

**COUNTY COUNCIL –7 December 2016
PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

<p>1. Questioner's name: David Willingham</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>To: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p> <p>Over the last ten years, how much s106 money has been returned to developers by Gloucestershire County Council because it was not spent within the spend-by deadline?</p>	<p>£102,844.93.</p>
<p>2. Questioner's name: David Willingham</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>To: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p> <p>Could the Leader of the Council please provide details of all s106 contributions allocated to GCC that have a spend-by deadline within the next twelve months, including details of what that contribution is to be spent on, the responsible portfolio holder, and the spend-by deadline?</p>	<p>It is not possible at this time to provide data relating to all S106 contributions that have a spend-by deadline within the next 12 months, because the County Council's S106 database does not report this information in this format. Monitoring takes place on a record by record basis, however. There are no known contributions allocated to the County Council that have a spend-by deadline within the next twelve months that have not already been spent or committed.</p>
<p>3. Questioner's name: David Willingham</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</p>
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member for Highways please advise what proactive work is undertaken by the County Council, or its subcontractors, to try to detect sinkholes on the highways infrastructure, so that maintenance can be scheduled, and to try to avoid the need for unplanned road closures and emergency reactive</p>	<p>Whilst sinkholes can be difficult to distinguish from other carriageway depressions and their failure mechanism is often unpredictable and sudden, the County Council carry out scheduled highway safety inspections across the network which enable safety issues to be highlighted and action taken where appropriate. We also carry out periodic physical surveys of the structural condition of the carriageway and if any issues are highlighted they can be dealt</p>

repairs?	with. In addition, reactive inspections will be carried out where issues are reported.
4. Questioner's name: David Willingham	Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member for Highways please advise what roads (or sections of roads) in St Peter's Ward*, Cheltenham are deemed by the County Council to be in need of resurfacing, and what resurfacing works are currently scheduled in that area, including proposed dates for those works?</p>	<p>The forward programme includes five schemes for the St Mark's and St Peter's ward which are scheduled for 2017/2018. These include:- A40 Benhall Roundabout, A4013 Princess Elizabeth Way, A4019 Tewkesbury Road (eastbound section near Brook Road), A4019 Kingsditch Roundabout, Arle Road.</p> <p>This follows 18 further schemes in the same area between 2010 and 2016.</p>
5. Questioner's name: David Willingham	Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member for Highways please advise what pavements (or sections of pavements) in St Peter's Ward*, Cheltenham are deemed by the County Council to be in need of being re-laid, and what pavement renewal works are currently scheduled in that area, including proposed dates for those works?</p> <p>* If it is easier to provide information for the St Mark's and St Peter's Division, then that would be acceptable too.</p>	<p>Footway surveys are carried out periodically and areas of concern have been identified. The latest data has yet to be integrated into the prioritisation process but any schemes in this area which meet the intervention level will be programmed within the available resources.</p>
6. Questioner's name: David Willingham	Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>Does the Cabinet Member for Highways agree with me that it is unacceptable that a considerable number of junctions in St Peter's</p>	<p>Highway maintenance funding is primarily focused on maintaining the infrastructure which already exists. Opportunities for introducing improvements like dropped kerbs will be taken where possible as they are beneficial for all users and can be introduced where minor</p>

<p>Ward, Cheltenham are missing drop-kerbs, making it unnecessarily difficult for wheelchair and mobility scooter users, parents with baby buggies and other mobility-impaired people to cross those roads?</p>	<p>works funding is available or where the local member would like to allocate their highways local funding towards such measures.</p>
<p>7. Questioner's name: Owen Adams</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>Does this council agree that water, soil, air, our ecosystem, land stability and the quality of life for Gloucestershire residents should be safeguarded and that a precautionary approach should be taken when determining planning applications which risk endangering local communities and the environment?</p>	<p>Apart from a small number (i.e. Minerals and Waste and County Matters), the County Council is not a local planning authority that determines planning applications. This is the role of the local planning authorities (i.e. District Councils). That said, as a general principle in line with Government guidance set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), all of the issues you refer to are material considerations which should be considered in the determination of planning applications. The NPPF outlines the presumption in favour of sustainable development.</p>