CABINET – 21 MARCH 2023

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions	Cabinet Member
1. COUNCILLOR MARK CHERRY	COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT
Can the Cabinet Member look into expediting Warwick Road onto the resurfacing highway schedule from Orchard Way to the traffic lights at Southam Road where its condition continues to decline? From interaction with highway officers it could be till late 2024/2025 until funding is available to resurface the road. This poses a health and safety concern to cyclists and general traffic using the road.	
2. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON	COUNCILLOR LIZ LEFFMAN, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Last November at Cabinet I asked about whether attendance records for councillors could be made public. Will it be possible to introduce such a scheme from the start of the new municipal year this May?	
3. COUNCILLOR CHARLIE HICKS	COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT
Active Travel England have recently published the active travel capability ratings for Local Authorities across England and Oxfordshire County Council is rated as 2 out of 4, with the next rating happening in Summer 2023. This rating affects how much funding Local Authorities receive from Active	

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Travel England, who have stated as a headline message that "working with ambitious councils is at the heart of everything we do". Councils with higher ratings are in line to receive more funds.	
To become a Level 3 Local Authority on Active Travel Capability, we need to meet the criteria of: "Very strong local leadership, comprehensive plans, and a significant network in place with a growing number of people choosing to walk, wheel and cycle"	
Does he agree with me that we should be doing everything we can to achieve a Level 3 rating from Active Travel England in the next rating round in summer 2023 (especially as we are hosting a key national active travel conference this year)? And if he does agree with me on this, please can he outline what steps are being taken to maximise our chances of a Level 3 rating, including whether the opportunity is being taken in the current E&P department restructure to help get Oxfordshire County Council to the Level 3 definition this summer?	
4. COUNCILLOR MARK CHERRY	COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT
Can the Cabinet Member urgently, investigate safety measures such as a lower speed limit for the stretch of road around house numbers in the 170s Warwick Road, Banbury where there have been recent road collisions with parked cars causing concern to local residents?	