

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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<p>1. COUNCILLOR SIMON CLARKE</p> <p>Better management of plastic waste is now a major public concern. Will the Cabinet member please report what the County is doing to respond to this issue?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Oxfordshire has consistently had one of the best recycling and composting rates in the country, with the one of the lowest rates of waste per head. The Oxfordshire Environment Partnership (OEP) consisting of the county, district and city councils lead on this issue, and are committed to ambitious reduction, reuse and recycling targets.</p> <p>OEP has established that almost half of the general waste (disposed of in black bags) could have been recycled, some of this is plastics, but a lot of it is food waste. We know from our consultation in January that residents want to recycle, but are confused, especially about which plastics are recyclable, and are concerned about the amount of packaging provided with products.</p> <p>OCC and our partners are working on several projects on plastics including introducing recycling of hard plastics at HWRCs, and planning to get information out to residents in each District/City about which plastics are recyclable, and how to differentiate them. OCC support the work that WRAP is doing with manufacturers and retailers on the Plastics Pact, aiming to reduce the amount of single use plastics used and make what is used reusable, recyclable or compostable.</p> <p>The County Council also champions efforts to reduce plastics use. The Community Action Group network is now made up of over 60 local groups, including SESI (a local social enterprise) who have 7 refill stations for detergents around the county, and several Refill groups in towns across the county, signing up and promoting businesses who will refill a water bottle for free, preventing more single use packaging from being bought.</p>

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	<p>We are also looking at our own operations. Single use plastics such as disposable water cups and plastic stirrers are already being phased out and we are working with our own waste contactor to maximise the amount of material recycled from our buildings.</p> <p>We want Oxfordshire to be the best at recycling and composting in the country, and are looking to take another step change in our recycling rates. As part of this we will be focussing on encouraging the public to separate their food waste for recycling but would welcome ideas and engagement form communities and other stakeholders interested in sustainability issues.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Can Councillor Constance tell us with regard to plastic waste what progress has been made with the District Councils on this matter?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you for the question as it gives me an opportunity to make public Oxfordshire County Council's very advanced and continuing interest in recycling not only of plastics but of all recycling of all waste. The most important item in my written answer is that we are (county is still working) working with all the districts in the Oxford Environmental Partnership which will meet next Friday. I believe at the moment is being chaired by the Cherwell Member Councillor Debbie Pickford. The districts have been working in the last three months since our previous meeting on developing a fact sheet to get out to all their members about the plastics that can be recycled. We are hoping that a standard fact sheet will be going out to all the districts because they all have different contractors for the collection of waste. We are working very hard to try to get that information out so that people understand exactly what can be recycled. More importantly however, from the County's point of view is that the greater part of waste still to be separated and recycled is actually food waste. The analysis of black bag waste shows that something like 60% of what we are discarding could be recycled and the great part of that both by volume and by weight is food waste. We have to find ways to encourage people to recycle all that.</p>

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<p>2. COUNCILLOR NICK FIELD-JOHNSON</p> <p>In the last five years, how much has been paid by Oxfordshire residents and businesses in road tax; and in the last five years, how much has been received back from the Government to repair our roads in Oxfordshire.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Officers are unable to provide information on how much has been paid in Road Tax by Oxfordshire residents as this is collected by Central Government, nor are they able to comment on funding for the M40, A34 and A43 as these roads are operated by Highways England and data of specific funding for these roads is not available.</p> <p>The table below shows the funding that Oxfordshire has received from Government in Grant Funding:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="936 660 2047 1259"> <thead> <tr> <th>DfT Grants (m)</th> <th>13/14</th> <th>14/15</th> <th>15/16</th> <th>16/17</th> <th>17/18</th> <th>18/19</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Annual DfT SM Block Allocation</td> <td>£12.8</td> <td>£12.1</td> <td>£16.7</td> <td>£15.3</td> <td>£14.8</td> <td>£13.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Incentive Fund (Band 2)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£0.9</td> <td>£1.3</td> <td>£2.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>National Productivity Fund</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£1.7</td> <td>£1.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Challenge Fund</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£2.9</td> <td>£2.0</td> <td>£8.0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Additional Highway Maintenance</td> <td>£2.3</td> <td>£1.2</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Severe Weather</td> <td></td> <td>£1.8</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pothole Grant</td> <td></td> <td>£3.1</td> <td></td> <td>£1.0</td> <td>£3.6</td> <td>£0.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Additional available for Incentive Fund Band 3</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£0.8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£15.1</td> <td>£19.3</td> <td>£19.6</td> <td>£19.2</td> <td>£29.4</td> <td>£18.3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	DfT Grants (m)	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	Annual DfT SM Block Allocation	£12.8	£12.1	£16.7	£15.3	£14.8	£13.4	Incentive Fund (Band 2)				£0.9	£1.3	£2.0	National Productivity Fund					£1.7	£1.6	Challenge Fund			£2.9	£2.0	£8.0		Additional Highway Maintenance	£2.3	£1.2					Severe Weather		£1.8					Pothole Grant		£3.1		£1.0	£3.6	£0.5	Additional available for Incentive Fund Band 3						£0.8	Total	£15.1	£19.3	£19.6	£19.2	£29.4	£18.3
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<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>I would like to thank my colleague Councillor Constance for the response. From public records there are 350,000 vehicles registered in Oxfordshire.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you for raising the possibility of finding a further £100 million from Government that would serve the £150 million I am looking for road surfacing extremely well. However, I think we as Councillors and members of the whole</p>																																																																						

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<p>My calculation is that if there is an average of £250-£300 paid in tax that is about £87-£90 million a year, over 5 years that is £450 million in contributions towards our roads, we as a county have made. In the response from Councillor Constance I see we have had grants and funding, nearly £100 million basically. My question is we have a huge disparity here between the contribution of about £450 million and the amounts we actually receive back as a county of £100 million. Can we reduce that gap because at the moment we are contribution much more than we are receiving?</p>	<p>Government chain have to accept that tax is hypothecated in that manner. If it were we would find ourselves in dyer position to fund those services which do not generate tax or revenue, defence, education, health would be without a funding source. So, I think we have to accept that the tax however it was introduced, however it was presented as intended to fund roads has become part of the Treasuries big kitty and we do not hypothecate or expect to have it spent. That said we do keep pressure on Government both at our level and through local government association for funding for potholes and you know that we got £2.8 million this year.</p>
<p>3. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON</p> <p>What will be the effects of leaving the EU on Oxfordshire Schools?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR HIBBERT-BILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & EDUCATION</p> <p>Cllr Hibbert-Biles has decided to field this question on the day and won't be providing a response to this beforehand.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>I can't ask a supplementary as she hasn't given me an answer.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>I wish I had a crystal ball Councillor Howson for your first question you have asked me and as we are aware at the moment there is quite a lot going on with regards to what is happening in Europe. So, although I wish that I could answer your question and I wish perhaps I was in Government, I'm not, and I can't answer your question at this moment but hopefully in the near future we might be able to.</p>
<p>4. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON</p> <p>How many EU teachers are currently employed by maintained schools in Oxfordshire?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR HIBBERT-BILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & EDUCATION</p> <p>There are currently 90 Teachers (including Head teachers, Assistant Head-teachers and Teachers of all levels) in maintained schools. As highlighted in the</p>

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	Fitzharrys School	3
	Valley Road Primary	3
	Carswell Primary	2
	Church Cowley St James	2
	Hardwick Primary	2
	John Hampden Primary	2
	John Watson School	2
	Larkrise Primary	2
	North Kidlington Primary	2
	Sandhills Primary	2
	Springfield School	2
	St Ebbe's CE	2
	St Joseph's RC (Oxford)	2
	William Fletcher Primary	2
	Windmill Primary	2
	ACE Centre	1
	Bardwell School	1
	Beckley CE Primary	1
	Brookside Primary	1
	Bure Park Primary	1
	Caldecott Primary	1
	Chesterton CE Primary	1
	Chilton Primary	1
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	Dry Sandford Primary	1
	Fritwell CE Primary	1

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	Great Tew Primary	1
	Hailey CE Primary	1
	Hook Norton CE Primary	1
	Kingham Primary	1
	Kings Meadow Primary	1
	Kirtlington CE School	1
	Launton CE Primary	1
	Little Milton CE Primary	1
	Long Furlong Primary	1
	Mill Lane Primary	1
	Oxford Hospitals	1
	Radley CE Primary	1
	Ridgeway CE Primary	1
	Shellingford CE Primary	1
	Sonning Common Primary	1
	South Stoke Primary	1
	St Edmund's RC Primary	1
	St Francis' CE	1
	St John Evangelist CE	1
	St Leonard's CE Primary	1
	St Mary's (Ch Norton) CE	1
	Stockham Primary	1
	Sunningwell CE Primary	1
	Sutton C All Saints' CE	1
	Wood Farm Primary	1
	Wootton CE Primary	1
	Wychwood CE Primary	1
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<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Can I ask the Cabinet Member whether she would be prepared to write to the Regional Schools Commissioner to ask the Regional Schools Commissioner Office to undertake the same task in relation to the academies so that we know particularly what the state of play is in the secondary schools in Oxfordshire?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>I can write and ask yes, they don't have to do what I ask though, but I can write and ask.</p>																				
<p>5. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON</p> <p>Which Oxfordshire schools have the largest proportion of EU pupils in 2017-18?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR HIBBERT-BILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & EDUCATION</p> <p>As Cllr Howson is aware the DfE does not publish citizenship data at school level as part of its Schools, Pupils and their Characteristics statistical releases and the data we hold is for our maintained schools.</p> <p>Below is a list of our schools with a percentage of pupils with EU citizenship (other than GBR) over 10% in our maintained schools.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="936 959 1827 1437"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="936 959 1223 1050">%EU Citizenship other than GBR</th> <th data-bbox="1223 959 1827 1050">School</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1050 1223 1094">5%</td> <td data-bbox="1223 1050 1827 1094">Oxfordshire's Maintained Schools</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1094 1223 1139">10%</td> <td data-bbox="1223 1094 1827 1139">New Hinksey C.E. Primary</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1139 1223 1184">10%</td> <td data-bbox="1223 1139 1827 1184">East Oxford Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1184 1223 1228">10%</td> <td data-bbox="1223 1184 1827 1228">Wood Farm Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1228 1223 1273">11%</td> <td data-bbox="1223 1228 1827 1273">Rose Hill Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1273 1223 1318">12%</td> <td data-bbox="1223 1273 1827 1318">St Aloysius' Catholic Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1318 1223 1362">12%</td> <td data-bbox="1223 1318 1827 1362">Ewelme CE (VA) Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1362 1223 1407">12%</td> <td data-bbox="1223 1362 1827 1407">St. John's R.C. School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1407 1223 1437">13%</td> <td data-bbox="1223 1407 1827 1437">St Edmunds RC Primary School</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	%EU Citizenship other than GBR	School	5%	Oxfordshire's Maintained Schools	10%	New Hinksey C.E. Primary	10%	East Oxford Primary School	10%	Wood Farm Primary School	11%	Rose Hill Primary School	12%	St Aloysius' Catholic Primary School	12%	Ewelme CE (VA) Primary School	12%	St. John's R.C. School	13%	St Edmunds RC Primary School
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	17%	The Slade Nursery School	
	18%	St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School	
	24%	Sacred Heart School	
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member discuss with the Education & Skills Funding Council whether there is any risk to the Swan School being built now it isn't going to receive planning permission before September at the earliest in view of the very large number of children from within the EU that there are within City primary schools who would be transferring into the secondary sector in the next few years. I want an absolute assurance if possible from them that they will not be pulling the Swan School.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>That is a difficult one, isn't it? I can ask again but nobody wants the Swan School pulled.</p>		
<p>6. COUNCILLOR PAUL BUCKLEY</p> <p>Oxfordshire is currently a major recipient of EU research grants, especially to Harwell, Culham and Oxford University (which is currently receiving more EU research funding than any other university in the EU). This will cease after Brexit. The Government has made no commitment to make up the funds lost, beyond 2020. Would the Leader of the Council please explain what he is doing, to press the Government to replace all of the EU research funds that will be lost, to minimise damage to research in Oxfordshire: widely acknowledged to be an</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>You are correct to highlight the fact that the Conservative government has confirmed the funds until 2020, this is good news for Harwell, Culham and Oxford University, I'm sure that once all the negotiations are dealt with the Conservative government will show similar commitment beyond 2020 and I wrote to the Secretary of State some time ago to highlight Oxford and Oxfordshire's interest in maintaining European, and indeed global, scientific cooperation.</p> <p>Countries associated with the Horizon 2020 programme stretch from Iceland to Armenia, via Turkey and Israel, so I see no barrier to the UK continuing to participate after Brexit. Third countries are in any event eligible for funding from the programme, and the EU explicitly publishes a list of such countries - this list</p>		

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<p>important driver of the county's economy.</p>	<p>spans the globe, including Cambodia, Iran, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe. I therefore have every confidence we will remain closely engaged in scientific co-operation, and in the unlikely event that the EU were to exclude us it would, given the above, say more about them than about us.</p> <p>What I'm doing is working with Government along with the City and Districts councils to ensure that Oxfordshire has the infrastructure to grow the economy making it the best area in the country to invest in. We have been successful in bidding for £215 million of funds for the Growth Deal, we have moved to the next stage of bidding for Housing Infrastructure Fund bids for Didcot and the A40 worth £300million, with this level of investment in Oxfordshire; Harwell, Culham and Oxford University will all be able to grow to attract even more investment.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Since the health research in our County depends much more on research funding than the bus lane on the A40 for example to which he refers, does he agree that these institutions will be worse off unless Government ups the research funding to make good the £3.4 billion that will be missing and will be press the Government to make that good supporting for example the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University who has been making that case.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>I understand that this figure is about £69 million of research funding within Oxfordshire. The reason I referred to the investment that we are putting in is because having that bus lane on the A40 will encourage more firms to come to West Oxfordshire and they will be able to invest by themselves and that is the key thing about it. You have got to remember at the moment we are currently putting in vast sums of money into European Union and when the Brexit deal goes through we won't be putting that money in and we will be able to put in services for UK citizens.</p>
<p>7. COUNCILLOR PAUL BUCKLEY</p> <p>Several large companies important to Oxfordshire - BMW, Airbus, Unipart - have recently highlighted the dangers facing their businesses, if Brexit does not lead to a totally frictionless Customs arrangement with the EU. Could the Cabinet member for E&E please quantify the expected consequences for</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>I am not of the view that Brexit will force these companies to leave the United Kingdom despite the fact that I campaigned hard for Remain. I now see that we will have the opportunity to grow our economy without the shackles of the EU allowing for more investment in the UK. BMW have shown that they have the confidence in the Oxfordshire market by investing £500 million to produce the latest version of the Mini.</p>

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<p>Oxfordshire's economy and jobs, if Brexit forces these companies to leave the UK.</p>	<p>With the support of the Conservative government that has awarded Oxfordshire a Growth deal of £215 million along with potentially up to another £300 million of HIF for Didcot and the A40 I can see more businesses and jobs in Oxfordshire in addition to the 43,000 jobs created since 2011.</p> <p>I have confidence that the Government and EU negotiators will reach a deal which delivers on the promise of Brexit, protects our European trade, and enhances our global opportunities. That companies have mentioned the US or China as alternative locations in the event of a negative outcome shows that 'frictionless customs' are not the only issue in play.</p> <p>Therefore, while individual businesses have the right to speak out on matters which affect their interests, I suspect the prophets of doom will be as wrong this time as they were when they forecast three million job losses if we didn't join the Euro, or an immediate severe recession after the Leave vote.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>My question was what will be the consequences for Oxfordshire if Brexit forces the big companies to leave the UK now. Central Government is doing contingency planning for a no-deal Brexit, we know that from many things that civil servants have said. I assume that the County is similarly doing contingency planning for a no-deal Brexit. A no-deal Brexit will almost certainly send BMW away from the UK. So, what will be the consequences for Oxfordshire, please.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>I am much more confident about the procedure. BMW put £500 million into East Oxford into providing good jobs there. I can't see them pulling it because they know the workforce there are a good workforce it will encourage more people to come to the UK for investment and we can go outside the EU for investment because we won't be contained by EU investment alone., The £40 billion that we currently send and squander for administration in Europe will be able to be used to support UK industry.</p>

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<p>8. COUNCILLOR PAUL BUCKLEY</p> <p>The Oxford North development (previously known as Northern Gateway) has recently reappeared in public: a consultation is underway on outline plans for the site. Residents of my Division are extremely concerned about the potential for even worse road congestion; and the chairman of Oxford North himself has said publicly that the Loop Farm link road will be essential, to divert A40/A44 traffic away from Oxford North. Can the Cabinet member for E&E now give residents a definite commitment that this road will be built, commencing in 2019?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Work on the A40-A44 Link Road project has been extended in light of the proposed Garden Village at Eynsham and Cherwell Modifications to their local plan, and the possible route/corridor of the Expressway. All of which will have an impact in this area and will need to be assessed within the transport modelling.</p> <p>Once this assessment has been completed, further design work on the A40-A44 Link Road can continue, but it does mean the start of works, due to begin in 2019, are likely to be extended by several months.</p> <p>In terms of the relationship between Oxford North and the A40-A44 Link Road, whilst the link road could provide wider congestion benefits it is not required to deliver a development at Oxford North. This was agreed by a Planning Inspector following an examination in public of the City Council's Northern Gateway Area Action Plan in 2015, and based on technical evidence submitted by the County Council (the North Oxford Transport Strategy). Both the Area Action Plan and Planning Inspector's report are available via the following link: https://www.oxford.gov.uk/northerngateway</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Councillor Constance in her reply says that she cannot give me a definite commitment that this road will be built. It is notable that the Oxford North proposals especially in the design of their link road that goes from the A40/A44 absolutely requires the Loop Farm link road to be viable. So, does she agree with me therefore that the current proposals from Oxford North that is are totally unviable because there is not guarantee of A40/A44 Loop Farm link road.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>No, I don't agree with you. It's quite clear that the date is not known. There is still work going on the viability of that road and as the written answer tells you, it was quite clear at the City Council's Northern Gateway Area Action Plan examination that the Northern Gateway can proceed without the link road, and that must be a fairly conclusive decision on which we stand at the moment. Work is continuing on that road and there is no date and I cannot confirm or answer the question as you hoped I might.</p>

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<p>9. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</p> <p>A 20-mph limit is working well on busy stretches of some of the arterial roads in Oxford, for instance in Summertown and in Cowley Road.</p> <p>You may remember that a passionate group of residents from my division presented a petition to Cabinet a couple of years ago asking for a 20-mph limit in Botley Road. This followed serious road accidents involving several children. Ideally, we would like it to cover the whole length of the road, but it would certainly be better than nothing to have it along the busy stretch by the shops (including outside Waitrose, which is extremely busy and where the road is difficult to cross).</p> <p>Please can this be included in the plans for improvements to Botley Road?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Designs for the Botley Road corridor are being developed for public consultation in November. The design team are reviewing the speed limit on the corridor as part of this work and any changes to the existing speed limits will be included in the design proposals when they are published in November so people can comment on them as part of the overall scheme.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>This question is about the huge desire among people in the Botley Road area for a 20mph limit in Botley Road and my supplementary question is please could Yvonne give this her personal backing?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you, I think anybody is lucky to get above 20mph along the Botley Road. My complaint is crawling congestion. However, I do hear you and the answer of course is quite correct, as you know there is £5million grant for a new design and implementation of improvements at the big junction and of cycling improvements and the possibility of a 20mph limit can certainly be considered. I am not going to give you a personal commitment that we would impose it. I think it is unrealistic in uncongested times if it is possible to go above 20mph, 30mph is a reasonable speed for a big link road into a major city.</p>

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<p>10. COUNCILLOR SIMON CLARKE</p> <p>What would be required for the Leader to support a move towards Decriminalised Parking Enforcement by Oxfordshire's District Councils”</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council has always supported the implementation of Decriminalised Parking across the County and the devolution of such powers to the District Councils. Indeed, in 2010 the Leader of the Council, in his role as Cabinet Member for Transport, personally led arrangements to introduce such powers into West Oxfordshire and devolve enforcement to the District Council. This arose from a joint working party between all District Councils and the County Council with only West Oxfordshire District Council deciding to proceed.</p> <p>Decriminalised Parking requires both Local Authority on Street and Off-Street Parking to be Decriminalised which are the responsibility of the County Council and District Councils respectively. Modelling undertaken at that time showed that implementation of such powers would not make a surplus and indeed was likely to require a significant subsidy from the public purse at a time when all authorities were needing to make reductions to their budgets. Surveys undertaken by District Councils at that time showed that there was insufficient demand from residents and businesses to justify such an investment. Officers from remaining authorities were mandated to review the matter again in 2014 however, the profiled losses from such an arrangement had increased further, with revised surveys still showing little demand. The County Council remain open to further discussions.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Can Councillor Constance tell us whether any of the districts have made any efforts towards decriminalised parking enforcement.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you again for your question, it is an opportunity to make public the fact that civil enforcement continues to be a matter of real interests to the districts and to the County Council. I made it one of my ambitions on taking this portfolio.</p>

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	<p>Sadly, it doesn't get very far, it is a matter for the districts to impose and I do know from the Vale where I am a District Councillor that when we examined the issue some 3 or 4 years ago, it was found to be hugely expensive to introduce and it was decided that far from being of any service to the Council, it would be an ultimate cost and they decided not to do it. But the issue remains alive and I do know villagers in my division are seeking powers to be able to introduce wardens that can have powers to enforce parking because some of the villagers in Wantage Town for instance are in dire straits over parking. The possibility continues to be examined.</p>