

***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport***

***Thursday, 25 November 2010***

**ADDENDA**

**1. Questions from County Councillors**

**Councillor Jean Fooks**

I am very disturbed to see that the two long-awaited amendments to North Oxford and Summertown CPZs have been delayed until February, despite having been in the Forward plan for November 25<sup>th</sup> for some time. Please would you explain why and whether they can be brought forward to deal with the very real problems they are intended to address?’

**Reply from Councillor Rodney Rose, Cabinet Member for Transport**

The Councillor will be aware from my responses to her questions at the September 2010 meeting that, given the current budgetary pressures, minor amendments to CPZs are low on my list of priorities. Indeed this position is being reflected in the proposals for savings and reorganisation within the Highways & Transport section of the Environment & Economy Directorate

Indeed, the consultation on changes in the Summertown and North Summertown CPZs are only able to be dealt with in February 2011 because there is external funding from developers for elements of the proposals and officers have been able to ‘piggy-back’ other known concerns onto the back of these, thus reducing the impact on OCC budgets.

**Councillor John Tanner**

“Given the shortfall in the Residents’ Parking account in 2009/10 was £22K and a 25% increase in charges in 2011/12 is likely to bring in around £93K, what is the extra £70K to be spent on. Could Cllr Rose explain what the ‘Other’ category includes? In these austere times, has the Cabinet Member considered reducing costs in line with income?”

**Reply from Councillor Rodney Rose, Cabinet Member for Transport**

As set out in the report the costs associated with enforcement of the residents parking zones are in two parts the residents parking bays, which as identified showed a loss of £22k and the yellow lines (of which approximately 75% are within residents parking zones) which showed a total loss of £170k of which approximately £85k is attributable to the residents parking zones. In total therefore the shortfall for operating the zones is approximately £117k not £22k.

The 'Other' category in the financial information are a variety of costs including payments to contractors for implementing essential changes and maintenance in the zones, payments to the Traffic Penalty Tribunal service, payments for the provision of credit card payment services, membership of the British Parking Association and other small ad-hoc items such as training, printing, postage and stationary.

The County have already made significant savings (approximately £250,000 per year) and will seek to make further savings to balance the current deficit of £117k with the anticipated additional income of £93k. Additional savings in costs to meet the entire £117k shortfall would have to begin to target patrol levels and as such may only serve to reduce income through PCN's.