldwin in relation to Begbroke Pedestrian Crossing;</p> <p>Mr Daniel Stafford in relation to Traffic Barriers in Littlemore and Cowley.</p> <p>Mr Stephen Williams in relation to Weight Limit Signs in Chipping Norton</p>	<p>Bill Cotton</p> <p>Bill Cotton</p> <p>Bill Cotton</p>
<p><b>7. Questions with Notice from Members of the Public</b></p>	<p>Council received a Question with Notice from Mr Andrew Siantonas to Councillor Tim Bearder (details set out in the Annex).</p>	

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<p><b>8. Questions with Notice from Members of the Council</b></p>	<p>22 questions with Notice were asked. Details of the questions and answers and supplementary questions and answers will be set out in the Annex to the minutes.</p> <p>In relation to question 15 (Question from Bethia Thomas to Councillor Calum Miller) Councillor Miller gave an assurance to ask officers to ensure that early consultation was undertaken with local Councillors in relation to Council properties within their areas.</p>	<p>Lorna Baxter</p>
<p><b>9. Report of the Cabinet</b></p> <p>Report of the Cabinet Meeting of 16 November 2021 (CC9).</p>	<p>Council received the report of the Cabinet.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 3 of the report (Question from Councillor Bob Johnston to Councillor Pete Sudbury) Councillor Sudbury gave an assurance that he would not alter the Aggregate figure that could be removed from the County.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 5 of the report (Question from Councillor Donna Ford to Councillor Duncan Enright) Councillor Enright undertook to provide a written answer outlining why, if it was the case, other than cycling groups, other groups such as local councillors, residents and parents were not involved in the consultation on the A4095/B4100 Banbury Road Roundabout in Bicester.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 7 of the report (Question from Councillor David Bartholomew to Councillor Calum Miller) Councillor Miller undertook to provide Councillor Bartholomew with a written answer giving details of the subsequent revival the of the Regional</p>	<p>Comms Q &amp; M</p> <p>Comms Q &amp; M</p> <p>Lorna Baxter</p>

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	<p>Memorandum of Co-operation which aims to control the costs of Social Care Agency Staff.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 7 of the report (Question from Councillor Ian Corkin to Councillor Liz Brighthouse) Councillor Brighthouse undertook to provide Councillor Corkin with a written answer detailing why early help assessments by health visitors were currently rated red on the risk register and were consequently behind target, and what was being done to rectify the situation.</p> <p>In relation to paragraph 7 of the report (Question from Councillor Ian Corkin to Councillor Jenny Hannaby) Councillor Hannaby undertook to provide Councillor Corkin with a written answer on the delayed transfer of care figures for the county, including the number of patients currently delayed and the average length of any such delay.</p>	<p>Kieris Mace</p> <p>Olivia Pierpoint</p>
<p><b>10. Treasury Management Mid-Term Review</b></p> <p>The report sets out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the first half of the financial year 2021/22 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report includes Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator monitoring and forecast interest receivable and payable for the financial year.</p> <p><b><i>Council is RECOMMENDED to endorse the Council's Mid-Term Treasury Management Review 2021/22.</i></b></p>	<p>Recommendations Agreed nem con</p>	<p>Tim Chapple</p>
<p><b>11. Dispensation from attending Meetings</b></p> <p>Under the Local Government Act 1972</p>		

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<p>Section 85 (1), councillors who do not attend a meeting of the Council during a six-month period will cease to be a member of the Council unless the Council has approved a dispensation before the expiry of that period. Council is asked to grant such a dispensation to Cllr Michele Paule who, for reason of ill-health, is unlikely to be able to attend a meeting of the Council prior to April 2022.</p> <p><b>Council is RECOMMENDED to:</b></p> <p><b>(1) approve a dispensation for Councillor Michele Paule from the statutory requirement to attend a meeting of the Council within a six-month period from the last noted attendance;</b></p> <p><b>(2) approve that the dispensation last up to and including 30 April 2022.</b></p>	<p>Recommendations Agreed nem con</p>	<p>Michele Paule</p>
<p><b>12. Motion by Councillor Sally Povolotsky</b></p> <p>“In 2018, at COP24, the UK Government signed up to ‘domestic institutional arrangements, public participation and engagement with local communities’ so localities can play their part in delivering the UK’s ‘Nationally Determined Contributions’ in the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>In May 2021 the Rt. Hon. Alok Sharma MP, President of COP26, said collaboration would be a key objective of the COP26 climate summit; “Governments, business and civil society (sometimes called ‘non- state actors’ and including local government) need to work together to transform the ways we power our homes and businesses, grow our food, develop infrastructure and move ourselves and goods around.”</p> <p>Despite these agreements and statements there is still no formal relationship for partnership working between Local and</p>	<p>With the consent of Council, the Amendment by Councillor Robin Bennett was accepted.</p> <p>The Motion as amended was carried Unanimously (17 votes to 0).</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>“In 2018, at COP24, the UK Government signed up to ‘domestic institutional arrangements, public participation and engagement with local communities’ so localities can play their part in delivering the UK’s ‘Nationally Determined Contributions’ in the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>In May 2021 the Rt. Hon. Alok Sharma MP, President of COP26, said collaboration would be a key objective of the COP26 climate summit; <del>“Governments, business and</del></p>	

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<p>National Government on climate action.</p> <p>This Council:-</p> <p>(a) notes that Cabinet has already adopted the recommendations of the 'Pathways to Zero Carbon Oxfordshire' report<sup>1</sup>, the most detailed plan ever made for the decarbonisation of Oxfordshire's economy;</p> <p>(b) adds its voice to calls by the Local Government Association and others for a joint local and national government Task Force to work towards 'net zero' emissions, able to set appropriate regulations, benchmarks and targets and create long-term funding mechanisms to support local communities and economies to decarbonize; and</p> <p>(c) asks the Leader to write to Alok Sharma MP, President for COP26, the Prime Minister, and the Leadership Board of the LGA, informing them of our support for such a Task Force and asking for one to be established as soon as possible."</p> <p><sup>1</sup><a href="https://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/news/2021/0629-pathways-to-zero-carbon-oxfordshire.html">https://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/news/2021/0629-pathways-to-zero-carbon-oxfordshire.html</a></p>	<p><del>civil society (sometimes called 'non-state actors' and including local government) need to work together to transform the ways we power our homes and businesses, grow our food, develop infrastructure and move ourselves and goods around."</del> <b>The Glasgow Climate Pact text agreed at the COP26 summit "recognises the important role of non-Party stakeholders, including civil society, indigenous peoples, local communities, youth, children, local and regional governments and other stakeholders, in contributing to progress towards the goals of the Paris Agreement;"</b><sup>2</sup></p> <p>Despite these agreements and statements there is still no formal relationship for partnership working between Local and National Government on climate action.</p> <p>This Council:-</p> <p>(d) notes that Cabinet has already adopted the recommendations of the 'Pathways to Zero Carbon Oxfordshire' report<sup>1</sup>, the most detailed plan ever made for the decarbonisation of Oxfordshire's economy;</p> <p>(e) adds its voice to calls by the Local Government Association and others for a joint local and national government Task Force to work towards 'net zero' emissions, able to set appropriate regulations, benchmarks and targets and create long-term funding mechanisms to support local communities and economies to decarbonize; and</p> <p>(f) asks the Leader to write to Alok Sharma MP, President for</p>	<p>Bill Cotton</p> <p>Belinda Dimmock-Smith</p>

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	<p>COP26, the Prime Minister, and the Leadership Board of the LGA, informing them of our support for such a Task Force and asking for one to be established as soon as possible.”</p> <p><sup>1</sup><a href="https://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/news/2021/0629-pathways-to-zero-carbon-oxfordshire.html">https://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/news/2021/0629-pathways-to-zero-carbon-oxfordshire.html</a></p> <p><sup>2</sup> <a href="https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cop26_auv_2f_cover_decision.pdf">https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cop26_auv_2f_cover_decision.pdf</a></p>	
<p><b>13. Motion by Councillor Kevin Bulmer</b></p>	<p>With the consent of Council, the amendment by Councillor Enright was accepted.</p> <p>The Motion as amended was carried unanimously (17 votes to 0).</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>“The pandemic has seen an increase in goods traffic through certain of our villages and market towns. This home delivery phenomenon has coincided with more residents taking the welcome step of increasing the number of journeys they take by bicycle and on foot. As well as serving to make our roads less safe for pedestrians and cyclists, the rise in HGV traffic has contributed to air pollution and affected the wellbeing of residents, who are subjected to the noise and vibrations emitted from larger vehicles.</p> <p>Many rural roads were not built for <del>the present volume of</del> HGV traffic and it is <del>reasonable to conclude that</del> there will be adverse consequences for <del>the surfaces of</del> many of our highways if</p>	

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	<p>this increase does not abate. Moreover, it is a regrettable fact that even where weight restrictions are implemented, they are too often ignored.</p> <p>This Council resolves to <b>base the new Freight and logistics strategy</b> <del>agree a comprehensive HGV route network for Oxfordshire</del> <b>on the principle of “avoid-switch-improve”.</b></p> <p><b>Working with local firms, the Road Haulage Association and neighboring authorities, the Council will establish a Regional Network of well-services HGV through routes, and bring in</b> <del>and to facilitate reasonable</del> <b>measures</b> to assist or encourage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communities to report HGV restriction infringements;</li> <li>2. Thames Valley Police to take appropriate action against persistent offenders;</li> <li>3. Technology and haulage companies to <b>reflect the Strategy</b> <del>incorporate this Council’s route network and advisory freight routes</del> within their GPS systems;</li> <li>4. Delivery firms to switch increasingly to hybrid or electric vehicles; and</li> <li>5. The installation of appropriate and enforceable 20mph speed limits, together with physical highways restraints, in the areas worst affected.</li> <li>6. <del>To implement a agreed Cross County wide network of HGV routes.”</del></li> </ol>	<p>Bill Cotton</p>



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<p><b>14. Motion by Councillor Ian Middleton</b></p> <p>“This Council recognises that meat and dairy production is a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and global deforestation and that reducing consumption of these foods is a key part of tackling climate change and improving health outcomes.</p> <p>The Government's independent Climate Change Committee, advises that meat consumption should be reduced by a fifth, and that public bodies should lead the way by promoting plant-based food options. Leading by example on this, and food waste, should be fundamental components of our commitment to cutting carbon emissions.</p> <p>Furthermore, in the UK, only 18% of children consume the recommended 5 portions of fruit and vegetables per day, and most young people's diets lack fibre. Providing appealing plant-based school meals along with education on healthy, climate-positive food choices are excellent ways to address these problems.</p> <p>Council asks Cabinet to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure that food provided at all council catered events and meetings is entirely plant-based, preferably using ingredients sourced from local food surplus organisations.</li> <li>2. Ensure that Council school meals services have plant-based menus available as part of their regular offer on at least two days per week.</li> <li>3. Work on outreach to schools and young people to actively influence and inform on food choices and their impact on the environment, health and animal welfare.</li> <li>4. Encourage and empower students to make informed decisions about the</li> </ol>	<p>The amendment by Councillor David Bartholomew as set out in the Schedule of Business was lost by 9 votes to 8.</p> <p>With the consent of Council (vote taken 10 votes to 7) the amendment by Councillor Sally Povolotsky was accepted.</p> <p>The Motion as amended was carried by 10 votes to 7.</p> <p>Following receiving advice from the Monitoring Officer that under Council Procedure Rule 13.5.1.the Motion was an executive function, Council referred the Motion to Cabinet for consideration.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>“This Council recognises that <b>global</b> meat and dairy production is a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and <del>global</del> deforestation and that reducing consumption of these foods is a key part of tackling climate change. <del>and improving health outcomes.</del></p> <p>The Government's independent Climate Change Committee, advises that meat consumption should be reduced by a fifth, and that public bodies should <del>lead the way by promoting</del> <b>promote</b> plant-based food options. <del>Leading by example on this,</del> <b>That,</b> and <b>the avoidance of</b> food waste, <del>should be fundamental components of our commitment</del> <b>are powerful ways</b> to cutting carbon emissions.</p> <p>Furthermore, in the UK, only 18% of children consume the recommended 5 portions of fruit and vegetables per</p>	<p>Colm O</p> <p>Kevin Gordon</p>

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<p><b>15.Motion by Councillor Ian Snowdon</b></p> <p>“This Council:</p> <p>(i) Acknowledges efforts that this</p>	<p>The Motion was carried Unanimously</p>	<p>Bill Cotton</p>

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<p>Council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;</p> <p>(ii) Recognises that large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers make impossible for local renewable electricity generators,</p> <p>(iii) Recognises that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for local companies, community groups and councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and</p> <p>(iv) Recognises that revenues received by local companies, community groups or councils that become local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;</p> <p>(iv) Notes that the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee has recommended that a Right to Local Supply for local energy suppliers be established to address this.</p> <p>Council resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of over 260 MPs, which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply company. Council further resolves to ask the Leader of the Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· inform the local media of this decision,</li> </ul>	<p>(16 votes to 0).</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· write to other local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and</li> <li>· write to the organisers Power for People, <a href="mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk">info@powerforpeople.org.uk</a>) expressing its support.”</li> </ul>		
<p><b>16. Motion by Councillor Donna Ford</b></p> <p>“This Council is committed to ensuring that active travel is fully inclusive all year round, including during the Winter, and accepts its responsibility to ensure that all feel safe on our streets and cycle paths.</p> <p>This Council recognises the need to ensure the safety and security of our residents engaged in active travel and its responsibility in deterring crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>This Council further commits to maintaining Oxfordshire’s publicly maintainable footpaths, cycle paths and rights of way network to make using active travel routes safer and more secure and encourage greater use of them.</p> <p>This Council resolves to ensure that all overgrowth is cleared from publicly maintainable rights of way including footpaths and cycle paths without delay and ensure that any broken lighting along footpaths and cycle paths are resolved as soon as possible. Moreover, this Council resolves to consider installing additional LED lighting in poorly lit areas and/or those along active travel routes where crime and anti-social behaviour are high or at risk of increasing.</p> <p>This Council agrees to engage more actively with stakeholders, including Network Rail, residents, landowners and businesses to ensure that they comply more fully with their obligations to clear vegetation on private land and keep public rights of way open. Failure to comply with</p>	<p>The time being 3.27 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8.</p>	

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<p>such obligations should result in action being undertaken more promptly by this council and recharged to private landowners to ensure that all residents, but particularly disabled, elderly and vulnerable residents, are able to walk and cycle safely and securely.”</p>		
<p><b>17. Motion by Councillor Eddie Reeves</b></p> <p>“This Council considers that fairness, clarity, and transparency are vital for open local democracy.</p> <p>This Council agrees that all motions put before members should be treated in accordance with these principles, and, importantly, that all amendments to such motions should be tabled in a like manner.</p> <p>This Council notes a Constitution Working Group is now under way looking at its constitution and that some aspects may need revising to best meet these requirements.</p> <p>This Council therefore calls on its Constitutional Working Group to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop clearer guidelines to protect members and the Monitoring Officer as to what constitutes an acceptable amendment, cognisant of the points set out above.</li> <li>2. Carefully consider whether the proposer and seconder of a motion should be granted an automatic right of withdrawal of their motion, without recourse to a vote of all members.” </li></ol>	<p>The time being 3.27 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8.</p>	
<p><b>18. Motion by Councillor Ian Corkin</b></p> <p>“This Council recognises the importance of maintaining a degree of flexibility in its published meeting dates. Such flexibility can help maintain the integrity of</p>	<p>The time being 3.27 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8.</p>	

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<p>committee expertise by minimising the need for substitutes, improve inclusion by recognising that elected members often have competing commitments, and foster more collegiate working.</p> <p>This Council notes that a Constitution Working Group is now under way looking at aspects of its constitution that may need revising or updating.</p> <p>This Council further notes that whilst changes to meeting dates are best avoided, real world experience suggests that a degree of flexibility is both required and desirable to ensure the efficient management of council business. Accordingly, this Council calls on its Constitutional Working Group to firstly, consider the need for such flexibility and the circumstances under which it should be exercised. Secondly, develop a clear and transparent set of guidelines for inclusion in the emerging constitution.”</p>		
<p><b>19. Motion by Councillor Sally Povolotsky</b></p> <p>“Transgender and non-binary people face significant disadvantage in society, being highly vulnerable to violence, homelessness, and lack of access to suitable healthcare provision.</p> <p>Council believes that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All UK law should clearly recognise that trans men are men, trans women are women, and non-binary people are non-binary.</li> <li>2. Transgender and non-binary people deserve respect and autonomy.</li> <li>3. It’s therefore our duty as community leaders who seek to create an open and tolerant society to speak out against transphobia and discrimination in all its forms.</li> </ol>	<p>The time being 3.27 pm, this Motion was considered dropped in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5.8.</p>	

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<p>Council therefore resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure that all Council services, both directly provided and through partners, are fully accessible to all, regardless of their sexuality or gender identity.</li> <li>2. State publicly that trans rights are human rights and affirm the legal rights of all protected groups under the 2010 equality act.</li> <li>3. To work with healthcare providers to remove barriers transgender and non-binary people face when accessing medical care.</li> <li>4. Work to provide at least one gender inclusive bathroom (accessible) where possible in every public building owned or operated by the Council.</li> <li>5. Ensure that the Council's constitution, policies, forms, and all internal and external communications are;               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Reducing the amount of gender information collected unless absolutely necessary,</li> <li>b. Respecting the pronouns individuals use for themselves,</li> <li>c. Providing opportunities for self-identification beyond the binary "man" and "woman".</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Encourage and support a network of informal LGBTQIA+ allies across officers and councillors.</li> <li>7. Support and embrace a Trans Toolkit for OCC staff and associated service groups."</li> </ol>		

**ANNEX**

### **QUESTION WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

#### **Question from Mr Andrew Siantonas to Councillor Tim Bearder**

Nearly all of Wolvercote ward of Oxford City Council is within a quarter of a mile from either the A34, A40 or A44. As a result, Wolvercote residents have to endure a constant background wall of noise from the traffic on these roads. Although the noise cannot be eliminated there are steps that the County Council can take to minimise the noise, including reducing speed limits



and laying road surfaces which cut tyre noise. With the current work being done around the Wolvercote roundabout on the A40 and A44, this seems an excellent opportunity to implement these measures. Steps which could be taken include:

Reducing the speed limit on the roads leading to the Wolvercote roundabout to at most 30mph.  
Any new road surface laid on these roads to be such which minimises tyre noise.  
Reducing the speed limit on Elsfeld Way (A40) to 30mph from the Cutteslowe roundabout to at least the site where the speed limit changes -(max speed limit outbound from roundabout/50mph inbound) and plan for a low tyre noise surface when next maintained.

Asking Highways England to reduce the speed limit on the A34 where it passes Wolvercote and to plan for a low tyre noise surface when next maintained.

What steps is the County Council planning to take to reduce road noise and so improve the quality of life for Wolvercote residents?

**Councillor Tim Bearder Answered:**

Thank you for your suggestions. Our officers will review the suggestions and liaise with its partners at National Highways (formerly Highways England) with responsibility for the A34.

**Supplementary Question:**

Given that the Roadworks at the Wolvercote Roundabout A40/A44 are due to finish in February/March next year, please could you ask officers that consideration be given to the road surface to reduce tyre noise as soon as possible, so that something can be done whilst the works are being undertaken and could consideration of adopting procedures to reduce the speed limits on the roads also be considered and implemented as soon as possible.

**Answer:**

I will ask our officers to consider those implementations.