

## CABINET – 23 MAY 2023

### ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions	Cabinet Member
<p data-bbox="264 416 792 443"><b>1. COUNCILLOR CHARLIE HICKS</b></p> <p data-bbox="219 491 1030 671">It appears that Oxfordshire County Council has not received any funding in the latest round of Active Travel Funding from Active Travel England. If true, this is clearly hugely disappointing. Does the Cabinet Member know why?</p> <p data-bbox="219 715 1030 1082">Does he believe, as I do, that this offers us an opportunity to pause, consider and improve our active travel delivery capacity as a council, both in regard to the amount of internal officer capacity we have focused solely on active travel and the amount of our own discretionary Capital Budget we spend on active travel, so that we can (a) continue delivering on our ambitious active travel plans without delay and (b) show Active Travel England that Oxfordshire County Council is ambitious, capable and worth giving central government funds to?</p>	<p data-bbox="1088 416 1939 480"><b>COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p data-bbox="1088 528 2033 708">We are very disappointed that Active Travel England (ATE) did not award Oxfordshire County Council any funding for Active Travel Tranche 4. We are seeking an urgent meeting to understand why this is the case and in what way the bid was considered unworthy of funding</p> <p data-bbox="1088 751 2033 1002">We believe that our ATF4 bid was ambitious and in line with both Active Travel England criteria and our ambitions to transform Oxfordshire levels of walking and cycling as set out in the relevant LCWIPs and our Active Travel Strategy. However, we are seeking more specific understanding in what ways each of the funding bids were considered unsuitable so that we can ensure that future bids are more successful.</p>

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<p data-bbox="264 218 842 248"><b>2. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN HAYWOOD</b></p> <p data-bbox="219 296 972 363">With the failure of our bid for ATF4 funds. How do we ensure our bids are better in the future?</p>	<p data-bbox="1088 218 1944 285"><b>COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p data-bbox="1088 325 2042 580">We are requesting an urgent meeting to understand what ways each of the funding bids were considered unsuitable so that we can ensure that future bids are more successful. As we feel our ATF4 bid was ambitious and in line with both Active Travel England criteria and our ambitions to transform Oxfordshire levels of walking and cycling as set out in the relevant LCWIPs and our Active Travel Strategy.</p>