

**Cabinet – June 2024  
Public Questions**

<p><b>1. Questioner's name: David Redgewell</b></p> <p><b>Agenda Item 5: Finance, Performance and Risk Monitoring Report</b></p> <p>What budget is available in 2024/2025 for the improvement of bus stops ,shelters and interchanges, and especially for the provision of Castle kerbs and lay by provision for such as in Arles Road outside the TA centre, Cheltenham, where Castle kerbs are installed but have been blocked by bins installed by Cheltenham Borough Council placed on the kerbs.</p> <p>In view of the fact of the importance for passengers with reduced mobility and the importance of Castle kerbs what protocol is in place with Cheltenham Borough Council about the provision of much welcome bins at bus stops in Cheltenham Borough Council, North Gloucestershire Borough Council formally Tewkesbury Borough Council, Stroud District Council, Forest of Dean cotswolds and city of Gloucester council,</p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Philip Robinson</b></p> <p>In the capital spend forecast for the 2024/25 financial year, £773k is committed for the improvement, maintenance and repair of bus stops, interchanges and bus service-related passenger infrastructure.</p> <p>Cheltenham Borough Council are responsible for the installation and placement of bins and do very much consider mobility and access requirements. However if you have specific concerns you may want to contact the Borough Council direct.</p>
<p><b>2. Questioner's name: David Redgewell</b></p> <p><b>Agenda Item 5: Finance, Performance and Risk Monitoring Report</b></p> <p>With the welcome Budget for potholes on Road and Pavements ,what provision is being made to in Priors Road, Prestbury Cheltenham to re-mark out bus stops when the resurfacing takes place, and to make sure and to make properly the bus stop at Prior road, Cromwell Road so that the service A bus Prestbury to GCHQ can pick up passengers with reduced mobility and all other bus stops are properly marked out in both directions?</p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Philip Robinson</b></p> <p>All bus stops will be fully remarked following any re-surfacing work.</p>
<p><b>3. Questioner's name: David Redgewell</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Philip Robinson</b></p>

<p><b>Agenda Item 5: Finance, Performance and Risk Monitoring Report</b></p> <p>With the provision of access for money by the Department for Transport for the Railway station at Stroud to provide lifts, what funding is available in the budget with Gloucestershire county council, Stroud District Council, and Stroud Town to connect the access for all schemes at Network rail Western route and First Group plc Greater Western trains company limited GWR and Department for Transport station improvement scheme, and ongoing work for station lifts at Cheltenham spa station Lansdown, by Gloucestershire county council, Department for Transport and western Gateway Transport Board, First Group plc Greater Western trains company limited, GWR, for Transport for Wales, and inter city cross country train Arriva?</p>	<p>There is no specific GCC budget regarding funding for railway stations / rail station improvements, as this is not a GCC function. We do, however, work with partners to identify bidding opportunities and integrate rail station improvements into our wider work. This includes, for example, our ambition for a way finding strategy in Stroud, to link the rail station to Stroud Merrywalks which will see significant GCC investment. We also have a dedicated budget to help us progress strategic rail matters to put us in the best possible position to bid for future funding opportunities and lobby both central government and the rail industry.</p> <p>The District Councils do have a range of funding options including allocating CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funding to such projects. You may want to contact the District Councils direct.</p>
<p><b>4. Questioner's name: David Redgewell</b></p>	<p><b>Respondent's name: Cllr Philip Robinson</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 5: Finance, Performance and Risk Monitoring Report</b></p> <p>What is the budget provision for repairs and Graffiti damage to bus stops and shelters in Gloucestershire and especially in Cheltenham and Stroud District Council Tewkesbury Town where most criminal damage is carried out? Is the budget outturn being overspent by the resent Graffiti damage in Clarence street, Prestbury Road, outside primark in Cheltenham spa, Cainecross and Ebay in Stroud valleys area?</p>	<p>The Gloucestershire County Council budgets for repairing bus stops are included in the overall bus stop and infrastructure budget in the answer to question 1 (total budget is £773k).</p> <p>There is very low risk of this budget being overspent due to the removal of graffiti from bus stops.</p>