

CABINET – 18 JANUARY 2022

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions	Cabinet Member
<p>1. COUNCILLOR CHARLIE HICKS</p> <p>As "putting action to address the Climate Emergency at the heart of our work" is our top stated priority as the Oxfordshire Fair Deal Alliance, please could Cabinet provide greater transparency on how much funding is being put towards this priority in the upcoming budget, by summing and publishing the total spend in both draft revenue and capital budgets on climate mitigation (e.g. funding towards reducing number of car journeys, retrofitting buildings) and climate adaptation (e.g. flood defenses) spend?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR CALUM MILLER, CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE</p> <p>As you say, we are committed to putting these actions at the heart of our work. This requires a step-change in institutional capacity as well as new funding and investments in specific programmes. The Cabinet has proposed a significant portion of its proposed new revenue investment to enhance the ability to mainstream actions and monitor interventions to deliver on our climate action priority. The following measures are included as additional investment in the MTFs and Capital Programme which total £6.4m in 2022/23 alone – see table below.</p>
<p>2. COUNCILLOR CHARLIE HICKS</p> <p>Please could Cabinet outline what actions will be taken to address Recommendation 5 in the Budget Scrutiny Observations and Recommendations Report by Performance Scrutiny Committee? For example, what plans are there currently to allocate funding from the not-yet specified budget reserves towards the Climate Emergency in order to operationalise the PaZCO report, mainstream Climate policymaking across all departments and ensure the council has the capacity to calculate scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions from all existing and future major capital projects?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR CALUM MILLER, CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE</p> <p>The Cabinet will publish its response to the Budget Scrutiny Observations and Recommendations Report by Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee ahead of the Cabinet meeting on 18th January.</p>

Ref	Description	2022/23 £000	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000	2025/26 £000	Total £000	Fair Deal Alliance Priority
	New Investments - Revenue						
23EP8	Flood Prevention and Surface Water Management Related bids – supporting future Flood Risk, Strategy and Partnership work	196				196	1
23EP10	Environmental and Community bids - supporting the expansion in capacity to prepare for the Environment Bill, develop the Nature Recovery Strategy and greater support for Community Action Groups	242		-50		192	1
23EP11	Increase capacity to develop pipeline and contract delivery of projects to support the Zero Carbon Infrastructure	66	-2		-64	0	1
23EP12	Delivery of Pathways to a Zero Carbon Oxfordshire - one - off capacity to develop roadmap and support partnership working	90	-70	-20		0	1
23EP13	Increase on-going capacity to deliver the Electric Vehicle policy and strategy	87				87	1
23EP14	Provide capacity to ensure Oxfordshire is "Grid ready", developing Energy System planning and flexibility trails.	66	7	-9	-64	0	1
23EP15	Increase capacity to manage Community Climate Outreach Programme	77				77	1
	Adjustment to investments to reflect that some of these investments will start part way through 2022/23	-200	200			0	1

23CDA12	New Green Deal - Support the procurement team and services to work with our Major suppliers to set and report on science based nature and climate targets (2 FTE reflecting scale of supply chain and potential impact)	106	35			141	1
23EP27	Resource to support development of Oxfordshire Rail Feasibility Strategy	250	-250			0	1
23EP28	Safe Crossings and Active Travel and additional capacity for workplace charging (assumes agency rates for 3 FTE for 1 year)	350	-350			0	1
	Total New Investments - Revenue	1,134	-430	-79	-128	497	
	New Investments - Capital						
	Zero Emission Buses Regional Areas (ZEBRA)	3,000	3,000			6,000	1
	20mph Speed Limit Signage	2,000	3,000	3,000		8,000	1
	Contribution towards Broad Street Pedestrianisation	250	250			500	1
	Total New Investments - Capital	5,250	6,250	3,000	0	14,500	
	TOTAL NEW INVESTMENTS	6,384	5,820	2,921	-128	14,997	