

CABINET – 15 JULY 2025

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions are listed in the order in which they were received. Should any questioner not have received an answer in that time , a written answer will be provided.

1. COUNCILLOR JAMES FRY	COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT
<p data-bbox="208 600 607 667">14. Future Civil Enforcement Contract Models</p> <p data-bbox="208 711 703 1225">Para 19 of the report mentions that the new contracts, unlike the current ones, will include penalties if KPIs are not met. This is excellent, in the light of the many complaints from residents about the flawed implementation of the switch to digital parking permits. I hope that the penalties are applied in a symmetric manner, i.e., a 1% shortfall incurs a penalty that equals the value of the payment made when the KPI is exceeded by 1%.</p> <p data-bbox="208 1270 703 1369">Can the Cabinet member also please assure us that, in assessing actual performance against the</p>	<p data-bbox="734 600 1877 927">The Council is using the BPA model contract for enforcement as this contract will promote a high quality service with quality related KPIs. The new Procurement Act regulations also require the Council to publish the performance against the KPIs. I can confirm that one of the proposed KPIs will specifically consider the quality of PCNs that are issued. With regards to deployment of officers there are a number of factors that need to be taken into account such as demands on the network and compliance within an area. Deployment plans will be considered with the new contractor regularly to ensure that officer time is efficiently used and areas are patrolled at the right levels.</p>

<p>KPIs, a robust mechanism will be devised to estimate, for example, the number of PCNs that were issued in error and verify that parking wardens are making the required number of daily checks in each CPZ?</p>	
<p>2. COUNCILLOR JAMES FRY</p> <p>11. Climate Action Programme Update</p> <p>The Update provides a great deal of information; however a major source of dangerous emissions is PM2.5 particles, derived in particular from diesel engines and wood burning. Please will the Cabinet Member add data on these emissions to the Climate Outcomes Dashboard?</p> <p>More immediate, the choice of a contractor for the installation of pavement EV chargers has been awaited for well over a year. Can the Cabinet Member please assure us that the preferred bidder will finally be selected within days, not months?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR JUDY ROBERTS, CABINET MEMBER FOR PLACE, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION</p> <p>The procurement of a contractor to install and manage EV cable channels is in progress, with the award notice due to be published in August. In order to expedite the process, the council is to open applications for the installation of a cross-pavement EV channel to the public prior to this date. Applications will start to be taken in July as communicated in a recent (13th June) member briefing.</p> <p>Identifying and reporting details of the sources of emissions from diesel engines and wood burning is the duty of the District and City Councils under their Air Quality responsibilities to monitor and report on air quality in their area. The District and City Councils all monitor Nitrogen Dioxide, but only two have air quality monitors which measure PM_{2.5}. Information of the 2023 and previous Annual Status Reports (ASR) can be found on Oxonair. The District and City Councils are currently awaiting responses from DEFRA who review their ASRs for accuracy and will publish 2024 information once DEFRA have approved them.</p> <p>As part of the County Council's air quality strategy, the County Council is in the process of modelling air quality levels for Nitrogen Dioxide and PM_{2.5} and carrying out a source apportionment exercise for ten areas across the council, which should be available by the end of the summer. There is Oxfordshire wide source</p>

	apportionment based on the District and City figures, however it will not be as robust as the ten locations being planned.
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