

## COUNTY COUNCIL – 26 June 2019

### Members' Questions

<b>1. Questioner's name: Cllr Klara Sudbury</b>	<b>Respondent's name: Cllr Dave Norman</b>
What is the current sum spent on road safety by Gloucestershire County Council?	This year we expect to spend £759k of capital on road safety schemes and £203k of revenue.
<b>2. Questioner's name: Cllr Klara Sudbury</b>	<b>Respondent's name: Cllr Dave Norman</b>
What tools are available to elected members to secure traffic calming in their divisions?	Elected members can discuss opportunities for traffic calming with their Local Highways Manager. Potential schemes will be assessed against factors for road safety, accessibility, congestion, air quality and need.
<b>3. Questioner's name: Cllr Klara Sudbury</b>	<b>Respondent's name: Cllr Dave Norman</b>
If elected members cannot secure traffic calming or pedestrian improvements requested by their local communities through working with their Highways Manager (or via Highways Local), what other means are available to achieve these outcomes?	Members can use their Highways Local allocation to fund schemes, they can work with local community groups if those groups also want to contribute to the cost of schemes, but the Local Highways Manager will have to confirm if the proposed scheme is appropriate and meets the Council's requirements and policies.
<b>4. Questioner's name: Cllr Klara Sudbury</b>	<b>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</b>
Can Cllr Moor provide a summary of the outcomes and actions he took away from the climate change summit on 21 May?	In summary, the outcomes and actions from the summit were, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop an engagement plan, including setting up a youth panel, and come back to delegates with the proposed approach – officers are finalising the proposed approach, to be agreed by</li></ul>

	<p>me in early July and notified to delegates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the outcomes from the summit to develop a revised Climate Change Strategy for Gloucestershire and the council, for public consultation in the summer – a draft will be taken to the meeting of Environment Scrutiny Committee on 17th July 2019, and will be published for public consultation shortly afterwards on the council’s website, until early September. We will publicise this as widely as possible.</li> <li>• Following the consultation, take it to the council’s Cabinet for approval on 13th November 2019.</li> <li>• Feed the strategy recommendations into Leadership Gloucestershire, provisionally to their meeting on 19th December 2019.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Questioner’s name: Cllr Klara Sudbury</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent’s name: Cllr Nigel Moor</b></p>
<p>The Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) regarding Cheltenham Transport Plan (CTP), Phase 4, has been amended from June 3rd. County Council officials have stated that none of the previous responses to the consultation will be considered when a decision is made on whether or not to make this controversial trial permanent. Members of the public are outraged that their concerns seem to have amounted to nothing as the amended ETRO only addresses a small part of the scheme and the impact it is having. Why will comments made about the impact on other parts of the scheme in other areas not be considered in the public forum of the TRO committee?</p>	<p>Alex Chalk raised this issue with me last week. This is a miscommunication – of course previous views will continue to be taken into account – except if they are commenting on issues changed in the latest modification. I welcome the opportunity to clarify this.</p>
<p><b>6. Questioner’s name: Cllr Klara Sudbury</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent’s name: Cllr Nigel Moor</b></p>
<p>Can I request that Formal Representations made between June</p>	<p>As summary is already available on the website, however, this scheme</p>

<p>28th 2018 and June 3rd 2019 on the CTP, Phase 4 ETRO along with redacted details of all of those representations are published on the Gloucestershire County Council website on the Cheltenham Transport Plan pages?</p>	<p>will go to TRO committee in December where a full report will be available at that stage.</p>
<p><b>7. Questioner's name: Cllr Klara Sudbury</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</b></p>
<p>What mitigation is being designed for the St Luke's area to reduce through traffic in St Luke's Road and St Luke's Place which has increased as a result of Phase 4 of the CTP? Local residents are very concerned about the impact on road safety of the increased congestion and would welcome news on how it will be addressed.</p>	<p>I would remind Cllr Sudbury that this is a Cheltenham Borough Council led scheme. County Council officers are monitoring the effects of displaced traffic caused by Phase 4 of the CTP and any mitigation measure that may be required in the future.</p> <p>Any review and changes to the road network here will be dependent upon the outcome of the Phase 4 trial. Once this is known we will be in a position to determine what the most appropriate and cost effective approach.</p>
<p><b>8. Questioner's name: Cllr Klara Sudbury</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</b></p>
<p>The design of the junction of St George's Place where it meets Clarence Street has been changed as part of the amendment to the CTP, Phase 4 ETRO. Unfortunately the change has made it incredibly difficult for residents and businesses on St George's Place as they can no longer turn right into St George's Place from Clarence Street (eastbound) and now can only access their property in a vehicle by travelling a convoluted route via Royal Well, Clarence Parade and Clarence Street. On May 27th I sent an email asking for this junction amendment to be changed so that people living and working in St George's Place were not disadvantaged. Has the junction change been amended or is it planned to be?</p>	<p>The junction is not subject to a banned turn order, so motorists are not prevented motorists making this manoeuvre. The original markings that were placed on the ground were not those agreed as part of the review. Officers are aware of the concerns regarding this junction and have considered feasible options and changes have been made and implemented. The markings were reviewed following a safety audit.</p>
<p><b>9. Questioner's name: Cllr Klara Sudbury</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Dave Norman</b></p>
<p>'School streets' is a pioneering scheme to transform roads outside schools, so that only pedestrians and cyclists can use them at</p>	<p>I'd refer Cllr Sudbury to the response in public question 13.</p>

<p>school start and finish times. School streets tackle congestion and improve air quality at the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk and cycle to school. They create a more pleasant environment for everyone, while making sure residents, businesses, pedestrians and cyclists can still use the road. What is the Council doing to introduce School Streets across Gloucestershire?</p>	
<p><b>10. Questioner's name: Cllr Klara Sudbury</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</b></p>
<p>There is great concern about road defects not being repaired when they clearly need to be because they are not deemed 'safety defects'. Also there is widespread anger and frustration from members of the public when only some potholes in a small area are fixed but others nearby are left untouched. Is the current policy in the Gloucestershire Highways Safety Inspection Manual fit for purpose?</p>	<p>This is exactly what the £150m resurfacing scheme is intended to address.</p>
<p><b>11. Questioner's name: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</b></p>
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>You are aware that Pulhams intend to cut their current bus service to Cheltenham and Moreton stopping at Northleach. Having met with Pulhams and Northleach Town Council it is clear that without extra funding from the County Council, Northleach will lose this service at key times of the day. Without a bus to work or college, Northleach residents will have no alternative to the car (if they own one). Surely to keep to your commitment to addressing climate change, this service has to be protected? Despite assurances that this is being looked into we are on the verge of losing a vital local service.</p>	<p>I recognise the concerns from local residents. This is a commercial service, and we have asked Pulhams to clarify their intentions. We intend to work with them to ensure that the most popular journeys on this service are prioritised. As the local member, I have asked that you are kept fully briefed on our dialogue with Pulhams and any other operator interested in providing transport services to Northleach.</p>
<p><b>12. Questioner's name: Cllr Colin Hay</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Richard Boyles</b></p>
<p>To: Cllr Richard Boyles</p> <p>We note that the high churn of social workers continues to be a</p>	<p>Having a stable, confident and competent workforce is key to our improvement journey and we are working hard to achieve this. We</p>

<p>significant problem, which was identified in the latest Ofsted report. We also note that this turnover can lead to children seeing multiple social workers – which can have significantly negative effects on already vulnerable individuals.</p> <p>Can the cabinet member please confirm what measures have been put in place to mitigate the impact of this unavoidable turnover on the children?</p>	<p>appreciate the impact that frequent changes in social worker can have on children and families.</p> <p>We are underway with an extensive recruitment and retention programme following a ‘grow your own’ approach by expanding our cohorts of students, newly qualified, overseas students and new routes of entry via apprenticeship and the step up and frontline programmes which take graduates from other disciplines. This is beginning to have a positive impact with reductions in our agency rate from 47% to 38%, our turnover rate from 20.5% to 17% and our vacancy rate from 32% to 26% currently. We anticipate this improving further as our recruitment strategy matures over the coming months.</p> <p>We are also placing considerable emphasis on management oversight and supervision with our improvement activity, our aim is to ensure a continuity of casework when cases necessarily have to transfer following a change in social worker so that children and families do not have to retell their story to another professional.</p>
<p><b>13. Questioner’s name: Cllr Colin Hay</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent’s name: Cllr Patrick Molyneux</b></p>
<p>To: Cllr Patrick Molyneux</p> <p>We are all too aware of the issue of off-rolling within the county. Can the Cabinet Member confirm the precise number of children that are currently off-rolled: in pure numbers, in proportion to the number of students in the county and in comparison to our regional and statistical neighbours. And can the member confirm what the county council is doing to ensure that these children continue to receive a good education?</p>	<p>There is no national data published with regard to off-rolling.</p> <p>The latest national exclusion data published is for 2016 and this places the county rate at 0.16% of the school population, against a national rate of 0.1% and 0.06% for our statistical neighbours (actual numbers are not provided).</p> <p>There is no data published with regard to Elective Home Education. However national research suggests levels have risen by 27% between 2017 and 2018. The rate of increase in the county was 11% in the same period.</p>

	<p>Excluded children are provided with education through our Alternative Provision Schools whilst a transition plan is put in place to enable them to return to an appropriate school setting. This is supported by our own education support services.</p> <p>Many parents who take their children off role to become home educated do so for positive reasons and provide quality education at home. Officers liaise with families to ensure that suitable education is provided, and support children to return to school where this is not the case.</p>
<p><b>14. Questioner's name: Cllr Colin Hay</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Patrick Molyneux</b></p>
<p>To: Cllr Patrick Molyneux</p> <p>While the Regional Schools Commissioner recently stated that the off-rolling is being looked at within the county, what is GCC doing to ensure that progress is made to reduce the levels seen in Gloucestershire?</p>	<p>The Joint Strategy for Children with Additional Needs and High Needs Strategy, which were approved by Cabinet in January, outlines our approach to reducing off-rolling and improves the inclusion of all children in schools.</p> <p>In addition, our dedicated inclusion support team has provided a greater level of support and challenge for those schools struggling with individual or groups of children – providing a multi-agency response.</p> <p>Schools with high numbers of children leaving within the school year have been targeted and Head Teachers/Governors being held to account and support provided.</p> <p>The county's exclusion rate has reduced to 0.1%, which is a 23% decrease in total number of children who have been excluded this academic year to date.</p>

<b>15. Questioner's name: Cllr Colin Hay</b>	<b>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</b>
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>Gloucestershire residents take the time and trouble to separate their plastic waste, recent investigations show that much plastic waste from the UK ends up blighting developing countries. Both the County and District Councils are doing their utmost to encourage residents to re-cycle more, but if our waste ends up causing major issues in other countries residents will feel less willing to re-cycle. So - can the Cabinet member tell us what assurances the Joint Waste Committee has had or will seek from Ubico that plastic re-cycle from Gloucestershire is properly recycled and doesn't end up as huge dumps of unrecycled plastic or simply set light and burned in developing countries?</p>	<p>This is not a Ubico issue - districts and the county council have their own direct contracts in place with licenced UK based merchants and reproprocessors for the recycling of materials collected within the county.</p> <p>As part of our work we ensure these contractors have all the necessary licences and consents in place. The materials are then sold onwards by the various contractors in to national and international markets. We request details of these end-markets (business names and addresses), but these change regularly we are reliant on the Environment Agency as the Waste Regulation Authority in England to regulate them.</p> <p>Gloucestershire councils focus on trying to collect and sell good quality, clean materials, so that the risk of them not being recycled is diminished.</p>
<b>16. Questioner's name: Cllr John Cordwell</b>	<b>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</b>
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>Can the cabinet member please provide information regarding claims from car drivers for damage as a result of potholes during the last financial year. Specifically, can the cabinet member please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The total number of claims</li> <li>○ The total amount of money claimed for</li> <li>○ The proportion of successful claims</li> <li>○ The total amount of money paid out in claims</li> </ul>	<p>Total Claims 446</p> <p>Value £117,816.04</p> <p>Successful Claims 93 = 21%</p> <p>Money paid out £30,253.70</p>
<b>17. Questioner's name: Cllr John Cordwell</b>	<b>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</b>
<p>Can the cabinet member please provide information regarding claims from pedal-cyclists for damage as a result of potholes during the last financial year. Specifically, can the cabinet member please</p>	<p>On Data available</p> <p>Cycle claims 15</p>

<p>provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The total number of claims</li> <li>○ The total amount of money claimed for</li> <li>○ The proportion of successful claims</li> <li>○ The total amount of money paid out in claims</li> </ul>	<p>£63,667 ongoing through legal process</p> <p>Successful Claims    0</p> <p>Money paid                0</p>
<p><b>18. Questioner's name: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</b></p>
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>The road surface along Horton Road in Gloucester is breaking up in many places.</p> <p>The road needs to be completely resurfaced along its entire length. I understand the road has been surveyed by the highways team and been listed in the future programme</p> <p>Can you give me a start and finish date for the road to be resurfaced?</p>	<p>Horton Road is in the 2020/2021 capital programme. It does currently score towards the top of the 20/21 ranking system and therefore currently features in the preliminary first quarter of the next financial year. It is not possible to provide an exact date at this stage, until the full extent of the required work is established and a full design is available.</p>
<p><b>19. Questioner's name: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</b></p>
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>What would the cost be to install a Vehicle Automated Sign on Sandhurst Lane in my division to help reduce the speed of vehicles entering the city of Gloucester along this route?</p> <p>Do you agree with the highways department assessment that such a sign should be refused?</p>	<p>Costs vary depending on site constraints but an average cost would be around £3k per sign plus any ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>There are 5 criteria for a VAS site and the site must pass on speed and community support and should also meet 2 of the 3 other criteria (Collision record, traffic flows &amp; environmental concerns). I am happy to discuss this particular site with officers and see what the situation is.</p>
<p><b>20. Questioner's name: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</b></p>
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>What action is being taken to ensure that Allstone Sand and Gravel</p>	<p>The Waste Planning Authority has had discussions with the operator in order that the appropriate waste planning permissions are complied</p>

<p>based off Myers Road are complying with appropriate planning permissions granted by Gloucestershire County Council?</p>	<p>with and or regularised as appropriate.</p>
<p><b>21. Questioner's name: Cllr Iain Dobie</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</b></p>
<p>I have been informed by a regular bike commuter that of the three underpasses at Elmbridge Court Roundabout, only one of them has adequate lighting – with the other two in near total darkness both day and night. Can the Cabinet Member please advise what will be done to remedy this situation as swiftly as possible given this is the strategic cycling route between Cheltenham and Gloucester.</p>	<p>The short answer to this is that the county council operates the one with adequate lighting, and Highways England operates the other two. We have already raised concerns with them about the lighting, and await a reply, which I'm happy to share with interested councillors once received.</p>
<p><b>22. Questioner's name: Cllr Iain Dobie</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</b></p>
<p>Cheltenham Road in Gloucester (B4063), from Elmbridge Court Roundabout, forms part of the strategic cycling route between Cheltenham and Gloucester, yet it is frankly dangerous for cyclists given its extreme state of disrepair. Given the various utility works have been completed now can the Cabinet Member please confirm when this will be made fit for use?</p>	<p>As part of our £150m investment in Gloucestershire roads, this road is scheduled for a major resurfacing scheme starting on the 8th July.</p> <p>More generally, GCC is continuing to work with Highways England to deliver a proper cycle route between Cheltenham and Gloucester.</p>
<p><b>23. Questioner's name: Cllr Iain Dobie</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</b></p>
<p>In a recent letter to the transport secretary, Britain's cycling commissioners – including Olympic champions Chris Boardman, Dame Sarah Storey and Will Norman – have argued that painted bike lanes alone do little to make people feel safer on a bike. Meanwhile, a recent study* found that cycle lanes can actually make cyclists <i>less safe</i>, with such lanes reducing the passing distance cars give cyclists.</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member please advise on how this call and such studies will be used to inform the planned cycle infrastructure in Gloucestershire, with particular focus on the</p>	<p>Officers are aware of this study and an earlier study which reported similar findings.</p> <p>In Gloucestershire, our designers work closely with the Active Travel team to consider cycling infrastructure design which includes the use of painted cycle lanes (segregated and non-segregated) where it is deemed appropriate. The use of on carriageway painted cycle lanes is very much dependant on existing carriageway widths which in turn dictates what we can and can't put on the ground. Where we cannot achieve a safe cycle lane width we will not put one in and look to utilise</p>

<p>strategic cycling route between Cheltenham and Gloucester.</p> <p>* Study: <i>“How much space do drivers provide when passing cyclists? Understanding the impact of motor vehicle and infrastructure characteristics on passing distance”</i> - <a href="https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0001457518309990?via=ihub">https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0001457518309990?via=ihub</a></p>	<p>safer alternatives. In terms of the strategic route between Cheltenham and Gloucester via the B4063 there are existing cycle facilities that have been in place for some time. However there is a Highways England scheme to improve cycling facilities along the B4063 between Cheltenham &amp; Gloucester. The HE have recently advised us that this scheme has been delayed until the next funding period 2020-2025. They have indicated that the project will likely be delivered around 2020/21. The route runs from London Road, Gloucester to Benhall Roundabout in Cheltenham.</p>
<p><b>24. Questioner’s name: Cllr Iain Dobie</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent’s name: Cllr Patrick Molyneux</b></p>
<p>Gloucestershire County Council and Cheltenham Borough Council have both recently declared a Climate Emergency, setting ambitious targets to reduce our collective carbon footprints. On this basis, can the Cabinet Member please expand on how the plans for a new school in Leckhampton will be as close to carbon neutral possible – in terms of its proposed building and heating designs, and the associated sustainable transport infrastructure.</p>	<p>The design team are working hard to provide a school which supports the collective carbon footprint ambitions.</p> <p>The design proposal has been developed using a ‘Fabric First’ approach, utilising passive design strategies, including a focus on building form and massing, glazing ratios and insulation for example, to reduce the energy demands. The proposals also include the use of photo-voltaic panels to generate energy.</p> <p>The design proposal will also adhere to the statutory Target Emission Ratings outlined in the Building Regulations – with an energy assessment currently underway.</p> <p>Siting the school within the area of demand will significantly reduce the transport and carbon impact. However, the project will also include the installation of a sustainable infrastructure, providing over 1.5km of new or upgraded footways/cycle ways, covered cycle parking and an upgrade of an existing Public Right of Way to provide direct links to Leckhampton and the surrounding area.</p>

	<p>Leckhampton Primary School is proactively supporting a programme of initiatives to promote sustainable travel by foot, scooter and bike and have worked with Cotswold Transport Planning (CTP) to produce a comprehensive travel plan. Almost two thirds of pupils live within 1km or 0.62 mile of LPS. The majority (83%) live within 2km or 1.2 mile of the School. A 20% modal shift target has been agreed to reduce single occupancy car travel, based on the increased capacity of 630 pupils and 18 additional staff (11.5 FE).</p> <p>Leckhampton Primary will work with the county council's Thinktravel team, Road Safety and Highways to combine behaviour change initiatives promoting active travel to school with physical highways solutions and mitigation measures in addition to their comprehensive range of actions already set.</p>
<p><b>25. Questioner's name: Cllr Eva Ward</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Patrick Molyneux</b></p>
<p>I have received over 50 letters of concern from Stroud Central residents about the forthcoming roll out of 5G and also attended a public meeting of more than 200 people. There are fears that 5G poses serious public health and environmental risks to the community and that not enough advance research has been undertaken about the overall impact of this technology.</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Members concerned provide information about what, if any, strategy exists to support the telecom companies in implementing 5G? There are specific questions about the use of GCC lampposts to carry 5G transmitters and the felling of trees to increase the effectiveness of the 5G signal.</p>	<p>Operating licenses for 5G are still in the process of being awarded, with Ofcom considering a number of access models to broaden the supplier interface, fundamentally. Those bits of the 5G spectrum already auctioned are being used by operators to provide extra capacity to existing networks principally and are not offering true 5G connectivity yet, simply enhanced 4G. In addition, much of the hardware required is yet to be assessed from a regulatory perspective, which is where the health debate may start to get more traction.</p> <p>The Borough of Kingston on Thames has been the subject of a number of FOIs on this subject and as a result, has prepared a briefing note which GCC officers are seeking to get a copy of.</p>

<p><b>26. Questioner's name: Cllr Eva Ward</b></p> <p>To Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>On a recent visit to Pyke Quarry Recycling Centre I was disappointed to see people throwing perfectly good household items and furniture into the 'non-recyclable' skip.</p> <p>Is there any progress in the plan to create a shop for recycled goods at this HRC? Are there any interim measures that could be used to prevent this appalling waste?</p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</b></p> <p>Yes. We are seeking the agreement of the landowners at the Pyke Quarry site to allow us to have a shop there in future. We already operate reuse shops at two of the five household recycling centres, and I would like to see them at all of them if we can.</p>
<p><b>27. Questioner's name: Cllr Colin Hay</b></p> <p>The Cabinet member responsible for parking announced earlier this year a countywide review of residents parking. This seemed like great news for those of us who were in the first area that switched from Borough to County residents parking in 2011. Especially as at the time we were categorically promised a review after <b>six months!</b> - so despite repeatedly asking for a review and being promised reviews at various time - this would be only 7 years late. We are now dismayed seeing the timetable for the next two years to see that only two areas in Cheltenham are to get a review with only a "light touch" review for existing schemes and one new area and two additional streets to be looked at.</p> <p>When will this administration honour the promise made 8 years ago, and have a comprehensive review of residents parking?</p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Dave Norman</b></p> <p>Since our resident parking policy was agreed in 2011 we have implemented a comprehensive review of parking and delivered 12 Resident Parking zones within and around Cheltenham town centre. Since the last scheme was implemented we have approached local members twice to seek feedback to help shape future work plans. s</p> <p>There are six districts in Gloucestershire and the fact that there are 12 zones in place, with two more areas of Cheltenham in our work programme. The facts on the ground prove that there is no basis to claims that you have been waiting for 7 years.</p>
<p><b>28. Questioner's name: Cllr Rachel Smith</b></p> <p>To: Cllr Kathy Williams</p> <p>In a recent corporate overview and scrutiny committee meeting, members heard how adult social care was 'doing the donkey work' of the meeting the challenge savings of around £18.35m. How much of this £18.35m has been cut from adult social care budgets this</p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Roger Wilson</b></p> <p>The Adult Social Care Budget increased by £2.121m this year. It has not been cut.</p>

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<b>29. Questioner's name: Cllr Rachel Smith</b>	<b>Respondent's name: Cllr Kathy Williams</b>
<p>To: Cllr Kathy Williams</p> <p>At the same Corporate Overview and Scrutiny committee meeting, members also heard that early indications show unpaid carers in Gloucestershire are reporting lower levels of satisfaction and quality of life. What steps are being taken to improve life for unpaid carers in Gloucestershire?</p>	<p>Gloucestershire County Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group have jointly awarded two new contracts for Carers support, one for Adult Carers and one for Children/Young Adults. Both contracts began on 1st April 2019 and continue for five years with an option to extend for a further two years, thereby providing real stability for Carers. PeoplePlus, the provider for Adult Carers, are new to the County and will bring good experience and innovative ideas from their work with carers elsewhere. The new contract contains a revised service specification which has been informed by engagement with over 400 Carers. The NHS long term plan introduces new quality markers for GPs which will be monitored by the CCG. A new Carers Partnership Board is being formed which will raise the profile of Carers and enable organisations to work closely together across Gloucestershire to support them. The first meeting of the Board is on 26<sup>th</sup> June.</p>
<b>30. Questioner's name: Cllr Rachel Smith</b>	<b>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</b>
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>The county council consistently states in the media that the incinerator will save greenhouse gas emissions. When were these figures last updated, and in particular have they been updated to take into account the reduction of food waste going to landfill?</p>	<p>We have previously calculated that Javelin Park will result in the reduction of the equivalent around 40,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases per annum.</p> <p>This calculation will be reviewed once the facility is operational and any change is likely to be positive. The current figure is based on the county achieving recycling rates of 60% which takes into account food waste being diverted from landfill.</p>