

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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<p>1. COUNCILLOR EMMA TURNBULL</p> <p>What is this Council's policy in terms of enabling access to free school meals for pupils whose parents have no recourse to public funds? Many children in such families grow up in exceptional poverty. Would the Cabinet Member consider making funds available to help families in this position?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURAL SERVICES</p> <p>It has been very many years since Oxfordshire County Council had any role or responsibility in the administration of Free School Meals (FSM) for schools in the County. As such OCC does not have a policy on FSM.</p> <p>FSM are administered by individual schools, reported through School Census to the DfE and attract additional funding through this process.</p> <p>Access to Pupil Premium additional funding is available to schools under a variety of criteria, eligibility for FSM being the most common. Pupil Premium funding is intended by Government to off-set the impacts of poverty, vulnerability and disadvantage and be used by schools to close the attainment gaps that poverty and disadvantage are shown to create. Access to FSM can also make financial support for transport and uniform accessible.</p> <p>Many schools report that a number of families opt to not declare themselves as eligible for FSM. Many schools actively promote and encourage families to step forward to access their FSM entitlement.</p> <p>All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in England can receive free school meals.</p> <p>Beyond that, any child whose parents receive one of the following 'qualifying benefits' is eligible for free school meals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income Support• Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance• Income-related Employment and Support Allowance• Asylum support (under section 95)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The guaranteed element of Pension Credit • Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190) • Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit • Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) <p>Asylum seekers receiving asylum support under section 95 are also eligible for free school meals.</p> <p>The scale of the school aged population in Oxfordshire from families with no recourse to public funds is not known as it is not captured in any available data set and, locally, would not be reliable as based on self-declaration only.</p> <p>Without a framework for systematically and fairly identifying all the families in Oxfordshire that Cllr. Turnbull is concerned with, any consideration of additional funding from local sources, as opposed to making a case to the Department for Education, could not reasonably be calculated.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you Chair and thank you for this answer. I am really concerned that children of migrants without recourse to public funds are going hungry and I feel that we have a duty of care to these children, not just to the children who are currently eligible to free school meals. I do not accept that we don't know who all these children are we do know the children we are currently supporting under Section 17 of the Children Act and I feel that access to free school meals would make a</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you for that Councillor Turnbull. Yes, we are trying very hard to encourage families to register, all families who are eligible. It is a social issue, it is outside our control as you are aware, but we will do everything we can to improve the situation. I know that Central Government is aware of this too and they are trying to bring forward policies that will help and enable these groups to benefit from some of the things that they are eligible for but don't claim.</p>

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<p>really big difference for these families. So, I would like to ask the Cabinet Member whether she would write to Central Government to request a change of policy specifically asking for children from these families to be given free school meals and whether she will write to Chairs of Governors to encourage them to do what they can within their own schools.</p>											
<p>2. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON</p> <p>What help with transport to post-16 education institutions are provided for pupils attending the 11-16 secondary schools in the county, and has the county agreed any changes to previous provision?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURAL SERVICES</p> <p>The Council operates a spare seat scheme under the terms of its Home to School transport policy. The “Spare Seat Scheme” operates on contracted routes that are operated for the benefit of those who are entitled to free transport to and from school. If there is an available home to school transport route operated on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council, students who are not of statutory school age and who are aged 16 to 18, may use the Spare Seat Scheme to purchase a seat on that route to enable access to their school or college.</p> <p>When there are more requests to pay for seats on a specific route than there are seats available, they will be allocated in the descending order of priority</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="898 1070 1003 1102">Priority</th> <th data-bbox="1025 1070 1160 1102">Category</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="898 1110 927 1142">1.</td> <td data-bbox="1025 1110 1630 1174">Those with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="898 1182 927 1214">2.</td> <td data-bbox="1025 1182 1339 1214">Looked After Children</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="898 1222 927 1254">3.</td> <td data-bbox="1025 1222 1592 1286">Years 12 and 13 (if there is no available service bus route)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="898 1294 927 1326">4.</td> <td data-bbox="1025 1294 1637 1430">Children in receipt of Free School Meals or whose parent /parents are in receipt of the maximum of Working Tax Credit</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Priority	Category	1.	Those with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school	2.	Looked After Children	3.	Years 12 and 13 (if there is no available service bus route)	4.	Children in receipt of Free School Meals or whose parent /parents are in receipt of the maximum of Working Tax Credit
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	<p>5. Those who travelled on the route the previous term</p> <p>6. By year group, in ascending order of priority from Reception to Year 11 (or to Year 13 if there is an available service bus route)</p> <p>On 17 July 2018 the Cabinet confirmed the decision to end subsidised travel for Post 16 students to Henley College. It also confirmed that this change was to be implemented from September 2018. There are no students receiving OCC funded subsidised travel to Henley College at this time except one SEND student. There are three pending requests for free travel on SEND grounds.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you very much for the answer, as you know I have been interested in the transport for children over the age of 16 in Oxfordshire and the lack of funding since the raising of the learning leaving age from 16 to 18 which particularly affects children in places like Carterton and Watlington where there are the two 11-16 schools in this County. Can I have reassurance from the Cabinet Member that the current consultation opened by the Government into the replacement of the 16-19 bursary, which replaced the Education Maintenance Allowance in a rather hurried way under the coalition Government, will be responded to by the County Council because there is a very significant part of that consultation which relates to the problems of transport in rural areas and ways in which that might be over-come by Central Government.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you, Councillor Howson, yes, we are aware of this situation and we are aware of the consultation. I have already discussed this with officers and we will be responding. We are very anxious to help support these children, well young adults to get to their places of education and I accept everything that you have said.</p>

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<p>3. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON</p> <p>What estimate has been made of the reduction in the number of car journeys to Oxford station in a typical week since the opening of Oxford Parkway Station?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Unfortunately, the officer who deals with this matter has been on sick leave. I will endeavour to get a response to you as soon as possible.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Oxford Parkway Station has now been open for quite a considerable amount of time, I am sure the officer has not been on sick leave for the whole of that time and I am surprised that there is no data available. Can the Cabinet Member give me some indication as to when this data might be available?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>No, I can't give you an indication, but what I will give you is an assurance that you will get the answer.</p>
<p>4. COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWSON</p> <p>Following the statement in the Leader's budget speech about the preparation of a business case for the Cowley Branch line re-opening to passenger traffic, can the Cabinet Member please provide a time line for when the business case will be completed and what the next steps would then be to ensure the line was re-opened for passenger traffic. I note that it was in 2014 that the Leader of this council was photographed taking a DMU trip on the line.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>This depends on the outcome of the current phase of work being done on the Cowley Branch Line as part of the Oxfordshire Rail Corridor Study, but we will not know the outcome (and therefore the scope and timescale for what happens next) until September.</p>

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<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>In view of the discussions from those people that we have heard from today about the Expressway mass transit systems such as the Cowley branch, are quite important in both moving people quickly and reducing climate emissions. I noted that the Growth Board in January discussed the Cowley Branch as a potential workstream and I am surprised that their deliberation and timescale was not included in the answer. Can the Cabinet Member please indicate how the various groups that a working towards this dovetail together?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>You are aware from the answer that the Rail Corridor Study is being done, there will be an answer by the Autumn of this year and we will get back to you at that stage.</p>
<p>5. COUNCILLOR DR SIMON CLARKE</p> <p>Could the Leader give details of the recent successful Housing Infrastructure Fund bid for the Didcot area.</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council has been successful in securing £218m from the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) towards vital infrastructure to deliver and unlock new homes and economic growth in the Didcot Garden Town area. The funding is towards a total scheme package of £234m and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A4130 widening from A34 Milton Interchange towards Didcot • A new “Science Bridge” over the A4130, Great Western Railway Line and Milton Road into the former Didcot A Power Station site • A new Culham to Didcot river crossing between the A415 and A4130 • A Clifton Hampden Bypass <p>All elements will include segregated cycling and walking infrastructure. The funding will unlock around 13,000 new homes and will support the delivery of more than 18,000 new homes and thousands of new jobs. OCC is currently agreeing with Government the exact details surrounding the funding to deliver the infrastructure by March 2024. A map showing the package of measures in relation to Didcot is available from Aron.Wisdom@Oxfordshire.gov.uk .</p>

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<p>6. COUNCILLOR GEORGE REYNOLDS</p> <p>Now the specific post acting as first point of call for HS2 has been made redundant, without telling local councillors or parish councils, can I be assured there is sufficient officer time and finance to deal with the problems that may emerge as the project moves into the construction stage. We have been told to expect up to 500 two-way lorry trips for several years on several main roads in the north of the County which almost certainly result in road damage especially in winter.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Good communication with Councillors and Parish or Town Council's is vital, and I have asked officers to ensure that key changes in key staff contacts are properly communicated. Understanding who to go to is important and I am pleased to report that the recent "Highway Maintenance – Who does what factsheet" for Members and Parish and Town Councils has gone down very well and I have requested more of this type of communication.</p> <p>I can confirm that there is sufficient and appropriate officer time being placed on working with HS2 during the construction stage. HS2 have their own obligation and requirements with regard to engaging with local communities on their issues and concerns and one that we will ensure is acted upon. We will of course keep resource levels under review.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you, madam Chairman. The Cabinet Member and officers clearly have more faith in HS2's ability to keep to their promises. Can she assure me that should the minor roads become rat runs that we will put in temporary traffic orders, in order to prevent the roads being destroyed and villagers being upset?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>The straight answer is yes of course. Quite clearly, as the need arises, those issues will be presented to the County and officers will implement temporary traffic orders as required.</p>
<p>7. COUNCILLOR GEORGE REYNOLDS</p> <p>Please can the Cabinet Member do something about the attitude of those doing work on the highway to minimise the time closures or part closures that are in operation. This especially</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>As the Local Highway Authority, we take seriously our responsibility to balance the needs to ensure traffic is able to effectively move around the highway network with the need to maintain the safety of workers and road users during roadworks. Our dedicated Network Management Team work to actively maintain this balance on all</p>

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<p>applies to traffic lights that are erected very early and not removed until way after the works have finished.</p>	<p>works on the highway.</p> <p>We work very closely with all those wishing to temporarily occupy a part of the highway to ensure that all activities are considerately planned, and most appropriate traffic management used to ensure the minimum of inconvenience to the public whilst enabling essential work to take place. There may be times however when it is not obvious to road users why closures are still in place (i.e. whilst hot tarmac is cooling and therefore not suitable for traffic) and the service will investigate how we can communicate more effectively during these times if needed. There are also times when third parties do not do what is agreed and when this happens we can and do impose punitive financial penalties.</p> <p>If specific instances where it is believed activity on the network has been poorly or inadequately managed, then please make us aware via our customer service centre; so that we may review the matter and where necessary take the appropriate action.</p>
<p>8. COUNCILLOR SUZANNE BARTINGTON</p> <p>Given the inconsistency between a commitment to achieving a Strategic Active Travel Network as approved with unanimous support of Council on 13 November 2019 and the recent decision to remove the B4044 Community Path from the Housing Infrastructure Bid for West Oxfordshire, could the Leader please confirm what actions were taken to reverse this decision and what will now be done to secure funding at the earliest opportunity?</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>When government officials told us if we included the B4044 cycle path in the HIF 2 bid then it would be likely that it would be unsuccessful we questioned the methodology but were unable to change the approach being applied to the HIF assessment process. We then contacted the local MPs, so they were aware of the position at an early stage. I took advantage of a meeting regarding Oxford City cycling with the Minister Jesse Norman, to make him aware of the situation to allow us to be able to submit with the scheme involved.</p> <p>We had to take the difficult decision to submit the bid without the B4044 scheme included as we could not risk losing all the funding for the A40 Smart corridor which has needed investment for many years. I can confirm we have submitted the bid for £102 million to improve this vital road corridor which includes upgrading of cycle path along the route.</p>

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	<p>I attach a copy of my letter to the minister which asks that the B4044 cycle path scheme is considered as a standalone bid.</p> <p>I remain committed to the B4044 cycle path scheme and will do everything possible to secure funding for it.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>I was very disappointed about the recent decision to remove the B4044 community path from the West Oxfordshire housing infrastructure fund bid, although very much appreciate that this is due to the challenges regarding the underlying funding formula. I thank the Leader of the Council for taking action in this regard, but I would like to know if we do not have funding forthcoming from the Department for Transport, which other sources of funding will he examine, and will this be done as a matter of urgency?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>I can assure Councillor Bartington that we are looking at all funding sources available. As you know, I was on the inaugural run of the actual campaign. I support the whole scheme, it is very unfortunate that it wasn't part of the A40 Smart Corridor bid however, I have got to say that the A40 Corridor Bid contains good segregated path pedestrian/cycleways as well. It must be remembered in all this, that it is not just about a road scheme, there is improvements to the cycle paths as well, so it will be an addition. However, I urge everybody to write to Jesse Norman and ask for this B4044 to be a stand alone bid and if the number of people that have already written to me then write to him as well, there will be quite a large in the box. Then perhaps he can take notice and we don't have to look at another funding stream and perhaps he can find it from underspends in other areas.</p>
<p>9. COUNCILLOR SUZANNE BARTINGTON</p> <p>Bridge Street, Witney has annual average levels of Nitrogen Dioxide which exceed EU legal limits and are known to be harmful to human health. Approximately 29,000 vehicles use this route daily, the only through link between East and West Witney. Please could the Cabinet Member provide an update on the progress for delivery of slips roads at the Shores Green interchange to move through traffic away from residential areas</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Funding has been allocated towards this scheme from the Housing & Growth Deal which will enable design work to get underway in the new financial year. Officers have been discussing the modelling and design work with West Oxfordshire District Council officers, as well as engaging with the East Witney developer. A combination of developer funding and the Growth Deal allocation will be required to deliver the scheme on the ground. The programme for the scheme is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options and feasibility design work – 2019/20 • Preliminary design work – 2020/21

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and improve quality of life for those living in Witney?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction will depend on the agreement over the delivery of the works with landowners and developers and all funding being in place but is provisionally programmed for 2022/23. <p>Regular updates will be brought to the Locality Meetings.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you and I thank the Cabinet Member for the answer to this question. I would like to specifically ask whether there will be an update on the Shores Green junction to be brought to the localities meeting to be held at the end of April 2019.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER (by Councillor Ian Hudspeth)</p> <p>I am sure that if Councillor Bartington wants an update we can get an update, a lot of that depends on actually the development and the progress, because Shores Green is actually based upon the development and the S106 proposals as opposed to the HIF funding bid, which following on the successful £218 millions for Didcot, we have put in for the A40 smart corridor, but that specific point about Shores Green is related to the housing delivery.</p>
<p>10. COUNCILLOR SUSSANA PRESSEL</p> <p>With concern growing about poor air quality and congestion, would the Cabinet member agree that it's not just the City that would benefit from "congestion control management", but also several other parts of Oxfordshire?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>The current congestion management programme in Oxford proposes measures to improve air quality and reduce traffic levels in and around Oxford – the Zero Emission Zone, a congestion charge, workplace parking levy and access restrictions, and the further roll-out of Controlled Parking Zones. If implemented, this is likely to have benefits across the county, particularly given a large amount of traffic coming into Oxford originates from other parts of Oxfordshire.</p> <p>The roll out of further congestion management programmes in other parts of the county may be able to be implemented to benefit air quality, with any such measures carefully selected and applied to each location. Once the measures have been fully assessed, confirmed and implementation has begun for Oxford, this is the point when it is appropriate to consider their wider application across the county. It is anticipated that we will be able to begin this process from 2021. Oxfordshire County Council is undertaking considerable other work that will contribute to air</p>

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	quality and traffic congestion improvements including healthy place shaping, active and healthy travel, and helping residents move to electric vehicles.
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you. Would Yvonne agree that she desperately needs to develop a sense of urgency in this matter, after all we have heard so far this morning, surely, we can get a move on with this. We passed a motion in this chamber five years ago to look at work place parking levies and congestion charging. We have seen nothing so far and about the other County towns, Witney has got terrible air quality, Henley has got terrible air quality and they are asked to wait until 2021, it says in this answer. Please will Yvonne develop a sense of urgency?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you so much for your question, it is the first time I have agreed with totally. Congestion really is a priority in this County and in the City and all our Cities. The sense of urgency is difficult to generate when you are not able to demonstrate the benefits for all the towns in Oxfordshire and we are working on that front. Your question therefore is really a very important one. What we learn in Oxford City we can export to other cities and towns in the County and I think that is a very important part of making progress on this front. For instance, the zero-emission requirement for taxis by 2025 could be implemented by the District Councils now. The District Councils could bring forward civil parking enforcement now. There are many things we are learning in the City that you could do in the districts, if we once get the districts to accept that there are changes that they can make and that there is an urgency about this. We are looking at building not just the 25,000 houses already built in Oxfordshire but 75,000 more by 2031, and if we don't develop a proper public transport system, we are not going to be able to move on any road into, through and around the cities. We are going to have to look at this, we are looking at it, we hope to bring plans to you later this year.</p>
<p>11. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</p> <p>Since transport is the main source of air pollution in the County, please can we have a regular report on moves to switch our fleet to fewer polluting vehicles?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>An annex to the internal Energy Strategy is due to go Member for Environment Delegated Decisions in April committing the council to move all cars and vans to electric as they come up for renewal where this is operationally viable.</p> <p>The Council has already put in place a programme to support teams with moving to electric vehicles including trials of vehicles, support with assessing whole lifecycle costs and a programme to install charging points at corporate sites. To date this work has resulted in the following vehicles in operation, on order and currently being</p>

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	<p>trialled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 fully electric Cars fire service (operating) • 7 fully electric Vans fire service (operating) • 3 fully electric pool cars (on order – arriving late Spring) • 1 fully electric accessible minibus (on order) • 1 fully electric car Kingfisher team (on order) • Trails of electric cars are currently taking place in Adult Social Care and Print Services prior to an order. <p>Charging points have been installed as Table 1 below. A pipeline of a further 12 sites is due to be installed in Q2/3 2019.</p> <p>Table 1:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="887 770 1951 1050"> <thead> <tr> <th>Phase 1 Sites Installed</th> <th>Type</th> <th>Quality</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>County Hall</td> <td>22kW Dual Wall mount Unit</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Speedwell</td> <td>22kW Dual Free-Standing Post Unit</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grandpont</td> <td>7kW Dual Free-Standing Post Unit</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Samuelson House</td> <td>22kW Dual Free-Standing Post Unit</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Banbury Fire Station</td> <td>22kW Dual Free-Standing Post Unit</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kidlington Fire Station</td> <td>22kW Dual Free-Standing Post Unit</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>A separate piece of work; ‘One Fleet’ is assessing how to bring all the council’s fleet together into a single point of control. This work is due to report at the end of Q3 and will help the council to further identify the forward pipeline of electric vehicles.</p> <p>Officers can update Members quarterly on progress installing charging and moving vehicles to electric.</p>	Phase 1 Sites Installed	Type	Quality	County Hall	22kW Dual Wall mount Unit	2	Speedwell	22kW Dual Free-Standing Post Unit	2	Grandpont	7kW Dual Free-Standing Post Unit	2	Samuelson House	22kW Dual Free-Standing Post Unit	2	Banbury Fire Station	22kW Dual Free-Standing Post Unit	2	Kidlington Fire Station	22kW Dual Free-Standing Post Unit	2
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<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Yes, thanks for the answer, unfortunately it shows that we have made a very late start and we are making very slow progress. Can officers update members quarterly about progress and how we are going to be told.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>I can make the commitment that we will keep you up to date with a quarterly progress report. I can't promise what the progress will be in any quarter, but we will certainly report on it.</p>
<p>12. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</p> <p>Would the Cabinet member like to join me in congratulating one of our apprentices, Nairne Barker, on being awarded the title of Apprentice of the Year at a recent ceremony in the Town Hall?</p>	<p>COUCILLOR JUDITH HEATHCOAT, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>I would like to congratulate not only Nairne Barker being awarded the title of "Apprentice of the Year" but also others shortlisted for the "Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards".</p> <p>Nairne's received the nomination for this award by her line managers because of her great work ethic, her enthusiasm, her exceptional ability to listen, learn and then act. Nairne works with vulnerable children and families.</p> <p>Nairne recently became an Apprenticeship Ambassador via a scheme coordinated by OxLEP, a role that involves attending events on behalf of the Council, talking to young people about the opportunity an apprenticeship provides, thereby playing an important role in recruiting our future workforce. As an aside, Nairne will be attending an event at the House of Commons on Monday 1st April as part of the national Youth Apprenticeship Ambassador network. She will be meeting Gillian Keegan MP (Con, Chichester) who has been appointed as an MP Apprenticeship Ambassador by the Skills Minister Anne Milton. I am proud of Nairne and pleased that she has been given this exciting opportunity to represent the Council at this event.</p> <p>Whilst noting Nairne's success and congratulating her – she is also shortlisted along with other apprentices for several awards at the forthcoming "Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards" and they are as follows: -</p>

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	<p>Intermediate Apprentice of the Year - Robin Morrisen, Business Admin Apprentice Advanced Apprentice of the Year – Nairne Barker, Business Admin Apprentice Special Recognition Award – Frederika Kaja, Data Analyst Apprentice Shining Star Award - Adam Barrett, Technical Highways Engineer Winners will be revealed on 4th April.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>This is a lovely answer. It is great news and we have done very well. I think we can be very proud of our apprenticeships scheme and how well our apprentices are doing. Is there somewhere we can celebrate their achievements internally?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you very much Councillor Pressel. I think the diversity of the apprenticeships we offer as a County Council are suburb across the piece and I was thrilled to see that there are the names at the back of my questions of those receiving awards. I think that the reward enough in itself for them that their efforts and that the work they have done has been recognised.</p>
<p>13. COUNILLOR JANE HANNA</p> <p>The Women’s Cycling Tour will be one of the events encouraged and supported by our County Council Cycling Champion this year. Can Councillor Suzanne Bartington and other County Councillors with specified responsibility to act as a County Council Champion provide a full list of events attended in the last six months to be made available to all Councillors?</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>The champions do an excellent job of representing the Council at various events in a voluntary role. I would not want to make this an over bureaucratic role however I will discuss with them how we report their meetings.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you Councillor Hudspeth for taking this up. I would just like to ask about the excellent opportunity from Women’s Cycling Tour. The opportunity to build a real legacy to support local</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>I think it is for all Councillors to champion a legacy of this event. It is not just reliant on one Councillor, although Councillor Bartington is the Cycling champion. It is a wonderful opportunity for celebrate cycling and particularly Women Cycling in Oxfordshire and this is not just a one off it is for three years, so it will be going</p>

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<p>cyclist and to help take cars off the roads. Given the concerns for congestion that have been expressed already today, could Councillor Hudspeth also discuss and update Councillors on how Suzanne Bartington plans to champion a legacy from this really great event.</p>	<p>around the County which is a good thing and all the Districts and City are involved in this. One of the key aims, is that we are going to be working with local schools along the route so that they can take part and be active in the whole process, so it really will be an excellent event bringing the best out in Oxfordshire. We already have a £2 billion tourism agenda in Oxfordshire, this will increase this as more people see Oxfordshire and want to return, and hopefully return cycling. I am sure Councillor Bartington will be promoting this excellent event, but I urge all Councillors to get behind this because this is not just about one Councillor but it's about all Councillors celebrating cycling and the wonderful area of Oxfordshire.</p>