

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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<p>1. COUNCILLOR MARK CHERRY</p> <p>Noting that the national rollout of 5G started in London this year, then the major Metropolitan cities in the United Kingdom, would the Cabinet Member for Finance enlighten me on whether Oxfordshire County Council will be involved in making sure Oxfordshire has access to the 5G networks, and making sure it's not just major cities that have access to the new 5G networks but growing market towns like Banbury have the necessary technology to have 5G? This may mean heavy leasing with central government ministers, but it's vital that Oxfordshire residents and businesses have the best mobile signal available now and in the future.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR DAVID BARTHOLOMEW, CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE</p> <p>OCC is actively pursuing the delivery of 5G infrastructure under the overarching Digital Infrastructure programme. There are two strands of activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with Government; The Department of Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport under Margot James is leading on ensuring the UK is at the forefront of 5G deployment with stated ambitions in the <u>Future Telecoms Infrastructure Review</u>. Building Digital UK (BDUK) is the lead department within DCMS which is about to launch a funding round into which Local Authorities can bid. This is known as the <u>Rural Connected Communities</u> project, with and the officer leading Broadband attended a workshop in Didcot on 26th June. OCC has met BDUK representatives several times to date to understand their thinking on how this proposed funding will be apportioned and the bid process. It is expected that this will be aimed at securing a pilot to demonstrate a business case for deployment of 5G in rural geographies – i.e. how the technology can provide efficiencies in agriculture, transport (including Connected Autonomous Vehicles), etc. It is anticipated that a successful application for funding would be for a grant of around £1m and would require OCC to jointly match this with an MNO industry partner.• Working with Industry; This comprises two workstreams:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Facilitating deployment of infrastructure. In order to attract the Mobile Network Operators to Oxfordshire, OCC needs to ensure there are policies in place that make it easy to have planning consents in place and wayleave approvals. Under OCC's

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	<p>Digital Infrastructure Strategy, there is a formal governance structure with quarterly strategic boards chaired by me. The programme boards comprise representation from OCC, Oxford city, districts, and OxLEP. There is a draft MOU in place to ensure a joined-up approach to both MNO planning requests for additional masts, as well as allowing MNO's access to county and district council assets such as street furniture and roof tops of public sector buildings. Further work is required here to have this adopted as policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Direct Supplier Engagement; OCC has approached Vodafone, EE (BT), and Mobile UK to establish with them that OCC has well founded ambitions in Oxfordshire to have world class digital infrastructure, including 5G. OCC has for example offered to provide data on new housing developments planned in the county, and the location of about 12,000 streetlight columns which are about to be replaced, to see if access to these would encourage them to deliver 5G infrastructure early in Oxfordshire. This combined with the nature of our high-tech industry and reputation for delivery of innovation in association with the university and Oxford city council make this a good place to invest.
<p>2. COUNCILLOR MARK CHERRY</p> <p>I note the resent the press release from Oxfordshire County Council on the future micro asphalt resurfacing Program in Oxfordshire. Can I be assured that roads like Warwick Road to Ruscote Avenue will be considered in any future highways resurfacing schedule, as they are clearly in a failing state of repair.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>The roads in Oxfordshire need significant maintenance investment, and I am pleased that we have effectively doubled the DfT grant allocation with our own investment programme over the last couple of years as part of the £120million investment in infrastructure.</p> <p>Micro asphalt is just one of the many techniques we use to repair or preserve roads, and in recently we have done some work in on sections of Ruscote Avenue. Any remaining sections will of course be considered for inclusion</p>

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	within future programmes and prioritised against the many other roads that still require repair.
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>I would like to thank the Cabinet Member for the detailed answer, but obviously the state of Warwick Road traverses not just my Banbury Ruscote Division but Councillor Illott's Hardwick and Councillor Banfield's Grimbury & Castle. I would like, as soon as possible, to have a finalised date for future resurfacing. I know it is a job to get these things on the maintenance programme, but it is a major bus route and a major road. Also, would she consider, although Micro Asphalt Services has been successful in Banbury, to use proper scratting with a barber green proper tarmac works going forward.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>The answer is that, as indicated in the answer to your former question, is that the programme is not yet decided beyond the immediate one. We are working to ensure that the programme is notified through locality meetings to the Councillors in each area and I suggest that you pay very close attention to the schedule that will appear at your locality meeting.</p>
<p>3. COUNCILLOR SIMON CLARKE</p> <p>What are the consequences for OCC and the £218 million HIF bid for the Didcot area if SODC decide to go for option 3 or 4 in the recently published scrutiny papers?</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>Firstly, I would like to thank our officers who have been working alongside District colleagues and members to provide clarity during this challenging period. This has involved providing advice and guidance through correspondence and attendance at meetings on the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) bid, it's contractual elements and the impacts on the local community HIF funding is not secured. We are continuing to work with our District colleagues to ensure we can achieve the outcome to deliver the much-needed investment to meet our local needs</p> <p>The HIF is a funding stream to support the delivery of new homes by funding much needed infrastructure in areas of the greatest housing need. Broadly speaking, bidding authorities are required to demonstrate the value for</p>

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	<p>money of infrastructure costs against the number of new homes unlocked. The process is set within a highly competitive environment. In crude terms, the more new homes that are unlocked, the stronger the case.</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council's bid for £218m in the Didcot Garden Town area was announced as successful in the March 2019 Spring Statement. The bid directly unlocks 11,711 new homes whilst supporting the delivery of many more that are currently in the planning pipeline and will increase traffic on sensitive parts of the highway network. Due to the constrained network capacity around the Didcot area, the infrastructure is also essential to accommodate previous growth in new housing and jobs experienced in recent years. Officers are currently negotiating the legal agreement to secure the funding.</p> <p>If funding is not secured, a significant infrastructure funding deficit would exist which would hamper new and existing growth including the ability to deliver new jobs at key sites across the area such as the Culham Science Centre, D-Tech Harwell Campus and other sites. However, growth would not stop entirely. Significant growth has already been permitted (such as 1,880 new homes at North-east Didcot and another 1,000 units at Great Western Park) which would exacerbate the existing and severe congestion currently experienced on the A4130, through Sutton Courtenay and Clifton Hampden and on the A415 at Culham. Growth in neighbouring local planning authority areas would continue which would result in increased congestion as more people travel into the Science Vale area from further afield.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you, Mr Chairman, and I would like to thank the Leader for his comprehensive answer to my question. He will be aware I expect that the SODC scrutiny committee went for option 3 in the end. So, with that in mind could he tell</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you very much Mr Chairman, and if I may could I just have a little bit of extra time, I always try to answer questions succinctly, but I think that it is important that all the points are mentioned here today.</p> <p>First, I would like to thank Yvonne Rees, Simon Furlong and particularly Sue</p>

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<p>Council what vital infrastructure funding other areas across Oxfordshire might now miss out on?</p>	<p>Halliwell for the work they have done over the last three/four weeks in talking to SODC to make sure that everything is covered for them and they fully understand the deal. There is a deal that has been agreed with government and it is important to make sure that we know what happens if there is no deal, but there is a deal available and we have got to make sure that all the relevant facts are taken into consideration. It is interesting to me that the new administration has come into South Oxfordshire and they want to reduce the housing numbers. I can understand why, because everyone is concerned about that, however, I was at the Local Government Association Conference and Jo Swinson, the Deputy Leader and perhaps the future Leader of the Liberal Democrat Party was quite clear we need to build more houses and she is absolutely right we do, there is pressure everywhere to build more houses and particularly, we need to make sure we have the right infrastructure, which I know our previous speaker just said about £215 million being an insignificant amount of money, but it is the largest amount of money Oxfordshire County Council has ever had and it is over 5 years. If we are successful with the first 5 years, we can expect another £215 million and another £215 million so we finally reduce that infrastructure deficit. The problem with Option 3 is that it could delay the whole process by two and a half years without any legal challenges and I suspect that legal challenges will come in because, although it is under Regulation 19, the Developers are circling so they will come in and delay it even more. We have got two very important bits of infrastructure to build by 2024. A bridge over the Thames, which will make Culham and Clifton Hampden wonderful small villages without the traffic going through them, and the science bridge over the mainline. These are tricky and complicated pieces of work. We are starting that work now and we must continue it. However, if there is uncertainty over the Local Plan, we cannot commit to something that could loose use £218 million that could be spent on schools and other facilities across the County. We must be absolutely 100% clear what it will mean. I know people say this is all about roads, but if you look at the detailed plans, the 4130 will have good cycle paths so people can cycle to valley park. Great Western Park can go to Milton Park, the bridge will have good cycle paths for people to cycle safely to</p>

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	<p>Culham, this is what it is part of Science Vale Network agreement.</p> <p>If we don't get the HIF bid, it could in jeopardise South's local plan. They do have a sufficient supply of land bank at the moment, however under the MPPF you could have sustainable development in other areas, developers are circling. More importantly the consequences for the Vale would be if we don't get the HIF bid immediately, Oxfordshire County Council will have to start objecting to development to Vale around Didcot the 4 ½ thousand homes which means the Vale local plan would be in doubt as well, so that means that the Joint Statutory Spatial Plan could fail. We would lose that £215 million.</p> <p>Which means that all the local plans fail so we wouldn't have the HIF funding to the A40 £102 million pounds. So, it puts in jeopardy half a billion pounds worth of infrastructure funding including £60 million for affordable homes. However, I said earlier I thanked the officers for the work, I have been down to South Oxfordshire probably more than I should have been recently. I will work to make sure that we succeed in keeping the deal, but it will take a lot of resolve because otherwise we will lose over ½ billion pounds including £60 million for affordable homes we can't afford to let the residents of Oxfordshire down.</p>
<p>4. COUNCILLOR SIMON CLARKE</p> <p>Does the Leader agree that work to increase capacity and improve safety on the A34 is essential so that goods and people flow with ease between Oxfordshire and places like Southampton and Portsmouth?</p>	<p>COUCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>Yes, increasing capacity on our strategic network is important, but improving safety on the A34 is a priority. We have been in regular discussion with Highways England who are continuing to work on a package of safety improvements, which will be announced shortly.</p>
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<p>As well as maintaining connectivity to the ports cities of Southampton and Portsmouth does the Leader agree with me that it is also important to maintain connectivity with smaller places like Winchester, Gosport and of course Eastleigh?</p>	<p>Absolutely, I think it is important that we make sure that the A34 is functioning as a road, so that people who have business in Wheatley and perhaps in Eastleigh as well, will be able to travel easily. We should make sure that the A34 is up to speed. Last night for instance, like many Councillors in rural areas, I had to go to two parish council meetings in Tackley and Wotton, if the A34 isn't functioning how would you get from Wheatley to Eastleigh?</p>
<p>5. COUNCILLOR SUZANNE BARTINGTON</p> <p>Given that the Local Government Association estimates that Adult Social Care services face a £1.5 billion funding gap by 2019/20, and a £3.5 billion gap by 2024/25 and we strive to deliver the best possible care for the most vulnerable residents of Oxfordshire, it is critical we consider new models of delivering care, including closer working between acute and community health and social care services. It is therefore very welcome news that Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire will be joining as a Wave 3 integrated Care System supported by NHS England, therefore providing an opportunity for shared leadership and action. Please could you outline when this model will commence, how it will influence accountability for health and care delivery and what overall improvements in population health it is anticipated to achieve?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LAWRIE STRATFORD, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE & PUBLIC HEALTH</p> <p>You are right to highlight the very significant financial challenges that health and social care face, both locally and nationally. In Oxfordshire this is a challenge we have been working on, together with our NHS colleagues, and we have taken some considerable steps forward.</p> <p>Members will be aware that we have local pooled budgets with the NHS of £354m and we are proud of the shared work of the winter director, across OCC, OCCG, OUHT, and OHFT in bringing together all of our local system to manage increased demand due to winter and to make sure people could go home with the right support. As a county we continue to look outward, with shared work on purchasing and managing children's social care with neighbouring authorities, and joint work on ensuring quality across providers and borders.</p> <p>We are very pleased that we can be part of the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire integrated Care System and see this as the next step in our shared work of ensuring that the people of Oxfordshire have the most effective care possible.</p> <p>We will become part of a shadow Integrated Care System from 1st April 2020 and are working, with CCG's and other local authorities to define the nature of governance and accountability in the new structure. We will work with HOSC</p>

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	<p>(both in Oxfordshire and across BOB) and Performance Scrutiny to ensure appropriate scrutiny of services.</p> <p>Outcomes for health and social care, and targets for improvements in population health are currently discussed and set by the Health and Wellbeing Board (<u>the latest framework performance report can be found here</u>), which is a joint local government and NHS body, working to ensure that our shared ambition for improvements is monitored and achieved.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you, Councillor Stratford for your answer to my question. I think it is exciting that we have entered into a partnership for a wave 3 integrated care system, but given the range of stakeholders who will be involved both in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire, who will be providing leadership as we move forward with the new system?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Well, firstly can I thank you for the questions it is very pertinent, it is a fantastic opportunity. Here at the County we have been working with our health partnership to try and improve delivery of services to our residents. Over the last 3 or 4 years that has born fruit. However, the devil will be in the detail. ICS's are still relatively new, the extra strand for us is working with colleagues outside the County and I look forward to working with them. I would have hoped that by now we would have had the Social Care Green Paper which has taken as long to get through as the question about Europe. My concern is that there may be stuff in there that may disturb what we are trying to do or as it has been rumoured, there will be nothing in it that will make much difference other than the fact that we know the demand is going up and money is going down. In terms of leadership I think the reorganised Health & Wellbeing Board is a big step forward, that board now has the CEO's of all the relevant parties and that means that they can't duck away from decisions. Previously we would have had deputies, number two's come along who probably couldn't agree to a decision because "I need to refer it back to another board". Under the new arrangements they won't have room to hide, that is a good decision as far as I am concerned, it will make decisions a little bit quicker. Obviously, we will have to see how that fits when we are working, with colleagues outside the County. I am looking forward to the opportunities subject to my reservations about the Green Paper. But I will endeavour to keep the Council informed as we move forward.</p>

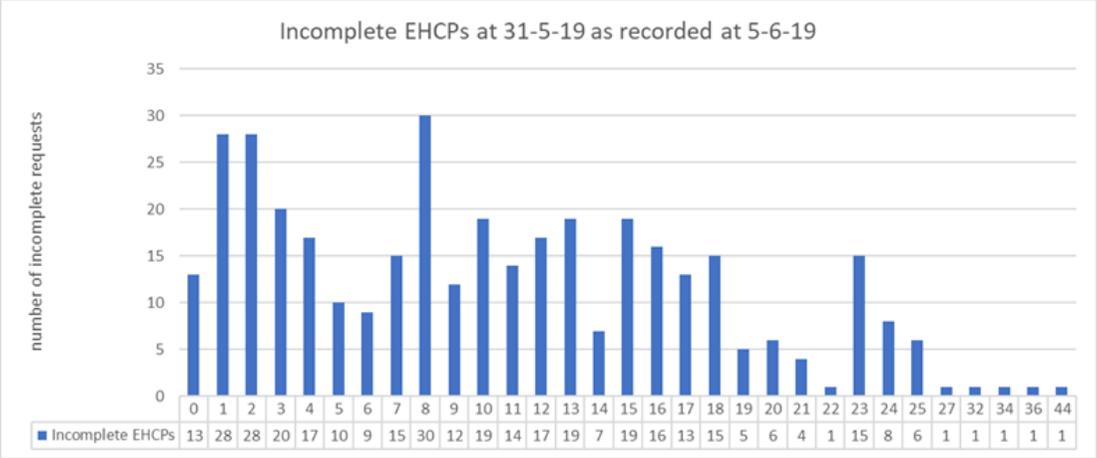
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<p>6. COUNCILLOR JUDY ROBERTS</p> <p>How many schools in Oxfordshire have been forced to become academies in the last two years?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURAL SERVICES</p> <p>Ten schools have received an Ofsted judgement in the last two years resulting in the issue of a directed Academy Order from the Regional Schools Commissioner. These are listed below (see attached Annex). Four of them are expected to convert later this year.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you for your answer. How many of these 10 schools have seen safeguarding failures and are we confident that these problems are being addressed?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you, Councillor Roberts, I can't give the exact number, but I can confirm that the resent spate, the last four were about safeguarding and we are very aware of the problem and we are working to fix it.</p>
<p>7. COUNCILLOR SUZANNE BARTINGTON</p> <p>The 20 warmest years on record have been in the past 2 years, with the top four in the past four years. Global warming is already affecting health and the environment in Oxfordshire and is the most pressing challenge of our generation. I welcome the recent unanimously agreed pledge to achieve a carbon neutral status across our estates, facilities and processes by 2030 and hope that all Cabinet Members will make efforts to embed this strategic commitment across their respective portfolios. Given the scale of this challenge, I request further detail of the scope for this transition, which actions are in progress and what has already been implemented?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>OCC's current action on the environment/climate includes:</p> <p>Review Targets to reflect urgent need for Climate Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCC will review our internal energy strategy to achieve a new target to achieve net zero emissions by 2030. Action against our previous target of 50% reduction by 2030 on 2008 levels (or 3% year on year) was successful in achieving a 6% reduction per annum, or 47% less than in 2010/11. • Introduce an environmental management system to enable us to robustly monitor and report on our emissions against this target. <p>Actions OCC is taking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installing 50,000 LED street lights as part of a 4 year £340m invest to save replacement programme. Some 6,000 will be installed this year. The

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	<p>whole 4-year programme is expected to save 28% of OCCs' emissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued support for 65 Community Action Groups on environment projects, including renewable energy generation, waste reduction, local transport, food waste (largest number in UK) (see award section below). • Delivery of our <i>Ultra Low Vehicle Purchasing Policy and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure for Fleet</i> project – this will introduce Electric Vehicles to OCC fleet as contracts come up for renewal, making them the default option wherever practically possible. And ensures the infrastructure is in place across our buildings to support this transition. Some 13 electric cars and vans are now in operation; a further 3 on order and trials/ engagement continues across the council (see Highly Commended ADEPT award below). • Set up a Single Use Plastic task force, working across-facilities Management (FM), Procurement, Environment and Waste. OCC worked with a specialist from Oxford Brookes University to carry out a single use plastic audit. As a result of collective action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plastic stirrers have been removed from Common Hall Café ○ Plastic cups have been replaced with reusable ones by water stations ○ We are ordering milk in larger containers ○ Fire Service encouraging the use of refillable water bottles ○ OCC is part of the ReFill initiative, encouraging staff and members of the public to refill their water bottles rather than buying new plastic ones. <p>National Recognition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCC won 2 national awards on Thurs 19 June for Setting up Electrical Repair Cafés with volunteers; this created a network of electrical repair events to reduce waste and create a more circular economy. To date, the project has diverted over 5 tonnes of waste from landfill, helping to instil a culture of reuse and repair. The project won both the National Recycling Award for Best Waste Reduction Initiative and the ADEPT President's award for Improving Environment and Public Health, which

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	<p>demonstrates OCC's cutting-edge capability and appetite for improving every service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We also came highly commended in the ADEPT President's Awards for our <i>Ultra Low Vehicle Purchasing Policy and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure for Fleet</i> project that will 'green' our fleet by making electric vehicles the default choice wherever practically possible. <p>Innovation and work in partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCC support for Local Energy Oxfordshire (LEO) a ground-breaking partnership, led by SSE and with £40m funding from Innovate UK, to demonstrate how the Oxfordshire electricity grid can support the technology needed for a zero-carbon future – including an increase in electric vehicles and renewable energy generation (launched 26/06/19). • Through Oxfordshire Environment Partnership (OEP) OCC and the District /City Councils have agreed to set a target to recycle 70% of waste by 2030 (OCC is currently the top recycling county in UK at 58%). • OEP has agreed to fund a new post for an officer to promote and manage the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) extending to municipal rather than just household waste. • OCC supports an innovative team of research scientists in the iHUB which now connects 500 scientists/professionals in Oxfordshire to develop cutting edge technology in motor industry, bio sciences, energy (efficiency as well as generation and distribution), housing and others. It is a central contributor to the global reach Oxfordshire now enjoys in science and technology. OCC is part of developing the technologies which will drive the UK economy in 21st century. • Working with the District and City Councils to develop a strategic plan for Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure/parking, focussing on those residents without off road parking and publicly accessible charging infrastructure in council car parks. In support of this we are currently awaiting the outcome on two Innovate UK grant applications to trail possible solutions to these issues.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working in a Innovate UK funded project to examine the impacts of widescale take up of vehicle to grid (V2G) technologies particularly in commercial vehicle fleets. <p>Tackling air quality and lowering carbon emissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero Emission Zone (ZEX) to be introduced in centre of Oxford City: from 2020 buses will be required to be Euro 6; taxis to be zero emissions by 2025 and dates set for other vehicles as the ZEX area expands. All buses and taxis will take action to lower emissions in every town and village in the county. • Traffic congestion management programme with Oxford City is well advanced with consultation planned for the summer. • Safer schools trial programme launched last week to increase awareness of pollution risk around schools. <p>Future A report will be coming back to Cabinet in the autumn in response to the Climate Emergency Motion setting out further action.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Thank you, Councillor Constance. I would like to know how the members of this Council are given the interest and the cross-party interest in this topic area and action. How are they going to be able to have input to this and where is going to be the level of accountability and reporting back?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you for the question and the opportunity to set out the very considerable wide and deep programme of climate action that is being taken by this County. I have long observed since I was appointed, that the Oxford Environmental Partnership had a rotating chairmanship with no staff in post to resource it and drive it which has led to less attention, less focus and certainly much less public awareness of what is happening on this front. You will see from the list that we have at last agreed to share the cost of a post, we will be appointing somebody to the post of Environmental and Waste Manager later this year. County Council will contribute half the cost at £50,000 and each of the district and city will contribute £10,000 to make £100,000 available for real promotion, real management and real drive behind this programme. Sorry it has taken 18 months I have been working on it at OEP for considerable time.</p>

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	<p>Agreement had already been made to review the energy strategy to introduce the LEP street lights, there are a number of programmes and issues on recycling we are the lead County in the Country. You asked how the Councillors will be involved I am today announcing with notice to Nick Graham, that I am setting up a CAG (Cabinet Advisory Group) on the Environment and Environmental Issues and Councillor Eddie Reeves will be my deputy because he is dealing with the Environmental Impact on Property in the Transformation Programme, and I invite all Councillors to apply to come to join the Environment CAG before the end of July.. I expect that membership will reflect geographic position as well as political so that we ensure that we have the widest possible from across the County.</p>
<p>8. COUNCILLOR EMMA TURNBULL</p> <p>In light of the news that Northern House School Academy Trust will be relinquishing control of the five schools it manages, including Northern House School in Summertown, what steps is the Cabinet Member taking to ensure that the educational provision at Northern House is protected? Can she give any assurances at this stage to staff and students about the future of the school?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURAL SERVICES</p> <p>Officers from this council are in regular contact with the Regional Schools Commissioner in this matter. The council has confirmed the provision is essential to the provision of SEN places in the county and will be included in negotiations to 'rebroker' the school to another academy trust.</p> <p>The lead role in this process is with the Regional Schools Commissioner rather than the council, however we will be working closely to identify an Academy Trust as soon as possible.</p> <p>The process of an academy transferring from one trust to another is covered by statute and all rights of staff will be subject to this. However, this is a matter for the Regional Schools Commissioner and the academy trusts concerned as the council has not been the employer of staff at this school since it converted to an Academy in September 2012.</p> <p>The LA have been asked by the RSC to continue to place children in the school and they have assured us that if the search for an Academy takes a longer period of time, they will continue to support the school.</p>

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<p>9. COUNCILLOR EMMA TURNBULL</p> <p>How many children in Oxfordshire are currently waiting for an Education, Health and Care Plan? What is the current average waiting time, and the longest wait? Is Oxfordshire County Council on track to meet the targets set out in the statement of action?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURAL SERVICES</p> <p>The chart breaks down the number of assessments by each week, and how many are over the 20 weeks.</p>  <table border="1" data-bbox="936 504 2033 962"> <caption>Incomplete EHCPs at 31-5-19 as recorded at 5-6-19</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Week</th> <th>Number of Incomplete Requests</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>0</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>20</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>21</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>27</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>32</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>34</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>36</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>44</td><td>1</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>We monitor this closely and many of those over the 20 weeks are because, parents have asked us to delay issuing the final, so they can meet with the school/professionals, or we are securing a school place.</p>	Week	Number of Incomplete Requests	0	13	1	28	2	28	3	20	4	17	5	10	6	9	7	15	8	30	9	12	10	19	11	14	12	17	13	19	14	7	15	19	16	16	17	13	18	15	19	5	20	6	21	4	22	1	23	15	24	8	25	6	27	1	32	1	34	1	36	1	44	1
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<p>10. COUNCILLOR EMMA TURNBULL</p> <p>How many children in Oxfordshire are currently waiting for a CAMHS assessment? What is the current average waiting time, and the longest wait? What steps is the Cabinet Member taking to monitor the CAMHS contract to ensure that a</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LAWRIE STRATFORD, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE & PUBLIC HEALTH</p> <p>The contract with Oxford Health is monitored by OCCG as they commission the service. Performance on the contract is reported every two months in OCCG Board papers. The report for May is attached but in future reports can be read in the Integrated Performance Report and accessed at www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/board</p>																																																																

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<p>quality mental health service is being delivered to children and young people?</p>	
<p>11. COUNCILLOR PAUL BUCKLEY</p> <p>There is increasing worry nationally and locally that the needs of SEND children are not being adequately met. Could Cllr Lindsay-Gale please tell Council how many children and young people, that the Oxfordshire SEN Moderation and Resourcing Panel has determined need a place in a Special School, Special Academy or Enhanced Mainstream Resource Base for September 2019, have not yet been allocated such a place.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURAL SERVICES</p> <p>The SEN team have seen a rise in number of requests for specialist placement over the last 6 months or so, over 200 requests for special school have been considered by the CAP panel (Countywide Assessment panel). We have around 50 students who we are still working to secure a special school or base placement, but in the meantime a mainstream school placement is still available. Some of these cases require a more specialist independent school placement, and these are becoming more difficult to source due to demand.</p> <p>The LA is working to try to expand the number of places available in county and are working with special schools and bases to identify those schools where expansion might be possible, we also have plans for 2 new schools, Didcot and Bloxham Grove and the rebuild and expansion of Northfield school.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>I am grateful to Councillor Lindsay-Gale for providing the numbers of SEN children who still don't have a place for September. One can only imagine the distress that these families are in. Could Councillor Lindsay-Gale tell us in the last 12 months how many SEN children have had to be accommodated in out-of-county special schools or in private schools within the County.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you for the question, yes this is a situation that we are aware of and very concerned about and we are working, as you know, very hard to try and produce more places in the County. They are building the two new special schools, one in Banbury, one is Didcot and we are rebuilding Northfield. This is going to take two years, so until that time we are under pressure. I can't give you precise details now, but I am very happy to meet with you afterward and we will talk about it or I am very happy to provide a written answer.</p>

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<p>12. COUNCILLOR PAUL BUCKLEY</p> <p>The Oxford Environment Partnership document 'Oxfordshire's Resources and Waste Strategy 2018-2023' was recently adopted by Cabinet. It shows that, on average, about 160kg of waste from every Oxfordshire household is exported every year for processing or recycling, to Asian countries with poor reputations for keeping waste out of the natural environment. What steps are planned by Councillor Constance to put a stop to this?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>I share the concerns of Councillors and residents about the stories of materials, particularly plastics, being sent to countries without the infrastructure to manage them appropriately. While we are very keen to change this, the tools to do so are not available to us at the current time so before I respond directly to the question, I would like to provide some context to the issue.</p> <p>In Oxfordshire ~80% (~800kg/head) of household waste is managed in the UK and as much as possible (~70% ~700kg/head) is managed within county. OCC and the City and district Councils have different roles in managing our waste; OCC is the Waste Disposal Authority, so responsible for recycling the material collected at the HWRCs, and the district and city councils, known as the Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs), are responsible for recycling materials collected at the kerbside. While we work closely in partnership with the WCAs, the county has no control over the contracts the WCAs have for managing the recycle.</p> <p>Products bought and sold in the UK come from all over the world, and therefore recycle is traded on global markets as a material to support these manufacturing industries. All Oxfordshire waste authorities use appropriately licenced facilities or brokers through their contractors that can process the materials sent to them. Materials are sold on as commodities, sometimes several times and this can be in the UK, Europe or beyond subject to market influences. Unfortunately, as waste moves beyond our control this means that we cannot say with absolute certainty that Oxfordshire's waste is not being exported to locations that do not have adequate infrastructure to handle it properly.</p> <p>Within this system all local authorities, the Environment Agency and the UK government have limited visibility or ability to track individual loads of waste</p>

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	<p>beyond the borders of the UK. We rely on the effective accreditation and regulation of those industries to assess the markets they sell the material into. This issue of regulation and monitoring is a national problem and requires a national solution – something that is being picked up in the emerging national Resources and Waste Strategy.</p> <p>An important additional factor is the lack of infrastructure to process recyclables in the UK. Again, this is a national issue and until this is addressed some recyclables will continue to be sent abroad.</p> <p>To respond to Cllr Buckley’s question about what steps are planned, Oxfordshire Authorities are in the process of forming a waste partnership to strengthen our ability to respond to this challenge through the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. The national Resources and Waste Strategy published in December 18 is a real opportunity for change and we are engaged with Government and national groups to reform the waste tracking system, provide greater visibility to the council of how its recycled waste is used, and develop UK recycling infrastructure. There is a huge amount of public and industry support for change and I am eagerly anticipating these developments.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Yes, I fully understand what Councillor Constance says about the practical difficulties of controlling this because the County has only limited powers, but could she assure us that she will do whatever she can within the Oxfordshire Environment Partnership to absolutely press down on this phenomenon and give us an assurances for example that it will be reduce say by a half in a year, we simply can’t go on like this.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you, an opportunity again to make very public the commitment by this Council to respond with all we can to the Government’s national resources and waste strategy which was published in December last year and of course we will now have a member of staff in post to drive this to make sure that we do get proper focus. What I can assure you is that it will be on her list to do.</p>

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<p>13. COUNCILLOR DEBORAH MCILVEEN</p> <p>How does Oxfordshire County Council uphold and monitor its duty to eliminate racial discrimination and promote equality of opportunity in relation to employment, service delivery and public participation in all organisational activities and in particular what action is Oxfordshire County Council taking to reduce the increase in reported incidents of hate crime?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR JUDITH HEATHCOAT, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>The Council’s overall vision is to have thriving communities for everyone in Oxfordshire and we are proud to celebrate the diversity of our County and committed to the principles of equality, diversity, fairness and inclusion. These are embedded in our Equality Policy and Strategy 2018-2022. Under the Equality Act 2010, we have an obligation under the Public Sector Equality Duty to integrate equality into our daily business including in relation to race and ethnicity. To do this, any substantially new or changed policy is subject to a Service and Community Impact Assessment (SCIA) which requires the Council to consider how the decisions we make will affect people who share different protected characteristics. The annual Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) updates information on the demographics of our population. In addition, the Equality Policy includes objectives to gather more information about our customers so that we can plan, commission and deliver better services. We are also working to improve the diversity of our workforce, so it better reflects our diverse communities and in relation to Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) employees who have declared their ethnicity, this has increased from 7.19% in March 2017 to 8.39% at March 2019.</p> <p>The Council has mandatory training in place for all staff in relation to Equality and Inclusion and additional training is also provided for managers in relation to their responsibilities for recruiting and managing people. We also carry out regular campaigns reminding people about the Council’s expectations of how people should be treated fairly and our zero tolerance of discrimination in any form. Employees have access to channels to raise any concerns through their line managers and to Human Resources.</p> <p>In relation to hate crime, this is monitored at a district/city level with issues raised through local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) – the partnership bodies that work together to address local community safety concerns and ensure that all partners tackle the crimes that most affect communities.</p>

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	<p>County Council services are full participants in CSPs and local partnership actions include hate crime reporting and awareness raising, training for registered social landlords and development of arrangements for third party hate crime reporting. Hate crime is monitored as part of the <u>Strategic Intelligence Assessment</u> (SIA) that is produced for the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership at a county-wide level</p> <p>For anyone who has been a victim on crime, including hate crime, we would refer them to Victim First which is a service provided by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and provides support to cope and recover from the impact of crime and signpost them to Thames Valley Police.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>Yes, thank you Chair. Thank you for this reasonably comprehensive answer to this pretty big question. However, I would further like to know how many of the reported incidents of hate crime result in a prosecution and rehabilitation of the perpetrator because it is about sending a clear message that we are not tolerating the behaviour. Also, what exactly is being done to increase the representation from people from black and other minority communities within the workforce and in senior leadership roles?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you for your supplementary, the first part I believe should be addressed to the police not to myself. I also believe the answer that I gave to you that was exceptionally detailed, it showed our vision, our celebration of diversity for fairness and inclusion. The diversity of our workforce together with the Council's mandatory training that is in place for our staff, in relation to equality and inclusion confirms that we take this subject most seriously.</p>
<p>14. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</p> <p>The County Council is currently setting up a number of new residents' parking zones. Please can we ensure that each of them has at least one</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Provision for car club vehicles and electric vehicles in the new controlled parking zones will be provided subject to outcomes of discussions with the local member and stakeholders during scheme development, a local</p>

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<p>parking space for a car club vehicle, with an electric charging point?</p>	<p>consultation and availability of funding.</p> <p>The Go Ultra Low Oxford trial, which has already introduced charging equipment in residential streets across Oxford, including where new controlled parking zones are proposed, will also be taken into account. Current funding available is sufficient to only cover implementation of new controlled parking zones, not the car club or electric charging points. Further funding would be required for this from car club operators and other third parties.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>I thought this was very puzzling reply because you say at the beginning that you can have car club spaces in the new CPZ's, subject to consultation which is fair enough, but then you say that current funding is not sufficient to cover car club spaces. I do accept that there isn't the funding to provide the electric charging points but it doesn't cost anything to have one or two spaces for car club cars and the trend nowadays is for younger people not to buy cars or at least not to buy them so early and to try and share cars through a car club and that is such a welcome trend because it will mean less congestion and less pollution, so please lets show leadership and proactively put car club spaces in every new CPZ. What are you going to do about that please?</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>My guess is that the intension with the car club is that it is available only for those who are members of the club. The revenue to support that space is not available through a residents parking permit, that is probably the first consideration. The next is that the funding that is available for the new CPZ's is pretty stretched to deliver the 9 CPZ's that we are looking at. However, I will press officers to identify with local members where we can add car club spaces or identify car club spaces but of course they require separate signing, separate lining and you would be surprised how much that costs. But I hear you and I do agree with you that I think we must do all we can to persuade people out of car ownership and the use of car club and other forms of transport will be much promoted by Oxfordshire County Council in my time in this role.</p>

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<p>15. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</p> <p>In order to encourage the use of electric vehicles and reduce air pollution, please can we make parking permits cheaper (or free?) for electric vehicles? This could be paid for by some of the money from a congestion charge or workplace parking levy.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>We can discount, but the cost of running the system/service needs to be covered so needs to come from another source, or from higher charges for fuel vehicles (although this funding strategy only works short-term), depends what the business model is for traffic congestion management.</p>
<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>I think that next month BMW is launching its electric car. We have to incentivise people to switch to electric cars if they are buying new cars and so we really need you to show that that you are going to incentivise this by finding a way to do so and not just vaguely saying that you are going to look at this I want my suggestion to be seriously considered as a future policy.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>The idea will be considered, but I remind you again that any revenue that we get from any congestion management will be hugely committed to delivering that programme. I do assure you that the leadership is not lacking, we do still hope to get a consultation out on congestion management this summer.</p>
<p>16. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</p> <p>In order to incentivise more use of buses, including park and ride buses, please can we use some of the money from a congestion charge or workplace parking levy to subsidise bus fares? It is currently much cheaper for a family to drive into the city centre and park there, rather than use the park and ride. This is the cause of much of the congestion and air pollution that afflicts our city, perhaps especially my division.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Net proceeds from a congestion charge and workplace parking levy are only available for the purpose of directly or indirectly facilitating achievement of local transport policies. Funding of the suggestions put forward above, and other similar proposals, are therefore possible. However, priorities for investment will be determined by the type and scope of scheme put forward and its potential impacts. Engagement with members and stakeholders would also be required to determine spending priorities and this would all need to be considered as part of a detailed business case.</p>

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<p>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</p> <p>What we are going to do about the fact that it is much cheaper for a family to drive into the city centre and park there, rather than use the park and ride? The obvious thing to do is to use some of the money that we are going to generate through out congestion management schemes to subsidise the bus fares, so that it is cheaper to take a bus, rather than just vaguely saying that you are going to think about this in the future. I think it would make the consultation on the congestion management option so much better if we can tell people if you vote for congestion management there will be cheaper bus fares so therefore much less traffic driving into the City Centre polluting our air and congesting our streets.</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</p> <p>Thank you for that question and the opportunity to say that we agree with you entirely. The intention that sits behind any congestion management is to ensure that we deliver benefits immediately if we impose it. That takes a lot of time and an enormous amount of money. It explains why it has taken two years of my time in this role to get to the point where we are ready to go to consultation with the public and that is still intended this summer.</p>
<p>17. COUNCILLOR JOHN SANDERS</p> <p>Will the Cabinet member ensure when officers propose to implement road works, such as carriageway reconstruction, that the local councillor is consulted?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>This should be happening, but I will remind officers again of the importance of liaising with and keeping local councillors informed of planned works, such as carriageway reconstruction. I will also request that where such works are being led by the City Council, that they too keep county councillors informed.</p>

Question 6

Conversions Completed

Name of converted establishment	Phase	Age range	Completion Date	Type of Conversion - Voluntary or Sponsored	Type of Trust	Trust / sponsor details
Larkrise Primary School	Pri	3-11	01/02/2019	Sponsored Academy brokered by DfE	MAT	River Learning Trust
Sandhills Primary	Pri	3-11	01/09/2018	Sponsored Academy brokered by DfE	MAT	River Learning Trust
Rose Hill Primary	Pri	3-11	01/09/2018	Sponsored Academy brokered by DfE	MAT	River Learning Trust
Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge (previously Chiltern Edge Community College)	Sec	11-16	01/08/2018	Sponsored Academy brokered by DfE	MAT	Maiden Erlegh Trust
West Kidlington Primary	Pri	4-11	01/05/2017	Sponsored Academy brokered by DfE	MAT	The White Horse Federation
New Marston Primary	Pri	4-11	01/02/2017	Sponsored Academy brokered by DfE	MAT	River Learning Trust

Conversions In progress

Name of converting establishment	Phase	Age Range	Programmed Conversion Date	Type of Conversion - Voluntary or Sponsored	Type of Trust	Trust / sponsor details
Northfield School	Spec	2-19	TBC	Sponsored Academy brokered by DfE	MAT	The Gallery Trust
Botley School	Pri	3-11	No Date	Sponsored Academy brokered by DfE	MAT	TBC
Charlbury Primary	Pri	4-11	No Date	Sponsored Academy brokered by DfE	MAT	TBC
Blewbury Endowed CE Primary	Pri	4-11	No Date	Sponsored Academy brokered by DfE	MAT	TBC