

## QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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<p><b>1. COUNCILLOR NICK FIELD JOHNSON</b></p> <p>Given the concerns of Burford School, the parents and the Burford Community of the risks associated with a pedestrian crossing for pupils to cross the busy A40. I have witnessed cars driving past the School at 40mph-50mph. It will only need one foggy morning or a cold drizzly dark afternoon for a major accident to occur. Can I ask the Cabinet Minister to again review the option to build a pedestrian bridge as a safer and better option?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LIAM WALKER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS DELIVERY AND OPERATIONS</b></p> <p>There are currently no plans to build a bridge as the nature of the A40 has changed with extended 30/40mph limits within the vicinity of the school, with traffic calming measures also in place. A further pedestrian crossing is proposed to the east of the A361 roundabout to serve a housing development on the southern side of the A40 as well as permanent puffin crossing (proposed to be installed with the spring 2021).</p> <p>A temporary Puffin crossing and a temporary 30mph speed restriction was put in place (7<sup>th</sup> November 2019) to enable the footbridge to be removed, which had become in an unsafe condition. We can confirm that no injury accidents have been recorded in relation to the current temporary pedestrian crossing.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>This Council knows how dangerous the A40 is, I note your comments. If there is a serious accident, are you in agreement that we should then revisit the question of a bridge?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>If there is a serious accident it is a matter for the police to investigate.</p>
<p><b>2. COUNCILLOR LIZ LEFFMAN</b></p> <p>The announcement on November 18<sup>th</sup> that a taskforce is being set up to tackle speeding across the county is very welcome. There are many communities around the county which have set up volunteer Speedwatch teams. Will the Task Force invite those groups to contribute their</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LIAM WALKER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS DELIVERY AND OPERATIONS</b></p> <p>Yes, we can confirm that the Task Force will invite the groups mentioned to contribute as part of this project.</p>

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<p>data as part of this project, and will there be an opportunity for those volunteers to contribute their ideas as to how traffic speeds can be reduced in their own communities?</p>	
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Thank you very much Councillor Walker. I am glad to hear the you are going to be taking the advice of local groups into consideration, but I do have a question about the amount of money that is available to do anything about this. One of the constant questions that I have from my local speed watch group is what we can do to mitigate speeding and the answer is very little because we don't have the budget to it. Do you foresee that in the future we will have a proper budget that we can use to mitigate speeding through all the small villages and towns in our County?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Yes, in short, the whole point of the task force is to look at a more strategic view of the issue of speeding across Oxfordshire, but yes that is something we are working on and watch this space for what will arrive next year.</p>
<p><b>3. COUNCILLOR JUDY ROBERTS</b></p> <p>At two Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Environment (including Transport) meetings it has become apparent that wherever the 20 / 30 mph boundary is placed along the Botley Corridor project, there is another pedestrian crossing within 0.4 mile. Has there been any progress made towards reducing the speed limit to 20mph along the entire length as both county councillors have voiced support for this?"</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>The 20mph limit has been extended twice following consultations and reports to CMD.</p> <p>No further progress into consultation has been made following the latest decision other than seeking views of OCC Road Safety and Thames Valley Police, who are of the view that we are in danger of the speed limit becoming ineffective and not observed the longer the length of road it covers.</p> <p>The extent of the revised limit includes the frontage of Waitrose (and the new toucan crossing). As we are undergoing construction works until the end of</p>

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	financial year 2021/22: including multiple sections of temporary traffic management, the new extents of the 20-mph limit will be implemented once all works are completed.
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>At are recent Botley Traffic Advisory Committee meeting, the Police Officer described how a 20mph speed can not usually be achieved unless there are traffic slowing measures in place, such as pedestrian crossing, road narrowing, traffic lights. My first question points out that these are all present by the end of the transformation of the Botley Road corridor, so my supplementary question is can we ask OCC Road Safety and the Thames Valley Police to look at this again when the transformation of the whole corridor has been put in place?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Yes, I am sure we can. The conditions will be delivered as part of the transformation I can see no reason why speed limits shouldn't want change. We will go back to it.</p>
<p><b>4. COUNCILLOR JUDY ROBERTS</b></p> <p>Since the removal of the Community Path from Eynsham to Botley from the HIF Bid 2 and it not being include in the Tranche 2 bid so has it been included in the budget for 2021-2022?"</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>The B4044 cycle improvement has been included in the bid list for development budget from the capital programme for 2021-2022.</p> <p>The scheme is intended to provide a direct route for active travel from West Oxfordshire, particularly Farmoor, Eynsham and Witney, into the western end of Oxford City. The path will generally run adjacent to the B4044 between Eynsham and Botley as a safer alternative to using the existing road where safety concerns have been raised.</p> <p>Following the scheme's removal from the HIF2 bid, OCC continued to commit to the proposal by funding an options assessment and feasibility work, which</p>

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	<p>has also looked at how the scheme would tie in with Botley Road and given some consideration as to how it would tie in at the Eynsham end, although the latter requires further consideration. The feasibility report for the main B4044 element will be issued in December and a report on the additional tie ins will be completed by the end of March 2021.</p> <p>Officers have met regularly with Bike Safe and been liaising with Oxford University over issues relating to their site to progress matters.</p> <p>Development budget in 2021-2022 would enable the design work to be completed which would put OCC in a stronger position for s106 or any opportunity for Government funding.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>I was a little confused by her answer, because if the two feasibility studies for the tie-ins and the main road have already been done by March 2021, I was wondering exactly what is going into the development and what the development budget is going to do to put us in a strong position for the s106?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>A s106 of course requires a delivery of a development of houses and I think that is what is being referred to here. As you know, this cycle path is very expensive. I think I told you it is going to cost £50m to put in and currently we have never had any budget or funding that will extend that far, especially as you know it delivers no houses.</p>
<p><b>5. COUNCILLOR GEORGE REYNOLDS</b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet member for Highways tell me when the 4 inches for roads and 2 inches for pavements depth criteria for mending potholes was brought in.</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LIAM WALKER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS DELIVERY AND OPERATIONS</b></p> <p>Investigatory levels are dimensions that relate to specific types of defect, for example; for carriageway potholes, at least 40mm in depth and 150mm diameter and for footway potholes at least 20mm in depth and 100mm in diameter or a 20mm difference in level which constitutes a trip hazard.</p> <p>The investigatory levels are not absolute thresholds – they are used to assist Inspectors to make reasoned judgements as to whether a defect has a safety</p>

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	<p>implication or not. Any defects which are not identified as an immediate safety hazard are logged and considered for repair within a future programme of works.</p> <p>This approach was first adopted in 2011 and was approved by the then Cabinet Member for Transport, the approach was last reviewed in 2019 and is in accordance with the current Code of Practice; <u>Well-managed highway infrastructure</u>.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Can he confirm the figures to depth, bearing in mind that your answers are less than half of the depth that I have been using and have been told to use for many years?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>I can only apologise that you must have been using the wrong depth. Yes, so 40mm for roads and 20mm for paths and as always, my usual plug for FixMyStreet for any sort of potholes, the team has fixed just over 27,000 potholes in this calendar year so please keep reporting them on FixMyStreet.</p>
<p><b>6. COUNCILLOR RICHARD WEBBER</b></p> <p>In the past eighteen months, the main Abingdon Road in Drayton has been dug up three times by developers or their contractors in order to fulfil the design requirements of the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan – a plan made 5 years ago. This has caused repeated major traffic hold ups through the village bringing the NDP and OCC into some disrepute. Given that the work done may still not be correct, in order to minimise any further damage to reputations will the Cabinet member agree to ensure that any further work required will be monitored while the work is being done?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LIAM WALKER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS DELIVERY AND OPERATIONS</b></p> <p>OCC Teams work with developers to ensure that traffic management, at a site, is kept to the minimum safe levels. If disruption is reported, an officer will attend to investigate, ensuring they are complying with the conditions of their permit, in this case to manually control the flow of traffic during the peak hours. Inevitably, with over 11,000 vehicles using this road each day, any work is going to cause congestion.</p> <p>Developers order their services to be installed at different marker points in the construction, sometimes this is beyond our control. The County Council encourages collaborative working on sites, wherever possible, to avoid unnecessary disruption. With this site, there were problems with the specifications and officers from the Road Agreements Team worked with the developer to correct this, leading to more time on the road.</p>

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<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Thank you, Councillor, for explaining the process, however the original question has not really been answered. Why has it taken so far three goes to get it right this project and can we be reassured that the work is now correctly done, and will he apologise to the many residents of Drayton for the reputational damage it has done to their neighbourhood plan that it has taken so many attempts and someone to get it right.</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>I have not had an opportunity to read their Neighbourhood Plan, so I won't be apologising for something I am not aware I am apologising for. I am happy to investigate the issue, it is very complicated working with developers, but we always do our best so that we can liaise with them. I am happy to raise this again with the Team and keep a close eye on it for you.</p>
<p><b>7. COUNCILLOR RICHARD WEBBER</b></p> <p>Leaf litter and encroaching undergrowth reducing the effective width of footpaths and pavements all over the County is an increasing problem. It is particularly a problem for parents or guardians with pushchairs and the disabled. Please could the cabinet member explain what is currently being done to address the problem and what sort of delay can be expected before the work is done?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LIAM WALKER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS DELIVERY AND OPERATIONS</b></p> <p>Unfortunately, leaf fall is inevitable at this time of year, however, street cleansing is a District Council function and they would normally have a programme of street/footway clearance to try to stay on top of the worst of the leaf fall particularly in heavily foot trafficked areas.</p> <p>With regards to the issue of vegetation encroachment, this is a county council matter and as such the Area Operation teams each year provide a programme of works to our contractors. Care does have to be taken as much of the roadside vegetation does not form part of the public highway and our officers will issue notices to the property/landowner advising them that the vegetation needs attention.</p> <p>This year the County has had the added benefit of the Active Travel funding, which has enabled an increased programme for vegetation cutting and 'siding out', the term used for trimming back encroaching verge growth particularly on shared use cycle/footway areas of the network and with the emphasis and available budget towards Active Travel, Accessibility and modal shift, we expect more of this type of improvement work to be undertaken in the</p>

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	forthcoming years.
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Thank you very much Councillor for your answer. It seems there in your answer that the problem is where the District and the County Council responsibility lies, again a Unitary Council could sort that one out, trying to sort out pathways and who is responsible for picking up the leaves and who is responsible for the mud and exactly which Council is responsible for it is a really problem for Parish Councils. What they really want to know is when will the problem be addressed, is it possible to make the plans public?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>This is one of my frustrations and since becoming Cabinet Member is one of the reasons why I am keen on Unitary, a lot of people don't know the difference between what Districts have to clean up and what County Council have to clear up despite the fact that we are the Highways Authority. Obviously we work closely with districts, particularly here in West they are very quick to get out and clean paths, again just put these things on FixMyStreet so they can be tracked and recorded and they will take action if it is their responsibility and likewise we will take action if it is our responsibility.</p>
<p><b>8. COUNCILLOR RICHARD WEBBER</b></p> <p>Whilst some appreciate the extra brightness of the new lamps being installed throughout the County, many rural villages are increasingly concerned at the amount of unnecessary light pollution. Would the Cabinet member consider organising a review of rural Parish Councils to check how the new lighting system is being received?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council can confirm that the new LED replacement lanterns will be of lower wattage than the existing light fittings currently on site. However, there will be a change of colour of the light source. Each site will be assessed (once installation work has been completed) with every effort being made to ensure that over illumination is not an issue. It would be for the relevant Cllr in the specific area to feedback resident's views on any new street lighting as, in general, councils do not have the resources to carry this out. Normal protocol would be for residents to contact us directly with any concerns they would have with street lighting.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Thank you for your answer, the new street lighting in my own village has been installed for almost 2 years now. When can we expect the</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Thank you for your question Councillor Webber, it is not a problem that has come to my attention before. There are villages who don't mind lights but the question of the colour of the lights has not been brought to my attention</p>

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inspection of that lighting and a change in lamp colour to be complete, it is causing a lot of unhappiness?	before, I will certainly ask officers to make contact with Drayton, Sutton Courtenay and Marcham. We will ask officers to check with the Parish Councils what the local residents would prefer and if it is possible within current budgets to make the changes, we will attempt to do that.
<p><b>9. COUNCILLOR LIZ LEFFMAN</b></p> <p>I am pleased to see expansion plans for Hanborough Manor School are going ahead and to note that the structure will be airtight and insulated to a very high standard. What are the plans for heating this new extension, and will plans include the installation of solar panels?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION &amp; CULTURAL SERVICES</b></p> <p>Thank you very much for your question regarding the expansion plans for Hanborough Manor School. I have consulted with officers and can confirm the following in relation to heating in this new extension and the installation of solar panels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching spaces to be ventilated with Hybrid Thermal Mixing (HTM F-H) units utilising natural ventilation with heat recovery (NVHR). This ensures that when the external temperatures are below a certain threshold, the fresh air is tempered with warm air from the classroom before it's brought into the room, to reduce the need for additional heating to combat the temperature drop caused by introducing cold fresh air</li> <li>• The HTM F-H units feature a low temperature hot water (LTHW) coil, allowing them to also act as the primary heat source within the teaching spaces, removing the need for additional radiators in those spaces</li> <li>• All other areas (corridors, group room) to be heated using radiant panels</li> <li>• The heat source for the LTHW coils and radiant panels will be low NoX (Nitrogen Oxides i.e. low air pollution), high efficiency gas fired condensing boilers</li> <li>• Whilst the Basic Need expansion project will not include Photovoltaic Panels (aka "PV" or solar panels), the school/Trust have made enquiries into whether they could obtain some free of charge through 'Project Leo' and the Low Carbon Hub – their understanding is that the school would be able to sue the energy generated by the panels at a lower cost, but that the Low Carbon Hub receive all income generated by government</li> </ul>



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	<p>grants and selling energy back to the grid. Should they be able to arrange this, we will support them by providing any required structural and services information.</p>
<p><b>10. COUNCILLOR JEANNETTE MATELOT</b></p> <p>Two parishes in my division have a Super User. They find this extremely useful. I understand there are now changes to the FixMyStreet system and I wonder if you will be rolling out a training session for current super users and how soon would that happen.</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LIAM WALKER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS DELIVERY AND OPERATIONS</b></p> <p>Our officers are currently in the process of coordinating the new training materials that will provide parishes and their members with the tools to access and use the system. Once this has been established, we will be in touch with the relevant organisations (with dates) to provide training sessions.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Will you be trying to recruit more Super Users ahead of Winter because that is when we get a lot more complaints and they are volunteers so how do you go about recruiting them?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>We will have 100's of Super User volunteers. We are slowly expanding the team and making sure they get the officer support. We don't want to give them a bit of training and then throw them out into the big wide Oxfordshire world with their spray paint. We are rolling out a new system on FixMyStreet now which has simplified that process, so it is a lot easier for them. I don't know if there are any County Councillors who have signed up yet but if anyone is interested drop me an email or get your parishes to drop me an email and I can put them in the right direction.</p> <p>We sent out Comms, there is a press release and there has been quite a bit of press activity about this, I think that most Parishes have got it, but I will make sure that all parish councils have received that release for you.</p>
<p><b>11. COUNCILLOR GEORGE REYNOLDS</b></p> <p>While welcoming the extension of broadband to</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR IAN CORKIN, CABINET MEMBER FOR COUNCIL BUSINESS &amp; PARTNERSHIPS</b></p> <p>In most cases Openreach and other broadband infrastructure operators, will</p>

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<p>hard to reach properties can he assure me that ever effort is being made to prevent the rash of telegraph poles that are appearing in my division surely the wires should be underground.</p>	<p>put the new fibre underground. They do this by 'blowing' fibre through existing ducting, making this delivery method the lowest cost option. However, as delivery moves to more rural areas and the technology changes to full fibre (a fibre path all the way from the exchange into homes), it is often the case that ducting simply does not exist. Existing telephone lines in rural locations are often armoured cables that are simply buried. Where ducting does exist, it is frequently in poor condition (silted/collapsed), or simply full with copper cabling.</p> <p>In these situations, the cost of installing new ducting is prohibitive. Installing ducting in a soft verge costs in the region of £60 per linear metre. If the Operator needs to install ducting in the highway, these costs can double. These additional costs would mean that even with a public subsidy, the cost of installing fibre broadband to properties geographically dispersed, would result in the hard failure of the business case for investment.</p> <p>That said, our broadband team do work with the telecoms operators with which the council has a contract, to examine costs and deployment methodology, ensuring overhead delivery is not unnecessarily used. However, in most cases if fibre is planned for overhead delivery, the choice is that or no fibre at all.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>I would like to thank Councillor Corkin for his very full answer which I will be able to pass on to those who were worried about the poles. Bearing in mind the push for home working and a paper light society, can he assure me that every effort, rather than using poles, is being made to enable those in villages not next to the Cabinet to enjoy downloads please that are realistic for residents' needs.</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Thank you for your question Councillor Reynolds. Taking Oxfordshire as a whole, just over 98% of premises now have access to superfast broadband and that compares well, even with counties with more metropolitan areas than we have in Oxfordshire. We continue to improve, in that at the moment, our DEFRA funded contract is delivering full fibre to premises to ultrafast in over 1700 very rural premises. All broadband infrastructure built in Oxfordshire villages now is full fibre to premises and that means that the connect to the property is a fibre path into the home all the way from the exchange and ensuring that there is no speed differential relating to distance. There is a</p>

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	<p>range of schemes to fund that deployment, so the County Council has direct contracts with Openreach and Aidband, which is delivering the full infrastructure build with funding from DEFRA and there is also a Gigger bid voucher scheme funded by the Department of Digital Cultural Media and Sport with top-up funding from MHCLG arranged by the County Council and that's to ensure that there is no direct cost to residents to installing full fibre in those areas that are more difficult for the commercial market to reach. And finally the cost of equipment in service contract are broadly comparable to existing fibre to cabinet and the technology what the higher bandwidth service enabled by full fibre does attract a premium but the Council's approach to that from the Digital Infrastructure Team to encourage competition wherever possible as they see that as the best way of maintaining downward pressure on open market costs.</p>
<p><b>12. COUNCILLOR PAUL BUCKLEY</b></p> <p>Oxford North is a large development including 480 homes, currently in the pipeline for my Division. At the Planning Committee, the County Council set a condition that it required a sum of £2.82m to be guaranteed, to pay for the additional education provision needed. Has this guarantee been obtained yet? If so, from whom?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b></p> <p>To mitigate the impact of the Oxford North development on Wolvercote Primary school a contribution of £2.7m was sought to expand the school to 2 forms of entry. In addition, £81k was sought towards expanding a SEND school. The County Council's position was that if this funding is not secured then there was an objection to planning permission being issued.</p> <p>A detailed viability assessment of the Oxford North development was carried out, which concluded that the development is not viable with the required CIL payments and the level of S106 contributions sought. To assist viability, the City Council took the unusual step and agreed that CIL payments from the development could be ringfenced to transport mitigation, but this was not extended to education as there will not be sufficient CIL to cover both. Despite this ringfencing, the development would still be unviable if S106 contribution towards the school were secured.</p> <p>The City Council resolved, after considering the viability of the site, that permission could be granted subject to a CIL funding agreement and S106</p>

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	<p>agreement on specified terms. The specified heads of terms of the S106 agreement did not include the education contribution sought by the County Council other than to say that the agreements will provide that funding for the schools and be considered, should ringfenced CIL money become available or if S106 contributions are no longer required for their initial use. Drafting of the two agreements is well underway and it is anticipated that they will be concluded shortly, and permission issued.</p> <p>Throughout, OCC has taken the line that permission should not be granted without funding for the schools being secured but the City Council, as the Local Planning Authority having considered the planning balance, has resolved otherwise.</p> <p>City Council officers have expressed the view that the County Council should seek the money for expanding Wolvercote Primary School from the Parish share of CIL and discussions in this respect will be had with the Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum once permission has been granted. In addition, the County Council can apply to the City Council for a payment from their general CIL pot. As a last resort, funding for the expansion could be sought from Central Government Basic Need Funding although DfE advice is that Basic Need grant and other capital funding do not negate housing developers' responsibility to mitigate the impact of their development on education.</p>

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<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Does he agree with me that if, as he suspects, the City Council go ahead and award planning permission without having secured developer funding for school places in advance, that would be highly irresponsible and indeed reckless behaviour on the part of the City Council?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Thank you very much for the question, I think that this highlights the issue that use of S106 and CIL funds and the importance that we all put towards it, and particularly about the viability. I think education is fundamental. We need to ensure that we have the appropriate facilities for parents who have children that have places. We should be sitting down with the City Council to ensure that we do get the full funding for education and perhaps I won't use your words if you don't mind me saying but, yes I agree with the sentiment that it is absolutely vital that we make sure that good quality education facilities are delivered with the developments along with affordable housing as well to ensure people have a safe place to grow up in.</p>
<p><b>13. COUNCILLOR PAUL BUCKLEY</b></p> <p>How long have each of the rising bollards in Oxford city been out of action, and what is the planned timescale for them to be working again?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LIAM WALKER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS DELIVERY AND OPERATIONS</b></p> <p>The bollards have unfortunately been out of action from around March due to a variety of technical challenges with the upgrade work that was undertaken. This includes systems connecting correctly with each other, the speed of fibre connection and remote operation method. This has been escalated both within ATG and Oxfordshire and senior managers are working with the teams to help resolve. Progress is being made and we hope to be able to have some working soon, but as yet to not have a confirmed date that we can commit to when the issues will be resolved due to the nature of them.</p>

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<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>I would like to thank Councillor Walker for his answer. I must say his answer does reveal significant failings going on somewhere in the organisation and I would like to ask him where these failings are occurring. Are they within the County organisation or with contractors and wherever the problems are what is he doing to fix it?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Thank you for question, our apology this is not acceptable, this has been an issue for so long. I will take it up with our senior team, who I am sure are listening in as we speak, and I will hopefully be able to get this issue resolved quite swiftly for you.</p>
<p><b>14. COUNCILLOR TED FENTON</b></p> <p>With the government announcement of a £170 million <a href="#">Covid Winter Grant Scheme</a> allowing local authorities to help the hardest-hit families and individuals directly over the winter period and thereby recognising that local authorities are best placed to identify and help those children and families most in need.</p> <p>Could the Cabinet member explain what arrangements are being made in Oxfordshire to distribute the fund of £1.37m for which it will be responsible?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION &amp; CULTURAL SERVICES</b></p> <p>Help will be available over the winter for vulnerable families and individuals who have been impacted by COVID-19.</p> <p>Our arrangements are aimed at supporting families with children, with most of the money to be spent on this group. The scheme will be run in partnership with and through schools and early years settings ensuring that those in receipt of free school meals, or in early years with other qualifying criteria, are supported around the school holidays periods. To maximise impact, some of the money will be allocated at the discretion of headteachers to other families in need.</p> <p>In addition to this scheme to support families directly, the city and district councils are planning local schemes to support the families and individuals they know are in most need, working closely with the local community and voluntary sector. This will include additional support to homeless people and people in temporary accommodation and others who are not helped by the family food scheme. The full details of funding allocation and how these schemes will work is also in development, aligning where possible with existing arrangements to ensure that the process is efficient.</p>

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	<p>Provision from the voluntary sector remains vital to supporting those in need. Through the new Community Food Networks, established in partnership between the City, District and County Councils, local food advocacy charity Good Food Oxford and community food providers, we know that demand on community food providers such as food banks is growing. This includes an increase in individuals presenting to these services who have not in the past accessed this form of support. To help ensure support is available where needed, during the autumn, Oxfordshire councils funded community food providers to the value of £250,000. In addition, so far, this financial year, County Councillors have supported food providers with £32,000 of Councillor Priority Funding. As part of the winter support package, a new government scheme worth £16m nationally will be providing food directly to food banks through to March. Working through our joint community hub arrangements, councils are working with the VCS to establish what additional funding from the Winter Support Grant or other sources will be needed to ensure community food providers retain sufficient capacity.”</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Thank you very much for the answer. I just wonder if you could give me assurance that the funding for this has been provided by Central Government already.</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Yes, I am absolutely delighted to say that it is coming, and it will be delivered out very shortly. It will involve all the schools. It is coming out mainly through the schools to families in need and it will be £15 per child per week for the Christmas holidays and for the Half-Term in February and for the Easter Holidays, which must be very good news for everybody. I am delighted that this Conservative Government is stepping-up despite everything else they have got to find money for to do this now.</p>

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<p><b>15. COUNCILLOR EDDIE REEVES</b></p> <p>During Autumn's 'Eat Out to Help Out' period, which supported many hospitality businesses across Oxfordshire, notably in the City, the Cabinet Member indicated that parking at Park &amp; Ride sites owned by Oxfordshire County Council would be made free of charge. Given the economic climate for such businesses and others across our City, can he tell members whether this Conservative &amp; Independent Alliance-run Council has any plans to do extend this welcome policy over the Christmas shopping period so as to help residents support local businesses over the festive season?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LIAM WALKER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS DELIVERY AND OPERATIONS</b></p> <p>To support businesses and help reduce car congestion on approaches to the city centre, we have worked with the City Council to provide an offer of free parking at the park and ride sites over the Christmas period. More details can be found here;</p> <p><a href="https://www.oxford.gov.uk/news/article/1635/free_oxford_park_and_ride_parking_to_help_shoppers_reduce_congestion_at_the_busiest_times">https://www.oxford.gov.uk/news/article/1635/free_oxford_park_and_ride_parking_to_help_shoppers_reduce_congestion_at_the_busiest_times</a></p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>I am grateful for the answer that he has given, it is fantastic news and he is to be congratulated for it. I wonder whether he could tell us if there are any plans for bring parking to be a more permanent feature perhaps for all or indeed part of 2021?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Thank you for your question, yes absolutely it is no secret I would love our park and ride sites to be free, as you know we own two Oxford Parkway and Thornhill and the rest are owned by the City, but obviously that has financial implications. It has been hugely successful, so far, we are implementing measures to reduce congestion in Oxford around the Westgate Centre. Just before lockdown we were seeing delays of 30-45 minutes on the network and this weekend because we implemented some measures, we got that down to about 12 minutes, so a significant reduction which is great so the plan is working, but yes watch this space, I we will have to see what happens next year on that one.</p>



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<p><b>16. COUNCILLOR CARMEN GRIFFITHS</b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member for Highways update me on the proposed closure of Sandy Lane by Network Rail? This is a vital link for my residents between Begbroke and Kidlington and we see no valid reason for this road to be permanently closed. It will only result in more congestion on the A44.</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LIAM WALKER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS DELIVERY AND OPERATIONS</b></p> <p>Network Rail are planning to close two level crossings north of Oxford (Yarnton Lane and Sandy Lane) as part of the Oxford Phase 2 scheme. This is essential for increasing future rail capacity for passenger and freight trains on this nationally significant section of the UK’s rail network. Removing these two-level crossings will ensure that safety is maintained and will support delivery of development in Cherwell’s Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1) Partial Review - Oxford’s Unmet Housing Need.</p> <p>At this stage, Network Rail has sought pre-application advice from Cherwell District Council for the replacement footbridges. Cherwell District Council support in principle closure of the level crossings and their replacement with footbridges, with Policy PR8 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1) Partial Review requiring “proposals for the closure/unadoption of Sandy Lane, closure of the Sandy Lane level crossing to motor vehicles and the use of Sandy Lane as a ‘green’ pedestrian, cycle and wheelchair route between the development and the built-up area of Kidlington including the incorporation of a bridge or subway”. A planning application is expected early next year and will be subject to the usual period of public consultation and determination by the District Council.</p> <p>Network Rail will also make a separate application to the Secretary of State for Transport for an Order to authorise the removal (“stopping-up”) of the public highway over the railway. The County Council will be a consultee in the process, which is separate from, but reliant on, the outcome of the planning application.</p>

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<p><b>17. COUNCILLOR CARMEN GRIFFITHS</b></p> <p>Kidlington roundabout is often flooded at one side- coming from Bicester) which causes traffic to be condensed to just one lane and veer onto the bus lane causing numerous delays and tailbacks and dangerous potholes throughout the year. Can the Cabinet Member for Highways get this issue fixed once and for all?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LIAM WALKER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS DELIVERY AND OPERATIONS</b></p> <p>There are talks currently taking place between the term contractor, Skanska, and OCC in terms of improvements to cyclical gully cleansing activities in general.</p> <p>At this stage, we plan to cleanse and investigate the underlying issues. However, as the affected gullies are on the inside lane of the roundabout, we require expensive traffic management to create a safe working space.</p> <p>This will determine whether the drainage system-only is required to be cleaned or whether there are any defects and breakages in the drainage pipes.</p> <p>We have raised an instruction for these activities to now proceed, subject to the Network Coordination team on whether we can work within the Christmas Embargo period or need to postpone to January 2021.</p> <p>We will endeavour to update you as the situation progresses.</p>
<p><b>18. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</b></p> <p>There is huge pressure from residents in my division and many other people across the country to improve the test and trace system. This is widely agreed to be essential if we are to reduce deaths and save our economy. In November Oxfordshire was at last allowed to start tracing some of the people that the national scheme has been unable to find. Congratulations to our public health officers at the County Council, the districts and the City, who have hit the ground running, as they track and trace the</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b></p> <p>Thank you for drawing attention to the hard work and success of the officers tracking individuals that the NHS Test and Trace Service has been unable to reach.</p> <p>It is true that initially the NHS Test and Trace was not performing at a level recommended by SAGE to be effective. The National system has however been improving month on month. It was recognised that to assist with the hard to reach cases a locally responsive system (with a local number) would complement the National NHS Test and Trace system.</p>

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<p>people that Serco and Deloitte, etc, have failed to locate. When they find them, they also offer support to help them cope with their quarantine.</p> <p>Directors of Public Health and countless other experts have recognised for a long time that the national Serco test, trace, isolate and support system has not been working well enough. It is not improving. The local scheme, on the other hand, is working superbly. Please will the Leader contact the DHSC and our MPs urgently to ask them to transfer much more of this work – or all of it -- to local authorities and the NHS, together with part – or all -- of the £22 billion that has so far been allocated to it.</p>	<p>The Oxfordshire local contract tracing system launched on 13<sup>th</sup> October. The Oxfordshire system has been very successful and as a result we are exploring areas where we could usefully expand the local system, such as linking with more vulnerable residents earlier than 24 hours or handling some of the harder to reach contacts.</p> <p>Our partnership with NHS Test and Trace has been improving over the recent weeks and months, and we are expecting further improvements, including a new system update due on 16<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>As you would expect, we regularly feedback to the national team about how this partnership can improve, and we expect this feedback to translate to improved performance. While the balance between national and local for contact tracing was not right earlier in the pandemic, it is now better than it was and will continue to improve. Money alone will not make this to happen, it will also require significant IT support, analytics, operational support, etc which are best placed coming from the national team. The virus does not respect boundaries so there does need to be a higher-level view alongside locally driven initiatives.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>I am very pleased to hear that the Leader has been exploring where we can usefully expand the local system. I hope that will include identifying hotspots early on. I am sure we all agree that giving £22billion to these private firms is not money well spent. So please can he apply for us to have some of the £22billion because our Director of Public Health and officers could use it much better on the kind of expansion that he has outlined.</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>I can confirm that I regularly talk to Central Government and the Department of Health and am always lobbying for more local control on testing, particularly sites and the access and ability to make sure that the right areas are in place. As a speaker identified this morning, you do need boots on the ground and knocking on doors in some locations which is absolutely the way we are operating this system across Oxfordshire, working with our City and District colleagues who have experience in environmental health issues as well. So, we are doing that and are using it. I'll just point out that the of course the money has been spent already with the companies and we have got to make sure that we are complementing the system and not duplicating any system that is coming forward, because there is a lot of mass testing going on and</p>

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	<p>there does need to be a view from the National perspective as well as the ability locally to make sure that we can deliver good local testing. We will be working with all our partners to ensure that Oxfordshire has the best possible system with the resources we have.</p>
<p><b>19. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</b></p> <p>I know everyone is busy just now, but is there a date earmarked for updating us on progress with the recommendations of the LGA Peer Review of last year? I'm particularly interested in when we will see improvements in the functioning of the Locality Groups, please.</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR MARK GRAY, CABINET MEMBER FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b></p> <p>One of the recommendations from the LGA Peer Review in 2019 was to 'Develop new approaches to locality boards' and work has been underway to research and develop a suitable model that meets the needs and ambitions of OCC. Whilst the pandemic has required some level of reprioritisation, the importance of local working and understanding local context has been re-emphasised and re-focussed by the current COVID-19 crises, and it is intended that an ambitious new model is implemented through the Re-new element of Re-start, Re-cover and Re-new planning.</p> <p>During the pandemic, there have been efforts to improve the current locality board working, with significant improvements to the Highways and Infrastructure reporting mechanism and with the appointment of a dedicated Direct Lead from the Council's Extended Leadership Team (ELT) to each locality, providing a clear, strategic link between localities, supporting Members to engage on key corporate issues and opportunities, and ensuring that Locality voice is heard across policy and operational discussions. Over the coming months, these improvements will continue to evolve, with an opportunity for Members to feedback in the January round of locality meetings to help shape further in year developments.</p>

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	<p>To ensure a successful and meaningful locality model requires a holistic development approach and several projects feed into this wider ambition for OCC including-the Communities Redesign and community resilience and development activity related to COVID-19 and recovery. Work on these projects are moving at pace, which will strengthen and support improvement in locality boards and anticipated final proposals are set to be developed in 2021.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>In this case I was disappointed at the narrow focus of the reply. I asked for an update on the progress with implementing all the recommendations of the LGA Peer Review, so when will be get that please?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Thank you for that, I think I will have to come back to you with further written answer. I felt we had answered your question fully, but I can see you want more. I will come back with a written answer.</p>
<p><b>20. COUNCILLOR SUSANNA PRESSEL</b></p> <p>I asked at a recent Council meeting about the government’s scheme to give our schools the equipment they need to make sure that all pupils can have internet access, if they are forced to work from home. Since the government scheme is falling far short of what is needed, I was delighted to hear from our Director for Children’s Services that there are moves afoot to try to persuade some local businesses to donate laptops and other devices to schools. I hope these will soon make up the shortfall. Please can we all be kept up to date with the progress of this much-needed project?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION &amp; CULTURAL SERVICES</b></p> <p>Attendance in schools in Oxfordshire has been above national throughout the pandemic; the hard work of our school leaders, Head and Governors, must be acknowledged. Where pupils have had to work remotely, they have used a blend of textbooks, work packs and digital devices. Over 1400 pupils (those with a social worker/care leavers and disadvantaged students in maintained secondaries i.e. Carterton) received laptops / chrome books and 197 internet dongles, in the summer. The numbers available were determined by the DfE. Academies ordered their own devices for disadvantaged Y10s and we do not know the numbers they ordered. Some schools declined the devices as they had made provision and loaned their own school devices.</p> <p>Each academic year we have new cohorts of children in all our schools and on a daily basis, children who arrive in the LA who may require support with digital devices and internet connections. The LA is working with a range of</p>

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	<p>local businesses to look at two schemes donate a laptop' and 'donate unused data'. We are very grateful to all Cllrs who have donated generously to date to this scheme as suggested by Cllr Waine and Cllr Sibley.</p> <p>We will of course keep you up to date via the usual reporting systems that are in place. We are indeed grateful for her interest in the work.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>To what extent does Councillor Lindsay-Gale agree that the attainment gap between disadvantage children and the rest will have grown even further over the past few months.</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Yes, I agree, probably it has. It is inevitable and very regrettable, but I can assure you that in the County we are going to be working extremely hard to combat the impact of Covid on these children and I thank you very much for all your work in this area and I hope Councillors will step up and give the balance of whatever they have got left in their funds towards providing laptops for these children.</p>
<p><b>21. COUNCILLOR DAMION HAYWOOD</b></p> <p>The EATF allocation is impressive and I applaud the cabinet members and officers in their achievement. I am concerned that we do not have the required officer resource to fully develop and implement these plans. What measures are the council taking to ensure the timetabled projects are deliverable?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>We are actively reviewing resources to ensure that we have sufficient officer capacity and capability to deliver the Active Travel programme funded by the recent tranche 2 allocation of the Emergency Active Travel Fund. Designs will be prepared, and consultation will be undertaken with councillors, stakeholders and the public in due course.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Thank you very much for the response, very welcomed. Interestingly other areas of the Council are using co-production as a method of insuring that certain light goes forward. Would</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>I am aware of the co-production model and we have looked at it within the portfolio. There is a real issue about expertise, yes there are plenty of lobby groups that are willing to tell us what they would like to do but that doesn't amount to a design for a traffic management scheme. I am not saying we</p>

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<p>the Cabinet Member agree with me that a co-production model would be a good idea in this area especially when there are groups across the County itching to take this up.</p>	<p>won't do it, but there is an issue about expertise and there is an issue about resource of expertise. We are, as you know, moving now the consultation is out for the first three LTNs in Cowley and I am pressing extremely hard to get Wards and Jericho LTN next of the list after which we will deal with Headington. They really all have to be committed by the end of March, so the resource issue is one we are very conscience of, but I don't think we are going to be taking time to do co-production with lobby groups.</p>
<p><b>22. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN HAYWOOD</b></p> <p>The Council has agreed to a rolling out of CPZs within the city up to 2024-24. Based on the impact of the introduction of CPZs in surrounding areas would the cabinet member be willing to consult residents again in areas without a CPZ to determine if their opinion has changed?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>We will be working on a plan for the remaining 17 proposed Oxford CPZs, given potential funding availability.</p>
<p><b>23. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN HAYWOOD</b></p> <p>County Council staff across Oxfordshire have worked incredibly hard over the last 8 months in dealing with the pandemic. Does the cabinet member agree that they should not be included in the public service pay freeze indicated by the Chancellor this week?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR JUDITH HEATHCOAT, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b></p> <p>There are many individuals, our officers and staff, people in the wider world – commerce, industry, retail, small businesses, who have worked under the very difficult circumstances of Covid. Many of the people we meet in our everyday lives serving at checkout points, ensuring the delivery of foods/medicines to our shops to ensure that the supply chain isn't broken also could be included in your thought. So many are facing difficult times.</p> <p>I feel that much as I admire our staff and I constantly thank them as do the rest of the Cabinet, they cannot be singled out to be treated differently to all the other exemplary people across the country who have ensured that we have foods to eat and supplies that ensure our comforts.</p>

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<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Thank you for the answer from the Cabinet Member, I would just like to ask her does she think that any public servant now deserves a pay rise?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Thank you to Councillor Haywood for his supplementary question. The question in itself is exceptionally sensitive and I would say that perhaps the question should be addressed to the Government, because it is the Government's decision on this pay issue and he needs to be aware that if we were to increase our Council Tax by any large amount that's going to impact on people within our communities that may have been redundant or have reduced hours of work. So, it is a hugely complex issue and I hear exactly what he is saying, but it is a Government decision not our own.</p>
<p><b>24. COUNCILLOR JOHN SANDERS</b></p> <p>Will the Cabinet member assure me that every endeavour will be made to implement the Central Cowley CPZs and Low traffic Neighbourhoods in the time of this Council?"</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>We are currently consulting on the three Cowley LTNs; the consultation will close on the 18<sup>th</sup> December and responses will be reported to CMD on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 at which time a final decision on whether to implement the LTNs will be made.</p> <p>Proposed CPZs in Cowley Centre East and West are due to go to Cabinet Member Decisions later this month and if approved the council will endeavour to progress the scheme through to implementation in the time of this council.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Residents of Cowley have been waiting for a solution to inappropriate parking since 2007 when the CPZ was first proposed. Since then Cowley has become a giant car park and now there are also there is a great concern in the wider Cowley area there should be quieter, safe streets as promised by the Low Traffic Neighbourhoods. Will the Cabinet Member</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>You know that Cowley is the priority in the introduction and implementation of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and I can assure you that we are bringing forward Temple Cowley, Florence Park and Old Marston into almost immediate consideration for CPZs. All of these, as you now Councillor Saunders really do depend upon what funding we have. We have been able to stretch the funding for the first nine to extend to Cowley, Florence Park and Old Marston.</p>



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<p>please take these concerns in to consideration when determining the future of traffic controls in Cowley?</p>	
<p><b>25. COUNCILLOR PETE SUDBURY</b></p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council is making efforts to be an environmental leader. It is rightly proud of its high levels of recycling. However, recycling, whilst useful for paper products, glass and metals, is ineffective for plastics, 80% of which are not recycled, instead being burned, landfilled or sent abroad, often to be dumped. Recycling also perpetuates (for the consumer) the "take-make-break/waste" model of linear resource use. There is an urgent need, in the UK and globally, to move towards a model of consumption that has little or no waste (known as "the circular economy" and also a critical element of "doughnut economics"). In creating a circular economy there are nine alternatives, ordered in terms of the amount by which they reduce the need for new resource extraction / production: The first three: Refuse, Rethink, Reduce, relate to smarter product use and manufacture. The next four: Reuse, Repair, Refurbish, Remanufacture, relate to extending the lifespan of a product and its parts.</p> <p>The final three (the least desirable): Repurpose, Recycle, Recover (=energy recovery by incineration) relate to useful application of</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>OCC has one of the highest Recycling and Composting rates in England, and one of the lowest waste arisings/head, meaning residents are very good at not producing waste in the first place. Embracing the Circular Economy is a key part of Oxfordshire's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and we are working to embed it across many of Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) activities.</p> <p>Within waste management, waste reduction and repair are key parts of our public engagement, including promoting Love Food Hate Waste, home composting and reuse where possible. The Waste Wizard, an online tool that tells you which bin an item should be placed in, also includes details of where that item could be repaired, or donated for reuse, showing residents a different way to manage materials they no longer want or need.</p> <p>For 19 years, OCC has also fully funded the Community Action Group (CAG) network. Over 70 groups across the county work on a wide range of projects all aimed at improving their local environment and community led action is often a significant factor in changing behaviours. Many of CAGs work on projects linked to the Circular Economy. including holding regular swap shops, establishing 'Library of Things', textile repair and upcycling a range of materials and products. Earlier this year OCC and CAG were successful in being awarded £66,881 grant to establish electrical repair cafes across the county, including a link with the library service where residents could drop off broken electricals to be repaired and sold on. While COVID-19 restrictions have paused some of these activities, all groups are eager to begin again when allowed.</p>

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<p>materials from discarded products.</p> <p>The Circular Economy is promoted by the Ellen MacArthur foundation, which engages with corporate clients (most notably its global partner BlackRock) and government as well as being active in education and training in order to promote the practical application of these principles. What is the County Council doing, in its own operations, with suppliers or clients, as an influencer in wider systems (Oxfordshire, Arc, etc.) to promote and apply these principles?</p>	<p>Effective recycling systems are an important part of CE, successfully utilising resources where products are no longer able to be repaired or used again. In Oxfordshire we try to recycle as much as possible in the county or UK in order to keep resources in local systems. With regards to plastics our Materials Recycling Facilities (MRFs) use a range of sorting technology to extract the recyclable plastics so they can be reprocessed.</p> <p>OCC's Climate Action Framework highlights the circular economy as central to our goal of enabling a zero-carbon future for Oxfordshire and increasing the resilience of our economy and communities.</p> <p>The main council levers for this work reside with planning, waste and procurement, with initiatives underway to embed circular economy principles in building standards, waste strategy and social value procurement policy.</p> <p>We acknowledge that such a systemic approach cannot be delivered by a single player and are working closely with partners and suppliers, e.g., our highways contractor, Skanska.</p> <p>As part of the Highways Contract Extension Negotiations, Skanska are working with OCC to develop a carbon reduction strategy and action plan to achieve net-zero emissions from the delivery of the Highways Contract by 2030. Material use represents a key source of carbon emissions for this contract, so reuse and recycling of materials will be part of the action plan.</p> <p>It will be considered how circular economy principles and approaches can be embedded in the Oxfordshire Plan, to meet objectives for addressing the causes and mitigating the impacts of climate change. Such approaches could relate to the built environment and the design and construction of new development. A better understanding of embedded carbon and the lifecycle of materials used in new buildings could lead to better reduce efficiency and reduction in waste arising from construction in Oxfordshire.</p>

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<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Thank you for the answer, it gives the impression of being very comprehensive, but it is very narrative, and its sounds slightly scatter gun. I am wondering if there is a project plan with smart goals behind that around reduction of waste and all the other priorities that I listed.</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Reduction of waste has been an ambition within the waste disposal section. The County Council has responsibility only for disposal of waste and not the collection of waste. It is one of the two-tier problems and we work very well with the district councils. We have had an ambition in the Oxfordshire Environmental Partnership to go very big in the public campaign on waste, we know that 30% of the black bag/bin waste is food that should not be going through that route at all it should be extracted for the digesters. There is a great awareness of how we can improve and extend about what we know about managing waste better. We made a decision with the Oxfordshire Environmental Partnership to employ a new lead on this front and I am happy to tell you she has just joined the Council and she will be introduced to you all in January. So, there is a very firm plan, we have needed someone to take a lead and make it happen.</p>
<p><b>26. COUNCILLOR GLYNIS PHILLIPS</b></p> <p>In the past Oxfordshire County Council trained all front-line officers to recognise and support those experiencing domestic violence. We know that there has been an increase in the incidence of domestic violence during the COVID restrictions and it is vital that we take all measures to safeguard adults and children living with domestic violence. Will the Cabinet agree to reinstate this training as a matter of urgency?’</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LAWRIE STRATFORD, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH</b></p> <p>Thank you for the question and I’m pleased to respond accordingly</p> <p>In respect of the questions relating to training for frontline staff within the County Council I can confirm the following training and practice-based learning is in place:</p> <p><u>Children’s Social Care</u></p> <p>Domestic Abuse Training remains part of the Learning and Development Plan for Children’s Social Care staff and courses have been delivered virtually during the pandemic. The Introductory Course: DA - Introduction to the Dynamics of Domestic Abuse is <u>mandatory</u> and colleagues are expected to</p>

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	<p>complete this within 12-18 months of joining a Children’s Social Care team. There are a further 3 modules covering specific areas of Domestic Abuse that are taken up by frontline staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding Domestic Abuse: Young People and Intimate Partner Violence – 2 Day Course</li> <li>• Assessing Risk in Domestic Abuse Situations, Evaluating Impact on Children &amp; Parenting and Working Positively in Domestic Abuse Contexts – 2-day course</li> <li>• Domestic Abuse- Working to Improve Outcomes for Children - Working with Parents as Perpetrators &amp; Victims of Abuse and the Family as a Whole – 2-day Course</li> </ul> <p>In the newly launched (2 November) Children’s Social Care Family Solutions Model there are also domestic abuse adult specialist workers: 5 victim focused and 5 perpetrator focused. These posts will serve to increase knowledge and understanding amongst all members of the Family Solutions team and those professionals working alongside. I am therefore confident that we are moving towards a more enhanced level of understanding of domestic abuse within Children’s Social Care teams and specifically frontline staff.</p> <p><u>Adult Social Care</u></p> <p>As for Adult Social care, domestic abuse training is <u>mandatory</u> for the adult safeguarding team, as is safeguarding training levels 2 and 3 which include some domestic abuse learning. My understanding is that level 2 training is mandatory for other ASC teams and safeguarding level 3 managers would also complete.</p> <p><u>Children’s and Adults Social Care staff</u></p>

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	<p>Both Children’s and Adult’s teams have Domestic Abuse Champions who are trained to a high level and are able to support colleagues where a domestic abuse case has been identified. Champions have received <u>enhanced support during the pandemic</u> to ensure that appropriate support is in place for team members during these critical times.</p> <p>In addition to the above the Oxfordshire Strategic Board commissioned a range of free multi-agency training available to all professionals working in Oxfordshire – current modules adapted to respond as digitally delivered training during the pandemic include Basic awareness of domestic abuse and coercive control, safety and risk planning and family dynamics and domestic abuse. There is also training for staff who act as Dedicated MARAC (Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference – for high risk victims) Officers (DMO’s) trained within social care teams to enable appropriate referral for victims at high risk for multi-agency management.</p> <p>I hope this information reassures Members that we take Domestic Violence very seriously.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>So, thank you Councillor Stratford for a comprehensive reply on the domestic violence training for children’s and adult’s social care. However my question advises that in the past there was training for all front line staff on domestic violence and in your answer you make reference to an introductory course and I was wondering if you could work with HR to commit to this training becoming available to, for example Teachers, Fire &amp; Rescue, Trading Standards, all our staff who meet members of the public and</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Thank you, Councillor Phillips for the question, I can certainly review it, but as other members have said this costing doesn’t come from the out. It is mandatory for those that have a statutory role in meeting the public but an opportunity to widen that scope obviously something I would be very pleased to look at.</p>

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whether you could commit to making this possible.	
<p><b>27. COUNCILLOR JANE HANNA</b></p> <p>Knowing that the extremely clinically vulnerable, the disabled, the learning disabled and BAME families have borne the brunt of excess deaths during the pandemic from COVID 19 so far across England; that these deaths have hit hardest in the under 65s and that the pandemic is far from over; many in these groups will not want to travel and attend physical sites for work or education because of COVID before they have access to the vaccine; will the leader use his influence to advocate for residents so that they are included in the highest priority for vaccination during the early part of 2021?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b></p> <p>I recognise the tremendous impact that COVID-19 has had on some of our most vulnerable residents and acknowledge their concerns. We continue to be informed by the evidence from experts, in this case the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). They have advised that the first priority should be the prevention of COVID-19 mortality and the protection of health and social care staff and systems. They have published their rationale at the link provided.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/priority-groups-for-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-advice-from-the-jcvi-2-december-2020">Priority groups for coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination: advice from the JCVI, 2 December 2020 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>The council is working closely with our partners across the Oxfordshire system to ensure that roll out of the vaccine is prioritised and expedited so that all of those who will benefit can do so at the earliest opportunity.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Thank you, Councillor Hudspeth. I am pleased obviously that the Leader is concerned about vulnerable groups. Given the leadership across in the system across Oxford on vaccines, is he able to advocate for the young disabled, the age group 18-34 are known to be 30 times more likely to die during Covid because of Covid and the learning disability population where although the Connor Stowerthope case in Oxfordshire is now about 6 years old. Will he be able to advocate for the Learning Disabled who were found to mainly</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Thank you for the question, I think it is important to recognise the fact that the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation are the committee that have set the parameters and they have done that based on the Epidemiology data on the clinical and demographic risk factors and also that hospitalisation for all groups and it has been a very difficult job for them to do. I am not myself an expert on science and I am certainly not an epidemiologist as throughout this crisis. I have always looked and followed the evidence that is put forward and the recommendations from those experts. I hope that the experts are making sure that all those people who are vulnerable and likely to be affected will be first in line for vaccination. However, it is always going to be a difficult decision for them to make. I can make representations however,</p>

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<p>in the context of the pandemic have deficient access to care, lack of understanding or Covid symptoms and people with Learning Disability and risking people with Learning Disability.</p>	<p>I stress again, if you read the report, the report is very clear they have gone through all the risk factors for all areas of the population and they have come up with their list based on these evidence and facts for all areas.</p>
<p><b>28. COUNCILLOR JANE HANNA</b></p> <p>Is there a date for the constitutional review that Councillors were promised in July?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR JUDITH HEATHCOAT, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b></p> <p>Thank you for your query. The annual Constitutional Review is intended to be brought to the March 2021 Full Council, with consultation with members commencing in December or early January.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Thank you Councillor Heathcoat, will the Leaders of the Opposition be consulted about the scope of this Constitutional Review and will this consultation demonstrate good practice in ensuring that all Councillors have freedom and a proper consultation period so that this consultation can be truly meaningful.</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Thank you Councillor Hanna, I genuinely feel that I have answered the question you raised by advising that there will be consultation for Council with members and that will be commencing either during this month or early January, so I believe I have covered your supplementary question.</p>
<p><b>29. COUNCILLOR JANE HANNA</b></p> <p>Given that BAME children were four times more likely to be excluded than white children in Oxfordshire compared with three times more likely in other Counties before the pandemic and that BAME families are recognised as having been disproportionately negatively impacted during the pandemic, have any BAME children been excluded so far during the pandemic from</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION &amp; CULTURAL SERVICES</b></p> <p>There has been a 90% reduction in children permanently excluded from schools in Oxfordshire since 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to date. Of these one third identify as from BAME backgrounds. Since the pandemic, Restorative Practice free training has been made available to all schools in the county. Uptake has exceeded expectation. An Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion self-assessment audit tool has been designed, created and promoted to all schools in the county by Learner Engagement Services. The pandemic has afforded the opportunity to embed and make a reality the intention to offer</p>

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<p>Schools across Oxfordshire and is support now in place to mitigate against any increased risk of exclusion to these children?</p>	<p>effective early intervention and prevention services to avoid permanent exclusions Framed conversations about Equality, Diversity and Inclusion matters have been modelled during Learner Engagement team meetings to promote confidence within officers to name bias and inequality should it be apparent with schools. Since September to date, meetings have been held between the Learner Engagement Head of Service and School Leaders from seven of the highest excluding schools in the county to offer support and challenge exclusionary practices. Information advice and guidance available to all schools on anti-bullying strategies and resources have been updated over the summer holiday 2020 to strengthen the offer regarding racist bullying and how to best counter it.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Thank you, Councillor Lindsay-Gale I am not clear from your answer how many BAME children have been excluded since March 2020. Given Councillor Lindsay-Gale’s concern in response to my previous question at Council that performance in this area wasn’t good enough and given that BAME disproportionately are impacted by Covid how many children from BAME backgrounds have been permanently excluded since March 2020, and have all these children had the individualised risk assessment completed take account of their individual best interests and representation from their families.</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Thank you Councillor Hanna, I wish I could give you an answer and in fact when I was discussing how to respond to your question I did ask the officers if I could include numbers, and the answer came back that the number is so small that according to the data protection requirements I can’t give you an answer in a public forum because it would lead to the possibility of some of these children being identified. And if I tell you that that break point is 10 you can see that the problem is exceedingly small, and I am very pleased to be able to tell you that. If you would like a private meeting, I am very happy to organise it and we can discuss it further.</p>



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<p><b>30. COUNCILLOR JENNY HANNABY</b></p> <p>On the 17th November the Cabinet member for Adult Social Care and Public Health made the decision to endorse the approach to meeting homecare and reablement need in the County through contracting a new service Living Well at Home to Strategic partnerships with providers. Reablement is an essential and crucial part of getting people safely back into their homes and was previously carried out in the Acute and Community Hospitals before discharge from hospital. Can the Cabinet member provide the evaluation of the new system proposed and what outcomes are being monitored?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LAWRIE STRATFORD, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH</b></p> <p>Thank you Councillor Hannaby for that question. As you say supporting people to leave hospital in a timely way and with the right level of focused support is critical to ensure people recover and regain maximum independence. Our approach is based upon the national model called Home First which focuses reablement on achieving timely discharge, maximising independence and a reduction in long-term ongoing care needs. There are a series of metrics as part of the contract that measure each of those elements.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Thank you very much for your reply. Does the contract give the elderly and their families the same rights and choices that exists when they have concerns and complaints as exists when elderly receive their reablement in acute or community hospital provision?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>That is a very good question I will need to check, and I will be happy to provide a written answer to all councillors. I am sure that their rights are the same.</p>

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<p><b>31. COUNCILLOR JENNY HANNABY</b></p> <p>The new Living Well at Home future Commissioning is a large part of the County budget spend. As the cost of delivering the new service will be met from our Pooled Budget fund where would the accountability, monitoring and outcomes sit within the new service?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LAWRIE STRATFORD, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH</b></p> <p>Thank you for this question. The funding for this service will be from within the pool budget arrangement with Oxfordshire CCG though the contract will be held and managed by Oxfordshire County Council. As part of this the council is responsible for monitoring the outcomes and will be reporting through the normal scrutiny processes.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>How would the new way of working safeguard the elderly and vulnerable in their homes without 24-hour care continuity?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Thank you for the question, I am not sure that people will be more vulnerable. I think I am happy to go back officers to provide a more detailed response if that is felt necessary.</p>
<p><b>32. COUNCILLOR JENNY HANNABY</b></p> <p>How will reducing cost of care per hour make for good working relationships with our existing contractors used to receiving and getting a higher hourly rate and will the reduced hourly rate impact disproportionately across rural areas of Oxfordshire which have always been difficult to cover and what levers are there in the new Zoning strategy to mitigate against this risk?</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR LAWRIE STRATFORD, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH</b></p> <p>Thank you again for this further question. We are highly sensitive to the impact of any change in contract. We have spent a lot of time working with the market on this model, we have listened to feedback and included as much as possible in the specification. Equally so we have used population information, details of travel times and commercial sustainability in determining the zones. It is important that this is a sustainable contract and one that operates on the basis of a fair robust relationship between us and providers. We are confident that this development will deliver better outcomes for the Oxfordshire citizen, the providers of support and us as commissioners.</p>

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<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>How will reducing cost of care per hour make for good working relationships with our existing contractors, who are used to receiving and getting a higher hourly rate and will the reduced hourly rate impact disproportionately across rural areas of Oxfordshire which have always been difficult to cover and what levers are there in the new zoning strategy to mitigate against the risk?</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>Thank you for the question, I don't think there is a risk, the question you have just asked is covered by your written question. The movement to a zonal way of operating will provide a better service and will be certainly more cost effective. The issue of getting the balance between our needs and the people's needs and the contractors has been covered and I am certain that the new arrangements will improve our outcomes for our residents.</p>
<p><b>33. COUNCILLOR PETE SUDBURY</b></p> <p>Having taken the bold decision to be a leader in tackling the Climate Emergency, the Council must be keenly aware that transport is the biggest source of emissions in the UK and 55% of those emissions are from private cars. The Science and Technology Select Committee advises that without "progressively phasing out private car use" the UK will not hit next two legally binding carbon budgets, even after implementing the "ten Point Plan" and will be unlikely to reach net zero by 2050.</p> <p>The Council is investing in Public Transport and other forms of active transport. The increasing popularity of e-bikes opens the possibility of longer journeys (up to 5-10 miles) being accessible by bike even by those who are not young or physically fit, whilst e-scooters may open up shorter distances even to the bike-</p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR YVONNE CONSTANCE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>The County Council's Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) currently outlines the policy direction and priorities related to transport. This document includes the objective to reduce the proportion of journeys made by private car by making use of public transport, walking and cycling more attractive.</p> <p>LTP4 is supported by detailed strategies for local areas, freight, active travel and public transport. These strategies set out the specific schemes the county council is seeking to deliver in support of the objectives. These strategies have also been used to support a number of funding bids since adoption in 2016, including approximately £3 million for Active Travel measures as part of the recently announced government Active Travel Fund allocations.</p> <p>The County Council is currently working to update the Local Transport Plan. The updated strategy is being called the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP), to better reflect our strategy both for digital infrastructure and for connecting the whole county.</p> <p>The updated LTCP provides an opportunity to reflect new priorities, account for new funding opportunities and incorporate new ideas and strategies. This</p>

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<p>phobic. The Council can be a driver of these trends, particularly by ensuring that segregated lanes are available on strategic roads between settlements in order to minimise safety concerns (a factor cited by 80% of people as a reason they do not cycle).</p> <p>Accelerating the reduction in the use of private vehicles, whilst pushing forward with roadbuilding directed towards motor vehicles, risks the Council being left with expensive, underutilised "stranded assets". How does the Council plan to deliver significant (e.g. Greater than 20%) reductions in car travel per capita for the period of the next two carbon budgets (2023-27, 28-32), and how is that reflected in its transport and road-building spending priorities?</p>	<p>will include measures to work towards enabling a zero carbon Oxfordshire by 2050 in line with the County Council Climate Action Framework endorsed by Cabinet in October 2020. In particular, the strategy will set out in more detail the policies and schemes needed to enable a reduction in unnecessary private vehicle use through development of better sustainable travel choices.</p> <p>It is planned that the LTCP vision and objectives will be consulted upon in early 2021, following consideration by Cabinet. Following this, work will begin to develop the more detailed document and supporting strategies. It is anticipated that local councillors will be engaged on more detail of this through the Locality meetings in Summer 2021.</p>
<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION</b></p> <p>Thank you for that detailed answer, Councillor Constance. Can you assure me that the LTCP vision and objectives will contain specific targets around traffic route reduction and mobile shift across, not just Oxford but the whole of Oxfordshire, as these would be quite important in my area.</p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER</b></p> <p>I haven't seen the final draft; it will be going out for consultation in January. It is a good point you make. I am almost certain that it will do and if it doesn't already, I will make sure it does. Can I just add and thank you for the supplementary, this reply only tells you only about the future vision and the future objectives. We are consulting on a zero emissions zone, we are working towards congestion management, we are introducing control parking zones for residents parking only and that is going to make a very big impact on the congestion that underlines the question that you were asking. We are making significant impact in Oxford City traffic even before the next Local Transport Plan and thank you for the opportunity for making that very public today.</p>

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	<p>Cllr Sudbury – I would point out that I actually represent Wallingford not Oxford, so these are fascinating, but it would be nice to see.</p> <p>Cllr Constance – I do know that but we do have I am afraid we are able to get funding in Oxford City which does not extend to the smaller towns, but we do learn how to do things better in the smaller towns. Henley has a 20mph speed limit.</p>