

COUNTY COUNCIL – 7 December 2016
Members' Questions

<p>1. Questioner's name: Cllr Jack Williams</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Paul McLain</p>
<p>To: Cllr Paul McLain</p> <p>As the Cabinet Member is aware there have many cuts to the youth service over the years, please can the Cabinet Member tell me what services this council now provides to young people in Gloucestershire?</p>	<p>In terms of youth support, the council commissions a range of services for young people who are vulnerable in Gloucestershire. These are mostly provided by Prospects who run youth support teams across Gloucestershire. These young people could have a range of difficulties or vulnerabilities, such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people who struggle to secure education, employment or training • Young people who may hurt themselves or have risky behaviours • Young homeless people • Young people in care or who may be care leavers • Young unaccompanied asylum seekers • Young people who may become involved in crime or gangs • Young people who are involved in crime and/or who have substance misuse issues <p>Additionally individual members are able to support young people in their local areas through the local activity funds they have.</p> <p>The council more broadly provides services including child protection, education, libraries and a range of other areas.</p>
<p>2. Questioner's name: Cllr Jack Williams</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Paul McLain</p>
<p>To: Cllr Paul McLain</p> <p>Please can the Cabinet Member tell me in what ways the £50K provided to each district for youth provision in this financial year has</p>	<p>The Youth Activity Programmes for each district this financial year are due in April 2017. I will be happy to circulate information to interested members as soon as it is available.</p> <p>The report about spend in 2015/16 was provided to members of</p>

been spent?	CYP Scrutiny Committee. I will arrange for it to be sent to you.
3. Questioner's name: Cllr Jack Williams	Respondent's name: Cllr Paul McLain
<p>To: Cllr Paul McLain</p> <p>Please can the Cabinet Member provide me with a list of those projects that have this year been funded by the Children's Activity Fund?</p>	<p>As at 30th November the following have been funded by the Children's Activity Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairford CofE Primary School Coln House School Northway Parish Council Naunton Parish Council Cirencester Community Development Trust The Rissington School Coleford Music Festival World Jungle Lydney Taekwondo Cirencester Community Development Trust Rotary Club of Cirencester Lydney Hockey Club Lydney Cricket Club Allsorts Gloucestershire Willersey Parish Council Play Gloucestershire (various divisions) Cheltenham Festivals Quedgeley Wanderers FC Cheltenham Autism Support Pathways to Ventures St Mary's CEVA Primary School Coalway Kids Club GCC - Coleford Library Forest of Dean Sea Cadets The Venture: White City Chalford Parish Council Longlevens AFC (Youth) Arts in Rural Gloucestershire

	<p>GL3 Community Hub Fizzypig Ltd Creative Sustainability CIC Lydney Town Hall Trust Aspire Trust in partnership with England Netball Blue Coat CE VA Primary Lydney Town Juniors AFC Greenways Forest School The British School PTA Brimscombe CE Primary Cheltenham Borough Homes Tewkesbury Town Colts FC</p>
4. Questioner's name: Cllr Iain Dobie	Respondent's name: Cllr Kathy Williams
<p>Please can the Cabinet Member tell me how much the Learning Disability budget has been reduced by over the last two financial years and what proportion of the budget does this represent?</p>	<p>The figures are taken from the MTFs approved by Feb Cabinet in the respective years :</p> <p>15/16 reduction of £2.13m = -3.85% of the LD Budget = 1.5% of the overall Adults Budget</p> <p>16/17 reduction of £1.778m = 3.85% of the LD Budget = 1.2% of the overall Adults Budget</p>
5. Questioner's name: Cllr Iain Dobie	Respondent's name: Cllr Kathy Williams
<p>What is the justification for this reduction in the Learning Disability budget?</p>	<p>As a council, we've taken a number of routes to approach this issue. Part of our success in this regard is finding ways to capitalise on the strengths and abilities of people with a learning disability as opposed to focussing on their limitations. Let me give you a couple of examples. First we have focused on increasing the number of people with a learning disability in paid employment. This has been really successful - and has a double benefit. It helps significantly improve the quality of life for the person in question– and it also saves the council money, which we can invest into other areas.</p>

	<p>We have also focused heavily on enablement. We have enablement workers on staff who teach travel training, life skills and a range of tasks that help people do more things for themselves. This, again, can help people with learning disabilities be more independent, which in turn reduces their need for care, and saves the council money.</p>
<p>6. Questioner's name: Cllr Chris Coleman</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</p>
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>Considering that we have a £80m highways back-log, can the Cabinet Member tell me the reason why he hasn't felt it necessary to ask his Government for extra money to repair our county roads?</p>	<p>The County Council has consistently lobbied, via our Members of Parliament, for more funding on a number of issues, including roads. This has been very successful, including the announcement of a further £1.4m for road repair just last week, which I would hope Cllr Coleman welcomes.</p>
<p>7. Questioner's name: Cllr Chris Coleman</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</p>
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>Please can the Cabinet Member tell me whether discussions with ministers will now take place in order to successfully secure an increase in the county's highways budget and if so when are they scheduled for?</p>	<p>The County Council will continue our effective campaign of lobbying through both our Members of Parliament and the Local Government Association.</p>
<p>8. Questioner's name: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Paul McLain</p>
<p>To: Cllr Paul McLain</p> <p>Why does the Cabinet Member feel it necessary for his Government to be asking for the nationality of children on this year's school census?</p>	<p>Data on pupils' country of birth, nationality and first language is collected through the school census in line with the national population census.</p> <p>I take the privacy of children in schools extremely seriously. The data on nationality, country of birth and language proficiency is solely for internal use by the Department for Education, and will not</p>

	<p>be passed on to the Home Office.</p> <p>At the moment there is not enough data on the scale and impact of pupil migration on the education sector. The UK national census, which records nationality, is only updated every 10 years. It does not provide the timely data required to inform education policy. By contrast, the data from the school census will provide the Department for Education with accurate and up to date data.</p> <p>It will be used to help us better understand how children with, for example, English as an additional language perform in terms of their broader education. This is important nationally and locally to help assess and monitor how well schools are meeting children's needs.</p>
<p>9. Questioner's name: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Paul McLain</p>
<p>To: Cllr Paul McLain</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member be directly lobbying the DfE to stop asking schools to collect this data?</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Without the evidence and data, the DfE cannot have a clear picture of how the school system is working. It helps the Department to make sure it is allocating funds where they are needed and that no groups of children are missing out on the education they deserve.</p> <p>Nationality and country of birth data will, for the first time, help the DfE to understand the impact of migration on schools - for example, what extra support the Government may need to provide to schools with high numbers of children who don't speak English as a first language. It will also help the Government to plan how to ensure there are enough good school places for every child.</p> <p>The Census guidance is clear that for the new data items of nationality and country of birth, parents and families are able to refuse to provide this information if they have concerns.</p>

<p>10. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>Would the cabinet member please provide figures that demonstrate what the cost to homecare providers are to deliver their services in Gloucestershire?</p>	<p>We are able to provide cost for each provider operating in rural areas (commenced April 2016) which demonstrates how providers arrive at individual costs for packages of care taking into account staff costs, travel, management costs and overheads.</p> <p>We do not have this information in this format for the urban areas (commenced October 2016) as we are transitioning between the 2006 and 2016 contractual arrangements.</p> <p>The 2006 arrangements were a mixture of block and spot arrangements with a variety of different pricing methods.</p>
<p>11. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>Could the cabinet member also provide data to demonstrate how much on average we pay to providers to deliver their services, including the highest and lowest cost in the county?</p>	<p>The new rural contract packages of care are based on a 'maximum usual price' derived from the provider's costs for delivering care. At present, we have packages of care on both the new and old contracts in parallel.</p> <p>The current 'average hourly rate' is £17.78 across rural Gloucestershire consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £16.74 Forest of Dean £17.33 Tewksbury £17.87 Stroud £19.17 Cotswolds <p>As the new urban provision only commenced in October 2016 there is limited information available at present. We will be able to provide a fuller picture in due course however this will require harmonisation of data from the previous block and spot arrangements.</p>

<p>12. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>								
<p>The UK Home Care Association (UKHCA) state that the current deficit for state-funded homecare in the UK is around £513m for the year 2016/17. Could you breakdown what that figure is for Gloucestershire County Council?</p>	<p>The UKHCA £513m deficit calculation is made up of:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>£360m England</td> <td>£14.66 per hour average price</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£23m Wales</td> <td>£14.99 p/h</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£72m Scotland</td> <td>£14.74 p/h</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£58m N.Ireland</td> <td>£12.35 p/h</td> </tr> </table> <p>The national minimum price for home care was £16.70 per hour according to the report, with the average price for the South West as £16.86 per hour.</p> <p>The hourly rate in Gloucestershire is significantly above this amount for the rural providers at £17.78.</p> <p>The urban provider rates are lower than the rural average, but have been evaluated to be achievable due to the exclusivity of provision in their respective zones and the ability to achieve greater economies of scale.</p> <p>We are confident therefore that GCC are adequately meeting provider costs for state funded home care.</p>	£360m England	£14.66 per hour average price	£23m Wales	£14.99 p/h	£72m Scotland	£14.74 p/h	£58m N.Ireland	£12.35 p/h
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<p>GCC was the only local authority, along with Torbay, to not contribute figures to the UKHCA report into homecare funding in the South West. Would the cabinet member respond as to why they chose not to take part, when fourteen other local authorities did?</p>	<p>The UKHCA FOI request was received during the initial implementation of the 2016 Home Care contract as outlined in the response to Q.11. At the time of the FOI, information on home care services was being collected in different ways by different teams.</p> <p>In the response to the UKHCA request, we explained that obtaining accurate information would take more than the stipulated 18 hours of officer time. UKHCA had the opportunity to pay GCC, in accordance with the legislation, for the additional officer time, and declined to do so.</p>								

	<p>Since the FOI request, and during the implementation of the new contracting arrangements, there have been practice, system and process improvements which will enable future compliance in requests of this nature.</p>
<p>14. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>More and more homecare contracts are being handed back by providers. Would the cabinet member give me any indication as to whether that is the case here in Gloucestershire?</p>	<p>During 2015/16, GCC received two notices from providers wishing to withdraw from the Home Care market.</p> <p>In 2016 we are experiencing a number of providers handing back individual packages of care due to potential and / or perceived issues of sustainability, particularly in delivering care to rural communities under the old contract arrangements. There are a variety of factors, such as viability of rounds as service user's circumstances change or the provider has chosen not to apply to be on the rural framework for new packages.</p> <p>The packages that are handed back to GCC is offered under the new contracting arrangements and the Commissioning & Brokerage Team for Older People (CBOP) facilitate transfer to new providers at their 'maximum usual price' or re-negotiate terms and conditions to retain providers in accordance with service users, family and carer wishes.</p>
<p>15. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>Could the cabinet member please give me details of how many home care workers that are employed by companies which provide services to this Council are currently on zero hour contracts?</p>	<p>This was not a requirement of the previous block arrangement so has not been routinely collected and as such this information is not available in full at the moment.</p> <p>It is a requirement of the 2016 contract that providers share this information with the authority at their annual review so, for providers on the new framework, this information will be routinely available going forward.</p>

<p>16. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>Could the cabinet member please also give me details of how many home care workers that are employed by companies that provide services to this Council, who do not get paid whilst they are travelling between appointments?</p>	<p>This was not a requirement of the previous contracting arrangements.</p> <p>The 2016 contracts were priced by providers to offer better employment practices including regular contracted hours and payment for travel time. This information will also be requested at their annual reviews.</p>
<p>17. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>Could the cabinet member please also give me details of how many home care workers that are employed by companies that provide services to this Council, leave their respective places of employment after one month, three months, six months, and twelve months?</p>	<p>As above, this information was not a requirement of the previous contracting arrangements.</p> <p>It is however, a requirement of the 2016 contract that providers share this information with the authority at annual review.</p>
<p>18. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>Could the cabinet member give me details, based on their ECM records of the average amount of hours worked per day for homecare employees contracted from their respective companies?</p>	<p>We currently have 6 providers working on the ECM system, and have provided data from this limited sample for the last 4 week period (1 – 28 October). The remaining providers will be phased onto ECM monitoring over the coming 3 months and will transfer to the Finance Manager automatic payment system from April 2017.</p> <p>The table below gives individual staff daily hours worked for each of those 6 providers, however this will not include any private client working hours the support workers undertake.</p> <p>Provider 1 – 03:47:17 Provider 2 – 02:57:43 Provider 3 – 02:20:51 Provider 4 – 03:50:41</p>

	<p>Provider 5 – 01:56:24 Provider 6 – 03:01:49 Overall Average Hours for all Providers – 02:59:07</p> <p>We have 46 providers on the Disability ECM system and we have to do individual data analysis (as per above) on each of these in order to answer the question. We are working to get this completed at the present time but due to the level of input required and needing to keep the system running, we will be unable to deliver the data until early next week.</p>
19. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard	Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns
<p>Could the cabinet member give me details, based on their ECM records of the average daily pay for homecare employees contracted from their respective companies?</p>	<p>We are unable to answer this question from ECM data, we have information on the hourly rate we pay to the provider, but not what providers pay their workers. We do not have details on whether an employee has contracted hours or are on zero hour contracts.</p>
20. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard	Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns
<p>What is the Council's highest capacity, in terms of residents, that the re-ablement services can provide?</p>	<p>There are 57 reablement beds available in Gloucestershire which are utilised to over 95% occupancy.</p> <p>Community based Reablement services (in a service user's own home) support between 250-350 residents at any one point in time. The numbers of people supported depend on the level of complexity based on individual needs. Over 95% of referrals from acute and community hospitals are accepted. The average length of stay is currently 3½ weeks.</p> <p>Integrated Communities Teams are also able to access both bed based and community based Reablement services as 'step up' services to prevent deterioration resulting in hospital admission or to manage people to 'crisis' identified by GP's and District Nurses for example.</p>

21. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard	Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns
How many residents are in receipt of re-ablement services in the County that we provide?	As above. There are 57 reablement beds available in Gloucestershire which are utilised to over 95% occupancy. Community based Reablement services (in a service user's own home) support between 250-350 residents at any one point in time.
22. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard	Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns
How many residents are in receipt of re-ablement services longer than six weeks?	<p>As of 28/11/2016, of the 270 service users receiving community based Reablement there are 68 people that are in receipt of the service for longer than 6 weeks.</p> <p>There are a number of reasons for the need to stay longer than 6 weeks which include:</p> <p>34 – in assessment by either Reablement, social worker, specialist telecare and financial assessment; 6 - Support planning by Reablement or social worker; 3 - Service user unwell / change of circumstances e.g. held open for planned hospital admission; 6 - Panel sign off for ongoing care needs; 12 - Awaiting provider for ongoing care needs; 7 – Agreement to be retained for longer than 6 weeks to enable full independence.</p> <p>Of the 68 service users, 18 service users are receiving home care services from the Reablement team which are chargeable in the usual way.</p>
23. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard	Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns
What is the current backlog in the assessment of services users of re-ablement services?	10 Reablement 2 Spec. Telecare 21 Social Work

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24. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard	Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns
How many residents do we charge for re-ablement services once a care plan is in place?	<p>We do not charge for Reablement services. This is a service provided free of charge for a period for up to six weeks.</p> <p>Of the 18 that have remained in the Reablement service, due to individual circumstances, these have been classified as home care and have been subject to financial assessment - 12 are being charged for home care services and 6 are not eligible for charging.</p>
25. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard	Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns
How long does the tendering process take once a care plan has been agreed by the panel?	<p>This is dependent on the area, the level of need / complexity of the package e.g. 2 carers and acceptance of the offer made by the service user, their family or carers.</p> <p>Providers can offer within hours of the request – e.g. they may have a number of self-funders in a particular area or for End of Life / Fast-track cases.</p> <p>At times, this can take significantly longer, due to the demand in a particular area being greater than their available capacity.</p> <p>All providers are actively, and constantly recruiting carers, with the average conversion rate from application to being able to work (being inducted, trained, DBS and references checked etc) taking approximately 10-12 weeks.</p>

<p>26. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>Is there a satisfactorily mature market in Gloucestershire for enablement services?</p>	<p>Through its learning disability services GCC provides a range of enablement support and services to a number of groups. Our enablement workers provide services such as travel training, life skills and other steps to independence for a wide range of people with disabilities. We also expect the same level of skill from providers we commission through our support and care framework. We have 41 providers delivering support and care and we expect each of these providers to be working on enablement skills with our service users.</p> <p>We believe that one area we could work on to improve our results in this area is to be more specific about the expected outcomes for each provider. To facilitate steps in this direction we have an outcome based commissioning group who are set to improve our focus on ensuring we only commission for clear outcomes for people rather than 'endless services'.</p> <p>The results and efforts of the providers are monitored by the Quality Team who look at individual plans and notes to ensure providers are on top of their contractual duties.</p> <p>The framework for support and care is opened up quarterly to new providers so that we can continue to support the in flow of fresh ideas and new provision.</p>
<p>27. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Paul McLain</p>
<p>To: Cllr Paul McLain</p> <p>How many children who attend a Grammar school in Gloucestershire have been identified as having SEND needs? Can you provide me with a breakdown of the data by school?</p>	<p>As of January 2016 there were 145 pupils attending grammar schools in Gloucestershire who had an identified SEN need (receiving SEN support or with a statement or EHC plan). This can be broken down by individual school as follows:</p> <p>Marling School - 48 pupils</p>

	<p>Stroud High School – 42 pupils The Crypt School – 29 pupils Sir Thomas Rich's School – 12 pupils High School for Girls – 7 pupils Pate's Grammar School - 5 pupils Ribston Hall High School – 2 pupils</p>
28. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard	Respondent's name: Cllr Paul McLain
<p>To: Cllr Paul McLain</p> <p>Would the cabinet member agree with me that good funding of our children's and young people department is critical to improving the outcomes of children who are at risk?</p>	<p>There are many factors that contribute to making sure children in Gloucestershire are safe and happy. Money is one factor – but I wouldn't see it as being more important than a range of others.</p>
29. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard	Respondent's name: Cllr Paul McLain
<p>To: Cllr Paul McLain</p> <p>Would the cabinet member agree with me that the Academies Act has made it harder for Local Government to have a meaningful impact on the lives of students who attend academies?</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>I have confidence that Gloucestershire's Academies, their Head Teachers, Staff and Governors will continue to work with GCC and other partners to have a meaningful impact on the lives of Gloucestershire's children and young people.</p>
30. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby	Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>Could the cabinet member please detail what conversations they have had with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner over proposed government plans to bring the Fire Service under the remit of the Police and Crime Commissioner?</p>	<p>The Leader and I along with the Chief Fire Officer and the Chief Executive met with the Police and Crime Commissioner on 6 October 2016. I made it clear, in line with the policy of the county council, that I do not believe that a transfer of responsibility for the Fire and Rescue Service from the County Council to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner would be in the interests of either Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service or Gloucestershire Police, and importantly, it is not in the interests of Gloucestershire's</p>

	residents.
31. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby	Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>Could the cabinet member please detail what would happen to the overall GCC budget if the fire service were to come under the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner?</p>	<p>The short answer is that I don't yet know. Whilst it's clear what would happen in stand-alone fire authorities, the position for county council fire authorities is much more complicated, as there is less clarity of revenue support grant (and other grants) and no separation of council tax. This is one of the issues that I have highlighted to the Home Office as a result of the Police and Crime Commissioner proposed take-over of county council fire authorities which is much more complex and problematic.</p>
32. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby	Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>Could the cabinet member please detail what command structure would take place if the fire service would come under the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner?</p>	<p>That would be a matter for the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Policing and Crime Bill, as currently drafted, would allow either a Chief Fire Officer or a Chief Constable to head up their respective services and be governed by the PCC or alternatively appoint a single Chief Officer to run both, but any further details are unclear at this stage.</p>
33. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby	Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>Could the cabinet member please detail what would happen to any outstanding PFI commitments if the fire service would come under the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner?</p>	<p>This would be an issue for specialist legal consideration if a proposal is made. The broad principle is that all liabilities and assets would transfer with the fire and rescue service.</p>

<p>34. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>Could the cabinet member please detail what would happen to outstanding pension commitments if the fire service would come under the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner?</p>	<p>Please see my answer to question 33 – this is the same in this case.</p>
<p>35. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>Could the cabinet member detail what plans have been made if the fire service were fall under control of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner?</p>	<p>No plans have been put in place at this stage, nor would I propose to dedicate any officer time to looking into this until we have a proposal to consider.</p>
<p>36. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>Does the cabinet member welcome proposed plans to bring the fire service under control of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner?</p>	<p>As I've stated a number of times, I can see the rationale for stand-alone fire authorities. In the case of county council run fire authorities like Gloucestershire I do not believe that there is any benefit, and there risks being substantial extra costs for all parties, and a deterioration in cooperation with other services.</p>
<p>37. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>What are the cost implications for any potential move of the fire service from GCC to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner?</p>	<p>The specifics of this are something that we're looking into very closely. I believe that such a move would result in increased costs for Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service, for Gloucestershire Police and for the county council.</p>

<p>38. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>If the Home Office declared in the next month that the Fire Service had to move to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, how well prepared is your department to enact this decision?</p>	<p>The Home Office could not do so. The Policing and Crime Bill has not received royal assent, and if this does progress and receive royal assent and subsequently becomes an Act, it sets out a considerable period of consultation that must precede the Home Secretary making any such order.</p>
<p>39. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>What level of engagement has been held within the fire service about these proposed changes to the structure?</p>	<p>There has been no engagement regarding proposed changes to the structure however, there are regular reports to my Lead Cabinet Member meetings with Shadows and also to Scrutiny.</p> <p>The Chief Fire Officer Association and Fire and Rescue Service Council are in regular discussions with the Chief Fire Officer regarding this matter.</p>
<p>40. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>What plans have been put in place regarding the future directorship of services managed by the fire service, but which do not fall under the fire service?</p>	<p>I refer Cllr Kirby to my answer to Q.35.</p>
<p>41. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>Does the cabinet member agree with me that we have to make sure that the safety of our residents and fire officers should always be the highest priority when it comes to any discussions with the Office of</p>	<p>That has always been my priority, and will continue to be so.</p>

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<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>What has been the financial investment that GCC has given to the road safety partnership over the last four years? Please can you break your response up into investment per year? Could you also provide information for the same period of the overall budget of the road safety partnership?</p>	<p>The RSP revenue budget, of which the net figure is the GCC contribution is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1104 331 1839 486"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Income</th> <th>Exp</th> <th>Net Budget</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>13/14</td> <td>£1,403,190</td> <td>£2,115,417</td> <td>£712,227</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14/15</td> <td>£1,535,465</td> <td>£2,019,411</td> <td>£483,946</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15/16</td> <td>£2,102,557</td> <td>£2,308,007</td> <td>£205,450</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16/17</td> <td>£1,881,148</td> <td>£2,022,308</td> <td>£141,160</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Over this period the RSP has sustained road safety enforcement and education activities and the council has been able to reduce its net subsidy by making efficiencies and recovering the full cost of road safety functions from users.</p> <p>Additionally, the council invests in road safety engineering measures through its highways capital programme. Spend over this period is:</p> <p>2013/14 £778k 2014/15 £427k 2015/16 £665k 2016/17 £846k</p>	Year	Income	Exp	Net Budget	13/14	£1,403,190	£2,115,417	£712,227	14/15	£1,535,465	£2,019,411	£483,946	15/16	£2,102,557	£2,308,007	£205,450	16/17	£1,881,148	£2,022,308	£141,160
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<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>Can you tell me how much money the road safety partnership scheme has spent on crossing guards for schools over the last four years, broken down by year and district?</p>	<p>Like most other local authorities, GCC use the national 'Road Safety GB Guidelines' to review the suitability of School Crossing Patrols as vacancies arise. There is a formula that is used to calculate if a school crossing patrol is recommended or not may the case be.</p> <p>In addition to this, many local schools take up our offer of a 'menu' of road safety skills training and support. This includes an offer of traffic education such as practical pedestrian training, pedestrian safety information and in addition there is the ability for a school to offer a volunteer escort.</p> <p>Having thoroughly checked all records I can confirm:-</p> <p>2013/16</p>																				

- There were a total 20 (5 per year, c.8500-9000 crossings per day) reported 'Drive-through' incidents to the Police. 19 involved no contact with vehicle and pedestrians and/or school crossing patroller.
- Of those, **one involved a minor collision**: - An elderly male driver drove out of the car-park and, at slow speed collided with a School Crossing Patroller at Coalway Junior School, Forest of Dean. The School Crossing Patroller had a check-up at the local hospital and was suffering from slight bruising. This incident was reported to the Police.

Year	SCP Annual Budget	Total No. of Op. Patrols
2013/14	£219,427	65
2014/15	£224,132	52
2015/16	£139,649	47
2016/17	£141,160	44

No. of Operational Patrols & Budget by District

	Gloucester		Cheltenham		Stroud	
2013/14	19	£64,140	8	£27,006	11	£37,134
2014/15	14	£60,343	6	£25,861	9	£38,792
2015/16	12	£35,655	7	£20,799	9	£26,741
2016/14	11	£35,290	5	£16,041	8	£25,665

	Tewkesbury		Forest		Cotswold	
2013/14	3	£10,127	18	£60,764	6	£20,255
2014/15	4	£17,241	15	£64,653	4	£17,241
2015/16	4	£11,885	12	£35,655	3	£8,914
2016/17	4	£12,833	12	£38,498	4	£12,833

44. Questioner's name: Cllr Lesley Williams

Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith

To: Cllr Vernon Smith

Currently we spend £2.15m on fixing approximately 42,000.

What is the current level of cash investment that Council would

Ongoing investment is required as roads deteriorate at around 3-4%

<p>need to spend to clear all outstanding potholes in the County?</p>	<p>per annum, and consequently there will always be a revenue cost to fix potholes, as new potholes will always appear on the network.</p>
<p>45. Questioner's name: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p>
<p>To: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p> <p>What funding has GCC provided to Leadership Gloucestershire since the panel was created?</p>	<p>Leadership Gloucestershire is a voluntary grouping of the leaders and chief executives of the seven local authorities, the Chair and the Accountable Officer of the Clinical Commissioning Group, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable and the Chair and the Chief Executive of the GFirst LEP. GCC provides 'in kind' support for the secretariat function for the 5-6 meetings a year from existing staff.</p>
<p>46. Questioner's name: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p>
<p>To: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p> <p>What has been the greatest achievement of Leadership Gloucestershire since its inception.</p>	<p>Leadership Gloucestershire's role is to provide vision, leadership and strategic direction in those areas where it is vital for organisations to work together to meet the needs of the people and communities of Gloucestershire in the most cost effective way.</p> <p>They have been instrumental in developing effective arrangements for new bodies and responsibilities, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Health and Wellbeing Board • The Police and Crime Panel • The Economic Growth Joint Committee. • The Gloucestershire Local Transport Body • Business Rates Pooling • Domestic Homicide Reviews <p>They have provided senior leadership to important programmes and initiatives, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Place

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troubled Families • Fastershire Broadband • One Gloucestershire Estate • Armed Forces Community Covenant • On-Line Pupil Survey <p>They have led the work to develop Gloucestershire's devolution bid.</p> <p>If you would like to know more, all of their agendas are in the public domain: http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/extra/article/108309</p>
<p>47. Questioner's name: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p>
<p>To: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p> <p>What level of engagement has Leadership Gloucestershire had with the new Secretary of State for DCLG over the Gloucestershire Devolution Bid?</p>	<p>The Secretary of State has made it clear that elected mayors are a requirement for any ambitious devolution deals. Locally we have said we do not want an elected mayor for Gloucestershire. We are waiting, together with most other two-tier areas, to hear what else might be possible. In the meantime, we are getting on with delivering local priorities.</p>
<p>48. Questioner's name: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p>
<p>To: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p> <p>Could the Leader please provide me with a complete breakdown of all spending that Leadership Gloucestershire has spent since it was created as a body? I am happy for this to be a written report.</p>	<p>Leadership Gloucestershire has spent the following:</p> <p>2012/13 Inspiring Families - £24,237 paid to Cheltenham Borough Council.</p> <p>2015/16 Advice on devolution governance - £28,000 paid to ResPublica.</p> <p>2016/17 Review of Gloucestershire devolution bid - £55,125 paid to KPMG Review of Community Safety - £20,000 paid to John Bensted Consultancy.</p>

	Implementation of Community Safety Review findings £35,000 committed but not yet spent.
49. Questioner's name: Cllr Suzanne Williams	Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor
Please can the Cabinet Member provide a full breakdown of the total costs to this Council associated with the A40 bus scheme prior to its withdrawal?	Cllr Williams has already been provided this information, and indeed has issued a press release about it.
50. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby	Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor
How much investment, broken down by year, since 2013 has GCC given to Stagecoach and other transport businesses as a formal subsidy for their services?	<p>Payments to Stagecoach and all bus operators for tendered local bus services in this period were:</p> <p>2013/14 Stagecoach = £898,925 All operators = £2,496,568</p> <p>2014/15 Stagecoach = £1,015,982 All operators = £2,206,208</p> <p>2015/16 (*) Stagecoach = £1,166,308 All operators = £2,670,374</p> <p>* the transfer of Bus Service Operators Grant administration from the DfT to local authorities in 2015 means that the 2015/16 figure includes BSOG previously paid by DfT direct to bus operators and now paid by the council.</p>

<p>51. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Nigel Moor</p>
<p>How many bus routes have been lost since 2010, broken down by district?</p>	<p>Since 2010 eight services have been withdrawn and eight new or replacement service introduced.</p> <p>Cotswold Withdrawn - 74, 809, 810 Introduced - 50, 76</p> <p>Gloucester Withdrawn – Park & Ride Introduced - 66 extended to Waterwells P&R</p> <p>Stroud Withdrawn - 36, 208 Introduced - 60, 35/65</p> <p>Tewkesbury Withdrawn - 43, 527 Introduced - T, W1, W2</p>
<p>52. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>How many buses have been on Gloucestershire's roads, in every year, since 2010?</p>	<p>The county council does hold this information. It is also not published within the Transport Statistics Great Britain report published annually by the Department for Transport.</p>
<p>53. Questioner's name: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</p>
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>Officers have known about the poor state of Westward Road in</p>	<p>This is in as a 2017/18 scheme and we have requested our contractor considers it for inclusion in the first quarter (April- June).</p>

<p>Cainscross for a long time now, you have now confirmed that it will take place by the end of 2018, but what date will you begin?</p>	
<p>54. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Paul McLain</p>
<p>To: Cllr Paul McLain</p> <p>What has been the level of investment in Early Years Intervention in every year since 2005.</p>	<p>Our investment in early years is vitally important. We know that high quality nursery education makes the most positive difference in children.</p> <p>Total spend, including nursery education:</p> <p>2005/2006 - £12,513,559 2006/2007 - £16,851,771 2007/2008 - £19,096,507 2008/2009 - £21,541,731 2009/2010 - £22,754,325 2010/2011 - £23,849,405 2011/2012 - £24,595,681 2012/2013 - £25,314,700 2013/2014 - £26,528,942 2014/2015 - £29,892,030 2015/2016 - £29,527,517 2016/2017 - £29,741,213</p>
<p>55. Questioner's name: Cllr Sarah Lunnon</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p>
<p>What is the 'One Gloucestershire Estates Strategy'?</p> <p>Who has drawn it up or will draw it up?</p> <p>Which Scrutiny Committee will hold the strategy to account?</p> <p>Is it linked to the success of the STP?</p>	<p>A Strategic Asset Delivery Plan is being drawn up as part of the One Public Estate Programme bidding process. This will be submitted to the Local Government Association on 16th December and gives us an opportunity to bid for up to £500k to help develop our approach to our assets. The Plan is being jointly produced by 15 public bodies including GCC, District Councils, Health Partners and the PCC. Implementation of this plan will optimise the use and efficiency of</p>

	<p>publicly held land and property in Gloucestershire. Leadership Gloucestershire has had oversight of the One Public Estate Programme with reports made to meetings as necessary.</p> <p>The STP is a separate document and process to the One Public Estate Programme.</p>
56. Questioner's name: Cllr Sarah Lunnon	Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns
<p>Health Minister David Mowatt was reported in the Health Service Journal stating "STP's should be regarded as incomplete and not go ahead if councils believe they have been marginalised". What steps have been taken to ascertain this Council's view of its input into Gloucestershire's Sustainability and Transformation Plan?</p>	<p>For Gloucestershire, as a single CCG STP footprint, the plan has been able to reflect the previously established direction of travel as set out in Joining Up Your Care, to which this Council was an active contributor. This was the basis for Officer involvement in establishing the outline STP and its subsequent development. Moreover the most recently submitted version has also been the subject of discussions at both the Health and Well Being Board and the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Hence whilst there are many areas that still need to be the subject of wider engagement before they can be brought to fruition, I am clear that the Council's views to date have not been marginalised.</p>
57. Questioner's name: Cllr Sarah Lunnon	Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns
<p>What is the Leader's position on the £70M un-funded proposals in the IT appendix (<i>STP document</i>)? (There is no reference in the document to where the provision of Capital will come from).</p>	<p>If Cllr Lunnon has concerns about the NHS elements of the STP, she ought to raise them with the NHS. The Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee might be one appropriate venue.</p>
58. Questioner's name: Cllr Sarah Lunnon	Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne
<p>Given the unhappy history of IT projects in the NHS, and the un-referenced aspect of the IT proposals - what plan B exists to mop up the IT mess if/or when the plan fails to provide the hoped for benefits or costs spiral out of control?</p>	<p>Please see question 57.</p>

<p>59. Questioner's name: Cllr Sarah Lunnon</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>In Stroud and other Gloucestershire Districts there is a public suspicion that their local health centres are being eyed for disposal (for example Stroud General and Stroud Maternity Unit). What is this Council's position on the lack of an Asset Appendix to accompany Gloucestershire's STP?</p>	<p>There is a public suspicion because some local politicians have been trying to stir up fear and suspicion over the future of key NHS services. Mary Hutton, the CCG's accountable officer confirmed to the Stroud's Local Strategic Partnership Meeting on the 2nd December that there are no plans to make changes to either Stroud Maternity or Stroud General. I hope this clear, public confirmation will put a stop to any further scaremongering on this.</p>
<p>60. Questioner's name: Cllr Brian Oosthuysen</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Andrew Gravells</p>
<p>To: Cllr Andrew Gravells</p> <p>What has the Cabinet member's department done to promote the awareness of HIV testing in the County within the last year?</p>	<p>The promotion of HIV Testing within the county is the responsibility of The Eddystone Trust who are commissioned to provide services related to HIV.</p> <p>The Eddystone Trust promotes awareness of HIV testing via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A constant online presence including regular posting on smartphone apps like Grindr and others. • Internet advertising of support services, prevention, free condoms and testing sites on specialist sites such as Gaydar and others. • Promotion of full range of services including access to HIV testing at 114 different venues throughout the year. Promotion of full range of services including access to HIV testing at 73 educational events. • Online signposting to both their own testing services and those provided by sexual health services in the county • Providing information on testing availability to partner organisations in the county which includes: Gloucestershire Care Services; • Turning Point, drug and alcohol services; • GARAS; • GGLC;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nelson Trust; • Homeless Team; • Independence Trust; • P3; • GAVCA; • School Nurses; • CAB; • Leisure Centres and Gyms throughout the county; • PRIDE events and forums; • Freshers events; • BME Hairdressers; • Youth Support Team; • Prospects; • Young Glos; • Festivals and county shows throughout Gloucestershire including Swingfest; • Westgate pub, when it was in existence; • GlosCats and the Trans community. <p>In addition to this Gloucestershire Care Services, as the provider of Sexual Health Services, offers HIV testing to all people attending their services for concerns relating to sexually transmitted infections.</p>
<p>61. Questioner's name: Cllr Brian Oosthuysen</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Andrew Gravells</p>
<p>To: Cllr Andrew Gravells</p> <p>Can you give me a breakdown, by year since 2013, of the levels of testing and identification of HIV in the County?</p>	<p>In 2013 8304 Gloucestershire residents were tested for HIV. Of these 24 had a positive result.</p> <p>In 2014 8897 Gloucestershire residents were tested for HIV. Of these 28 had a positive result.</p> <p>In 2015 7440 Gloucestershire residents were tested for HIV. Of these 26 had a positive result.</p>

<p>62. Questioner's name: Cllr Steve McHale</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>						
<p>When the CQC rates a care home as requires improvement, and we have Council paid residents there, what does your department do about it?</p>	<p>Our team monitors all CQC inspection reports for older peoples' care homes. CQC re-inspect services judged to require improvement within a year of the previous inspection.</p> <p>Following a rating of “requires improvement” for an older people care home is our team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engages with the home manager and obtains a copy of the action plan they will have provided to CQC. We find out what steps have already been taken to address issues raised in the report and about any other issues. • Draws on other information we have about the home and makes further enquiries as necessary. We then decide on and take further action as appropriate to the circumstances. • Follow up on and monitor the action plan, which may involve expediting a visit to the home. • Liaise with stakeholders and agree a plan of action. 						
<p>63. Questioner's name: Cllr Steve McHale</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>						
<p>How many residents, that the Council pays for, are currently in care homes that 'require improvement', and how many since 2013 by year?</p>	<p>The new CQC ratings were piloted in late 2014 and brought in for all care homes in 2015. There is therefore no information on homes “requiring improvement” pre-October 2014.</p> <p>Our figures for people funded by GCC in homes that require improvement:</p> <table data-bbox="1104 1353 1305 1457"> <tr> <td>2014</td> <td>143</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015</td> <td>1527</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td>400</td> </tr> </table>	2014	143	2015	1527	2016	400
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<p>64. Questioner's name: Cllr Brian Oosthuysen</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p>
<p>How much did GCC receive in its LAA Reward Grant?</p>	<p>In March 2011, we received a total of £6,156,340 (£4.3m revenue and £1.8m capital). Of that, approximately £2.2m was retained by GCC as its share, with the remaining £4m shared between the other partners involved in delivering the agreement.</p>
<p>65. Questioner's name: Cllr Brian Oosthuysen</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p>
<p>Please provide me with a list of all projects/schemes that the LAA Reward Grant was spent on, inclusive of their spend totals?</p>	<p>As the Government did not ring-fence the grant in any way, we took the view that, having contributed to achieving the reward in the first case, the reward grant was partner's own money to use as they saw fit. As a result, we chose not to put any arrangements in place for tracking and monitoring the way it was spent.</p>
<p>66. Questioner's name: Cllr Brian Oosthuysen</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p>
<p>What efforts are made to ensure that the LAA Reward Grant is spent on items that directly help the community?</p>	<p>The voluntary and community sector received a £643k share of the reward grant, which was distributed to groups through the Gloucestershire Assembly as the body that represented the sector as a whole throughout the LAA partnership.</p> <p>Other partners who received a share included District Councils, Health and the police. Each will have made their own decisions about how it should be used to benefit local services and communities.</p> <p>In GCC's case, the money was used to support the Council Strategy and the Medium Term Financial Strategy.</p>

<p>67. Questioner's name: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p>
<p>To: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p> <p>What is the Council doing to take part in the road safety campaign to discourage colleagues from using their mobile phones whilst driving, especially those who work for us and rely on technology?</p>	<p>The Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership (GRSP) organised a high profile Mobile Phone Campaign in November 2016.</p> <p>The campaign attracted national media attention and included the use of new technology to identify mobile phone signals in moving vehicles; interactive signs, the use of groups of 'spotters' to identify phone users, and the distribution of media and information to local communities and parish councils.</p> <p>This campaign will be delivered again in 2017.</p> <p>GCC and Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service have policies in place that ensure compliance with current legislation - staff must ensure that they remain within the law whilst driving.</p>
<p>68. Questioner's name: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p>
<p>To: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p> <p>The London Boroughs are using their commissioning influence to increase the awareness of road contractors and other commissioned services to be cyclist aware. What are we doing with organisations like AMEY who use HGVs and other vehicles to be road aware?</p>	<p>Amey undertake appropriate driver awareness training as part of their duty as an employer.</p>
<p>69. Questioner's name: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p>
<p>To: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p> <p>How many deaths in the last five years were caused by driver distraction?</p>	<p>Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership's records show that In the past five years there have been 11 deaths which have been attributed to driver distraction.</p> <p>This represents 8% of the deaths in the county.</p>

70. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard	Respondent's name: Cllr Kathy Williams
<p>Gloucester City Homes are currently going under a second remodelling after the County Council announced that it had removed all its supporting older people funding, what is your department doing to make sure that the service remains viable and that residents don't lose out?</p>	<p>Gloucester City Homes (GCH) have been remodelling their services for older people, in line with their Independent Living Strategy which aims to provide residents with support in accordance to their individual needs. At the same time, GCC's model for supporting people to live independently in their own homes has been strengthened and targeted on those needing most support.</p> <p>The way that GCH is funded is complex and is not for me to comment on. I have been reassured that all residents who need them have a support plan in place.</p> <p>We have worked closely with Gloucester City Homes over the past two years and have together agreed a level of funding which supports their continued remodelling of services and ensures that those in need of support continue to receive it.</p> <p>We monitor the service they provide with this funding and have been assured by them that the service is viable as they work towards a self financing model.</p> <p>Support is also available to residents in need through our flexible Community Based Support service.</p>