

CABINET – 16 NOVEMBER 2021

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions	Cabinet Member
<p>1. COUNCILLOR BRAD BAINES</p> <p>To ask the Cabinet Member whether the Cabinet currently intends on providing a specific budget allocation within the upcoming Budget Cycle towards accelerating planning and delivery of the Connecting Oxford project, in recognition of urgent need to alleviate chronic traffic within Oxford City, to ensure a modal shift to active travel and public transport, as well as to fulfil key policy commitments of the Fair Deal Alliance.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR DUNCAN ENRIGHT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAVEL & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY</p>
<p>2. COUNCILLOR BRAD BAINES</p> <p>The new LTCP commits this Council to a “well maintained highways network”, yet such a target needs to reflect the growing financial cost pressures of doing so because of Government cuts and the relative risks to different user groups of poorly maintained roads. As such, can the Cabinet Member commit to ensuring that the upcoming Highways Asset Management Strategy or the final version of the LTCP will include a financially sustainable plan for managing our highways stock and will prioritise the repair of cycleways and well-cycled roads ahead of those almost solely used by motor traffic?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR TIM BEARDER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT</p>

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<p>3. COUNCILLOR DAVID BARTHOLOMEW</p> <p>South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) is proposing to borrow £ millions to build a new HQ at Didcot. Given that there are six councils across Oxfordshire (four district, one city, one county) with much existing surplus office space between them, surely effective consolidation and reallocation of property based on the principle of 'One Public Estate' might mean that no new building is needed. Could the Cabinet Member please advise how much he has explored this option with SODC which would not only save money but would also be a much greener alternative.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR CALUM MILLER, CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE</p>