

CABINET – 16 JULY 2013

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions received from the following Members:

1. Councillor John Howson to Councillor Melinda Tilley

“How long has it taken for prosecutions started by Oxfordshire County Council since September 2012 in relation to non-attendance of pupils at school to be completed?”

Answer

The length of proceedings in relation to non- attendance of pupils at school (from issue at Court to final hearing), in the period September 2012 to July 2013, is given in the table below. Over this period 34 cases commenced , 33 of which ended in conviction, one of which in acquittal. The average length of proceedings was 11 weeks.

Number of Weeks	Number of Cases
8 weeks or less	19
9 - 14 weeks	7
15 - 24 weeks	5
25 weeks +	3

2. Councillor Roz Smith to Councillor David Nimmo Smith

“Consultants White Young and Green, (WYG), were engaged by the Council in early May 2013 to write a Headington Transport Strategy. A strategy to deal with the congestion, rat-running, speeding and to improve cycling and walking in the Headington area is to be welcomed. Could the cabinet member please tell me how and when the decision to employ WYG was taken?”

Answer

“White Young Green (WYG) were commissioned in May 2013 to work with the county council’s Infrastructure Development team, local members and stakeholders to consider the current and future transport challenges in Headington and develop a strategy for the area.

WYG have worked with the county council on similar projects in Banbury and Bicester, looking at transport and the infrastructure implications of future

growth. They were appointed in accordance with Council procurement rules for work under £25,000 in value and have proved themselves to be both technically competent and able to deliver within the required timescales.”