

## **CABINET – 26 FEBRUARY 2019**

### **ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Questions received from the following Members:

#### **1. Question from Councillor Howson to Councillor Constance**

“Has the county council any views on the idea of creating ‘Home Zone’ streets as defined by the Department for Transport in their design guidelines?”

#### **Answer**

“The Oxfordshire Street Design Guide, on which work is ongoing, will seek to provide guidance on the design of developments from master planning stage to detailed design. We envisage the guide will promote various types of design which are appropriate for different street types. Therefore, we expect to include guidance on the use of shared surfaces and space which may be more appropriate for streets from which properties are directly accessed and are lightly trafficked. Shared surfaces and space, encourage motorists to give way to other users of the street and encourage the use of the street for play and social interaction, which is what Home Zones seek to achieve. The aim of the design guide is to help create successful places where people want to live, work and play and to encourage walking, cycling and use of public transport. We hope to undertake stakeholder consultation over the summer months and conclude the project in autumn 2019. “

#### **2. Question from Councillor Pressel to Councillor Hudspeth**

“At our budget meeting, the Leader quite rightly said that ‘we must target our resources to provide vital services to those vulnerable adults and children who require them most’. In the light of this, please can you tell us exactly what criteria will be used for deciding how the new £1 million fund for youth services will be allocated? Can we assume that the data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment will be used to inform our decisions?”

#### **Answer**

“I was delighted to propose and vote for a budget that was caring and

compassionate as it:

Increased the funding on Adult Social Care by £8.8 million  
Increased the funding on Children’s Social Care by £9.0 million  
Increased the funding on Education by £3.0 million  
Provided £1 million for Youth provision across the county.

These measures will help the most vulnerable adults and children across Oxfordshire.

By contrast I noted that Cllr Pressel voted:

AGAINST increasing the funding on Adult Social Care by £8.8 million  
AGAINST increasing the funding on Children's Social Care by £9.0 million  
AGAINST increasing the funding on Education by £3.0 million  
AGAINST providing £1 million for Youth provision across the county

The criteria for allocating the £1 million for youth provision will ensure that all areas across the county will be able to benefit"

### **3. Question from Councillor Phillips to Councillor Constance**

"The Growth Deal is funding a feasibility design project for a pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Collinwood Road in Risinghurst to be completed by the end of March 2019.

Will this work be completed on time and will it be made available to the local member? What is your assessment of the likelihood of funding becoming available to deliver this crossing?"

#### **Answer**

"The feasibility report and design for a pedestrian crossing at Collinwood Road is on schedule to report by the end of March 2019. The outputs from this work will be made available to the local member. Whilst feedback on these outputs would be welcome we do wish to advise that there is currently no plan to undertake wider consultation at the current time. At the current time there is no committed funding to undertake further design work and delivery of this scheme. Through undertaking the feasibility design work however, the council has advanced opportunities to bid for or negotiate funding opportunities for a scheme in the future"