

**COUNTY COUNCIL –28 November 2018  
PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

<p><b>1. Questioner's name: Roger Whyborn</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</b></p>
<p>I note with growing concern that eight years after the building of the Asda superstore in Hatherley Lane, no significant money has been spent on the associated traffic calming measures, for which over £100,000 of Asda money was allocated, but only a few parking changes, e.g. outside Up Hatherley Post Office were ever implemented. Public opinion, when asked then, was not favourable towards the vertical traffic calming measures proposed, nor is it now, though limited horizontal ones are generally and widely accepted.</p> <p>Since then, a major sea-change in national thinking has occurred towards wide area 20 mph limits in residential streets, popularly called Twenty's Plenty, with minimal or no physical measures. You will be aware that this is policy at Cheltenham Borough Council. Therefore, when is the County Council going to get on with this in Benhall/Reddings &amp; Up Hatherley, starting with a dialogue with Borough &amp; County councillors and others, who have been pressing for engagement for months, going into years?</p>	<p>£120k was allocated from the ASDA funding for traffic calming in the Reddings and Hatherley various options were developed and consulted upon, however no consensus could be found within the community. There are remaining monies available for use if a suitable project with all round community support can be found.</p>
<p><b>2. Questioner's name: Brian Pearman</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Carole Allaway Martin</b></p>
<p>Regarding the decision by CCG/NHS Trust to locate in Cinderford the new Community Hospital for the Forest of Dean, closing the current hospitals of the Dilke and Lydney.</p> <p>The HOSC of this Council was tasked with scrutinising the consultation process, however the process of the Citizens Jury which followed the consultation and which resulted in the recommendation of Cinderford as the location of the new hospital</p>	<p>Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group has conducted a significantly more comprehensive consultation process than they were required to in this case. I can appreciate the disappointment of those who made the case for Lydney, but I can see no ground on which HOSC could intervene.</p>

<p>was subject to no scrutiny by HOSC.</p> <p>Does this council consider this to be an appropriate level of scrutiny of the whole process designed to inform such an important decision on the future of healthcare for the residents of the whole Forest of Dean?</p>	
<p><b>3. Questioner's name: Robert Irving</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</b></p>
<p>Given the recent report of the International Panel on Climate Change that there remain only 12 years in which the nations of the world can act to prevent the runaway dangerous breakdown of the world's climate due to human greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and that the earlier the actions to reduce these gases takes place, the less disruptive these actions need be, can the Leader please detail what changes will be made to the Council's draft "Our Council Strategy 2019-2022" document in the way of targets for, or explicit actions aimed at, the reduction of GHG emissions, to reassure the people of Gloucestershire that the Council has taken on board this urgent need?</p>	<p>The Council has an ambitious target to cut our carbon emissions by 60% by 2020/21 against 2006/07 levels. This mirrors the trajectory of the UK's 80% reduction target.</p> <p>As reported to the November meeting of Environment &amp; Communities Scrutiny Committee, the Council's carbon emissions reduced to 55% in 2017/18.</p> <p>Completion of the LED Street Lighting rollout and the Shire Hall refurbishment, which includes solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, and the trial of ultralow emission pool cars will continue us on track to meet the target. Options for further investment in renewable energy generation across the Council's land and buildings are being investigated.</p> <p>A report is due to go to the next meeting of Cabinet in December recommending that Cabinet signs up to Government's Emissions Reduction Pledge, committing to report annual performance to the Department for Business, Energy &amp; Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and publish on the Council's website. This report also proposes reviewing the Council's ambition and the effectiveness of its policies in delivering sustainable development in Gloucestershire, with a stakeholder workshop to be held by the end of March 2019.</p>

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<p>Could the cabinet member please advise how many Gloucestershire children are the subject of a s20 Children Act order and provide this information for each district council area?</p>	<p>218 children of the 690 in care are accommodated under an S20 order (31.6%)</p> <p><b><i>Placed in County</i></b></p> <table data-bbox="1099 475 1644 810"> <tr><td>Cheltenham</td><td>37</td></tr> <tr><td>Cotswold</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>FoD</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>Gloucester</td><td>79</td></tr> <tr><td>Stroud</td><td>34</td></tr> <tr><td>Tewkesbury</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Countywide – Under 11</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Countywide – DCYPS</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td><b>Total</b></td><td><b>200</b></td></tr> </table> <p><b><i>Placed out of County</i></b></p> <table data-bbox="1099 922 1644 1257"> <tr><td>Cheltenham</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Cotswold</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>FoD</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Gloucester</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>Stroud</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Tewkesbury</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Countywide – Under 11</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Countywide – DCYPS</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td><b>Total</b></td><td><b>18</b></td></tr> </table> <p>This breakdown is based on team names where the team is currently responsible for the child rather than the home of the child or the current placement of the child. This may not match District</p>	Cheltenham	37	Cotswold	3	FoD	7	Gloucester	79	Stroud	34	Tewkesbury	15	Countywide – Under 11	6	Countywide – DCYPS	19	<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	Cheltenham	0	Cotswold	1	FoD	1	Gloucester	14	Stroud	2	Tewkesbury	0	Countywide – Under 11	0	Countywide – DCYPS	0	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>
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	<p>lines.</p> <p>The 11-25 teams are based in Stroud, Cheltenham and Gloucester, therefore children from the other areas of the County who do not have an 11-25 team will be placed with one of these teams.</p> <p>In addition, the under 11's permanence team and the Disabled Children and Young Persons team (DCYPS) are Countywide teams.</p>															
<p><b>5. Questioner's name: David Willingham</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Richard Boyles</b></p>															
<p>What is the longest that any Gloucestershire child has been held under a s20 Children Act order?</p>	<p>10 years and 6 months. The earliest entry to care for a young person currently accommodated under an S20 order is May 2008. The young person has been accommodated under an S20 order since entering care.</p>															
<p><b>6. Questioner's name: David Willingham</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Richard Boyles</b></p>															
<p>How many Gloucestershire children have been held for over 6 months, over 1 year, over 3 years under a s20 Children Act order?</p>	<p>Length of Time in Care</p> <table data-bbox="1115 1034 1624 1220"> <tr> <td>6 Months or Less</td> <td>70</td> <td>32.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7-12 months</td> <td>42</td> <td>19.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1-2 Years</td> <td>86</td> <td>39.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over 3 Years</td> <td>20</td> <td>9.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>218</b></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>The above data is based on the child's current Legal Status and the date on which they were admitted to care. The Legal Status of a child may change during their time in care.</p>	6 Months or Less	70	32.1%	7-12 months	42	19.3%	1-2 Years	86	39.4%	Over 3 Years	20	9.2%		<b>218</b>	
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<p>In light of the revenue from camera enforcement at various locations in the county, could the cabinet member please explain why camera enforcement isn't used as a temporary measure to detect, deter and fine motorist illegally turning into Alstone Croft from Alstone Lane, until a permanent closure is put in place?</p>	<p>Camera enforcement requires very specific traffic regulation orders and can be costly to implement. Officers advise me that this wouldn't be suitable for this site.</p>
<b>8. Questioner's name: David Willingham</b>	<b>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</b>
<p>I understand that Cllr Sudbury has secured the use of money raised by fines from camera enforcement in Cheltenham town centre for highways improvements in Cheltenham. A number of side road junctions with Arle Road and Alstone Lane are currently missing dropped kerbs, making it unnecessarily difficult for wheelchair users and parents with baby buggies to cross the road. Could I request some of this funding to be allocated to these enhancements.</p>	<p>The council is already developing a programme of works to address the missing dropped kerbs in this area in the coming year.</p>