

COUNTY COUNCIL – 15 February 2017
Members' Questions

<p>1. Questioner's name: Cllr Iain Dobie</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>How much money did GCC receive from the NHS in 2016 through the Better Care Fund to reduce demand for hospital beds by providing care for residents in their own homes?</p>	<p>The funding within the Better Care Fund to support 'Social Care Demand 14/15 and 15/16' is £9.025m. No additions were made in 16/17 to the level of funding due to the increase in the BCF only being an inflationary increase of £642k.</p>
<p>2. Questioner's name: Cllr Iain Dobie</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>A senior NHS boss has suggested that the Better Care Fund is turning out to be "a waste of money". What evidence is there that this funding transfer is delivering as intended i.e. that it has had a significant effect in reducing admissions to hospitals in Gloucestershire in 2016?</p>	<p>In Gloucestershire the investment from the Better Care Fund has made a significant difference. Coupled to this administration's commitment to protecting the most vulnerable, it has led to figures from the hospitals trust showing Gloucestershire has one of the lowest rates of delayed discharge in the country.</p> <p>There has also been a slight fall in the number of emergency admissions.</p> <p>2015 (sept – Nov) = 11,879 2016 (sept – Nov) = 11,431 Difference = decrease of 448 emergency admissions in this 3 month period % fall is 3.8%.</p>
<p>3. Questioner's name: Cllr Iain Dobie</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Kathy Williams</p>
<p>In February 2015, a sum of £300K over two years was invested to enable a small high quality supported employment service to be set up to find paid employment for a minimum of 120 disabled people:-</p>	<p>This has been a flagship success for this council – with 134 people placed in paid employment to January 2017.</p> <p>10 people have had their jobs saved through the employment service – these jobs were at risk and Job Coaches were assigned to ensure their</p>

<p>Please can the Cabinet Member tell me how many disabled people have actually been placed in paid employment as part of this investment?</p>	<p>employment was maintained.</p> <p>A number of other people were placed in voluntary positions to gain experience as a precursor to paid employment.</p>
<p>4. Questioner's name: Cllr Iain Dobie</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Kathy Williams</p>
<p>On page 38 of the papers for Cabinet on 4th February 2015, it was noted that such an investment would and I quote "also generate savings by reducing demand on Council run services" -</p> <p>Please can the Cabinet Member therefore tell me how much the investment of £300K has saved this Council?</p>	<p>At least £314,640 annual saving to the council so far. That builds up – year on year. But beyond the cash savings, we're also making big improvements of the lives of the people who have been helped – supporting their integration into the wider Gloucestershire community.</p>
<p>5. Questioner's name: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p>
<p>What is the exact and total cost in money and officer time (up to the date of the Council meeting 15/2/17) of the Council's attempts via the courts to block details of the incinerator contract becoming public?</p>	<p>As Cllr Hodgkinson ought to be aware, the council has never recorded officer time in the way he suggests, nor would we wish to divert funds and time from delivering services to do so.</p> <p>The Council has not attempted to block the contract being made public. We have released over 95% of the contract already and have simply met our obligation to protect certain confidential information which we believe is in the best interests of the Gloucestershire taxpayer to do so. This has been challenged and is awaiting the outcome of an Information Tribunal – a legal process. Until the judgment is received and the process exhausted I am unable to confirm the exact cost.</p>
<p>6. Questioner's name: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p>
<p>What is the exact and total cost in money and officer time (up to the date of the Council meeting 15/2/17) of the investigation into how the Council released the full version of the incinerator contract online? What is the outcome of that investigation?</p>	<p>The investigation confirmed the timeline of events and the vulnerability in the software used at the time the contract was published on the Council's disclosure log.</p> <p>This has not been separately costed.</p>

<p>7. Questioner's name: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p>
<p>What was the total cost to the taxpayer of the visit by councillors and officers to China in 2015? What have been the specific and measurable benefits in cash terms to the taxpayer of that visit?</p>	<p>I refer Cllr Hodgkinson to the answers given to the previous Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group on the 23rd October 2015, which set out the costs, including the support for businesses to attend.</p> <p>Three of the four businesses are still in active discussions with our counterparts in China, with one business, Prospect Training Services, launching its online coaching suite in China next month.</p> <p>Since the visit in 2015, there has been a reciprocal visit from Chengdu, which has directly led to enquiries via the LEP from 2 Chinese companies looking to invest within the County.</p> <p>I appreciate some might like to paint this as some sort of “jolly” in election literature. I am not sure anyone would agree the 13 hour flight I made in economy class was particularly fun, but it is the county council’s job to support Gloucestershire businesses and protect Gloucestershire jobs – which was the aim behind the visit.</p>
<p>8. Questioner's name: Cllr Simon Wheeler</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</p>
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>What is the total annual Revenue budget for Highways Maintenance and related expenditure in Gloucestershire in 2017/8, and how is this allocated across the County's six districts. In the same way what is the total Capital budget for Highways in Gloucestershire in 2017/8, and how is this allocated across the County's six districts?</p>	<p>The Conservative group is, with support from the government, proposing an increase in the highways budget of £6m this year. The budget is for the council to agree or not earlier in this agenda. However, neither revenue nor capital budgets are allocated on the basis of district areas but on the basis of engineering need – and this has always been the case.</p>

<p>9. Questioner's name: Cllr Simon Wheeler</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</p>
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>What is the total amount of revenue raised by the County Council from Highway related activities in the six districts (actual in 2015/16 and projected in 2016/17 and 17/18) - whether from Parking, S106 money, other charges and levies, Fines, Council tax precepts, and other sources, district by district?</p>	<p>Clearly Cllr Wheeler isn't familiar with the way that the council's finances operate. None of the sources of funding he identifies are hypothecated in the way that he suggests – and this has always been the practice of the council.</p>
<p>10. Questioner's name: Cllr Richard Leppington</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>The Forest of Dean needs a network of buses that are consistently delivering passenger journeys without delays and overly frequent breakdowns. This is essential when infrastructure is key to a thriving rural economy. However, I have received numerous complaints of broken down buses. Currently, they seem to be running (or rather, not running) at 3 a week. This results in hundreds of people inconvenienced and often left waiting in the cold for many hours. In 2016, Stagecoach were given £225,000 for Local Authority subsidised routes .Does this high level of breakdowns give GCC value for money? Can the Cabinet Member responsible please intervene to ensure that my residents are provided with a decent level of service?</p>	<p>I fully recognise the value of the local bus network in providing residents in the Forest with access to work, education, healthcare and essential shopping. The vast majority of Stagecoach bus journeys made in the Forest receive no council subsidy at all and are on a commercial footing.</p> <p>I have met Stagecoach's operations manager to raise exactly these concerns. They have put four newer vehicles onto their Forest routes and have invited a local campaigner to visit their depot.</p> <p>Officers have also contacted the DVSA and they have no concerns about Stagecoach's compliance with vehicle safety regulations.</p> <p>It is clear that Stagecoach are taking this matter very seriously and also that the instances of breakdowns are not as high as being suggested.</p>
<p>11. Questioner's name: Cllr Steve Lydon</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p>
<p>To: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p> <p>Can the cabinet member for finance confirm the amount of public funds spent on the appeals process of the FOI request and</p>	<p>Please see the answer to question 5.</p>

judgement over the UBB Incinerator project?	
12. Questioner's name: Cllr Steve Lydon	Respondent's name: Cllr Ray Theodoulou
<p>To: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p> <p>If the administration had consistently increased the budget by at least 1.99% since 2013 to 2018 (inclusive of the 2% social care levy imposed last year) what the total budget for the Council be this year?</p>	<p>This is difficult to answer with clarity. In the first place, as SDC did, the County Council received a council tax freeze grant from the government, which would have been lost. Moreover, putting more costs onto hard-pressed Gloucestershire families, whilst many were struggling with the effects of Labour's recession, could well have increased the burden on county services, and impacted on district collection rates.</p>
13. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby	Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>How much has been raised since the introduction of the concessionary disabled charge for park and ride sites – can you list your answer by site?</p>	<p>Last year we took the decision to introduce a part fare for concessionary travel on park and ride following a public consultation which supported this. For a journey that costs other adults £2.50 or £3.00, a pass holder will pay £1.</p> <p>This year we expect the cost of concessionary fares to reduce by £77,000 at Waterwells and the Racecourse and by £67,000 at Arle Court.</p>
14. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby	Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>How would the cabinet member for Fire, Planning and Infrastructure rate his professional relationship with the PCC?</p>	<p>We have a robust working relationship.</p>

15. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby	Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne
How would the Leader rate his professional relationship with the PCC?	As Cllr Moor says above, I would say we have a robust relationship.
16. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby	Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor
Has the Council recently paid for the issuance of a report looking at what a potential merger of the Fire Service and the PCC office may look like? If so, how much has this cost? Who is undertaking the work? Was this money give by government grant or loan?	<p>The council has engaged with independent consultants to better understand how effective and efficient collaboration is within Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service.</p> <p>This piece of due diligence was commissioned in anticipation of the duty placed upon emergency services to collaborate under the Policing and Crime Act 2017 (received Royal Assent on 31 January 2017).</p> <p>It is important, once a duty is placed upon a public sector body such as the fire and rescue service, that I have a full understanding of the current position in relation to collaboration.</p> <p>The piece of work also looks to give an overview of the benefits of a county council based fire and rescue service. This, I am sure you agree, is in the best interest of the people of Gloucestershire.</p> <p>We expect the final cost to be c. £25K, funded by the county council.</p> <p>Ameo Consulting are undertaking the work and using Alendi Consulting Ltd. for sector experience.</p>
17. Questioner's name: Cllr Lesley Williams	Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith
To: Cllr Vernon Smith Does the Cabinet member agree with me that VAS is a good way to reduce the risks of accidents on our roads?	In a suitable location, yes.

<p>18. Questioner's name: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p>
<p>To: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p> <p>Geoffrey Clifton-Brown says that schools will be worse off under the funding formula, Neil Carmichael has also criticised the government for a botched job over the funding formula. What has the Leader of the Council done to improve the situation?</p>	<p>Overall, Gloucestershire schools will be £2m better off under the proposals. Although they do not go far enough, and there are legitimate concerns from specific schools, we should not forget that the previous Labour government imposed a very unfair funding settlement on Gloucestershire – and that it will take some time to unwind that nationally.</p> <p>I hold regular meetings with Gloucestershire MPs, LGA, the CCN and others. More generally, I asked Cabinet member for Children and Young People to work with Glos MPs, schools forum and f40 campaign group on this issue. A number of meetings have been held following the initial announcement before Christmas. Last week 9th Schools Forum met to finalise its response to the current consultation and I received detailed briefing from Cabinet member.</p> <p>GCC is preparing our own submission. F40 just submitted its response and we have been very active in the preparations of that. I have also ensured a seminar was held so that all members could be briefed on the proposals.</p> <p>We are actively encouraging GASH, GAPH and GASSH to submit their own responses as well as individual schools as we are mindful that overall Gloucestershire receives increase and many Glos. schools gain from the proposals.</p>
<p>19. Questioner's name: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Paul McLain</p>
<p>To: Cllr Paul McLain</p> <p>How many GCC funded Children Centres were there in 2010, and how many will there be in 2018?</p>	<p>In Gloucestershire in 2010 there were 39 GCC funded Children's Centres, some of which used several sites.</p> <p>From 2018 there will be 16 Children and Family 'Super-Centres' set across 16 buildings and 30 children's centre sites, including those co-located within schools.</p>

	<p>All will continue to provide services to children and families. This will include nursery education funded via the DSG, and bespoke outreach work including health visiting, parent and peer support groups and individual sessions funded via the new targeted family support contracts.</p> <p>A number of the centres are sited within GCC library facilities which also receive ongoing funding.</p>
20. Questioner's name: Cllr Lesley Williams	Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>Will the cabinet member for infrastructure and planning agree with me that the proposed cable through Stonehouse High street could have a detrimental effect on the high street and commuters?</p>	<p>I certainly recognise the concerns that Cllr Williams and local traders have raised and we're working to find a suitable solution.</p>
21. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard	Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns
<p>To: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p> <p>We have been told that adult social care is in crisis, what does the cabinet member think?</p>	<p>It makes me proud that, in Gloucestershire, we have always focused on protecting the most vulnerable. That has taken difficult savings in other areas, savings which opposition councillors criticised at the time, but which have allowed us to protect key social care services. I appreciate that other councils elsewhere have not made the tough decisions that Gloucestershire did and are facing significantly more difficulty as a result.</p>
22. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard	Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns
<p>To: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p> <p>What has the cabinet member done to look at the issue of loneliness and isolation of older people in our County who receive help from the council for their care</p>	<p>The Council is actively working with partners on ensuring that opportunities for greater engagement within communities are well known; consistent with the Council's agreed policy on this issue.</p> <p>Needs arising from loneliness and isolation would be taken into</p>

	<p>account within any social care assessment and an appropriate response incorporated within any support plan; increasingly this will be built on the same active communities agenda and the opportunities to enable people to make better connections to their local community.</p>
<p>23. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>To: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p> <p>What role does the cabinet member for older people feel that private companies have in the running of NHS services?</p>	<p>I know the last Labour government was keen to increase the delivery of NHS services by private companies – more than doubling the amount of commissioning I believe. The most damaging example of this would be Labour's PFI contracts in hospitals, which allowed for nice election headlines at the time – but for which the significant long-term costs are a significant factor for many hospitals today. Of course, some parts of the NHS have always been private – GPs, for example, have been private businesses since the creation of the NHS.</p>
<p>24. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>To: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p> <p>During the cabinet member's monitoring of home care contracts, what attention is given to checking whether home care workers have had up-to-date training?</p>	<p>All home care providers are subject to a quality review visit prior to joining the framework. As part of this visit Commissioning Officers review the policies and processes in operation in the organisation and check the implementation of these policies through reviewing service user and staff files.</p> <p>For staff training the following aspects are reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there an induction programme for Staff? • Does the induction include the 15 standards of the Care Certificate? • Are safeguarding policies an integral part of the staff induction and training program? • Does the Provider have a performance management system? • Does the Provider have a staff skills and training policy?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there evidence of regular staff training and review of competency? • Is there evidence that staff are trained and qualified to deliver the service expressed in the statement of purpose? • Does the Provider have a whistle blowing policy which is understood by all staff? • Does the Provider have a lone working policy?
<p>25. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>To: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p> <p>What training needs does the cabinet member responsible feel that care workers are most in need of in our County?</p>	<p>The minimum requirement for service providers induction and training would include the 15 standards of the CQC Care Certificate and to have the policies and training in place which gives all staff training in the areas listed.</p> <p>This Care Certificate states that everybody has the right to expect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person-centred care • Dignity and respect • Consent • Safety • Safeguarding from abuse • Food & drink • Premises & equipment • Complaints • Good governance • Staffing • Fit & proper staff • Duty of candour • Display of ratings <p>Feedback from Healthwatch and GCC internal mechanisms would suggest improved language skills and awareness of community assets are also areas requiring training.</p>

<p>26. Questioner's name: Cllr Tracy Millard</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p>
<p>To: Cllr Dorcas Binns</p> <p>How much is spent by providers on updating training of care workers commissioned by the Council? What was it in 2010 and will it be for 2018?</p>	<p>This figure was not collected prior to the introduction of the 2016 contract. The new contracts introduced in April 2016 for rural areas and in October 2016 for urban areas ask all providers to include this in their pricing structure so we will be able to in future.</p>
<p>27. Questioner's name: Cllr Brian Oosthuysen</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Andrew Gravells</p>
<p>To: Cllr Andrew Gravells</p> <p>What is the cabinet member for Public Health doing to promote awareness of HIV testing in the County Council?</p>	<p>The Council commissions the Eddystone Trust to provide HIV testing with a particular focus on communities who are most at risk of HIV. National guidance and data tells us that the two communities most at risk of HIV are Men who have sex with Men and Black African Communities. It is therefore these two groups who are the main focus of the work of The Eddystone Trust. That said, where possible the service provides support and the promotion of HIV testing awareness broadly throughout the county. This includes within the Council.</p> <p>The Eddystone Trust has supported a number of interventions within the County Council to promote awareness of HIV testing. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of information, posters and support to promote HIV testing week and World Aids Day. This was used by PRISM for internal awareness on staff net. This included links to The Eddystone Trust website where contact numbers are available to arrange testing. • Delivery of an information talk about The Eddystone Trust, HIV testing and prevention to GCC staff as part of PRISM's celebration of LGBT History Month. Awareness of the talk was via staff net and e-mail. <p>Details of HIV testing availability are currently on the GCC website via</p>

	the Council funded Respect Yourself site.
28. Questioner's name: Cllr Tim Harman	Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>The Residents of Kensington Avenue in my division are disadvantaged by the proposals contained in the Cheltenham Parking Review . They are quite different to the adjoining areas in that they have had a successful residents parking scheme for some years and they have consistently sought no change. The changed hours and the loss of protection on a Saturday morning will adversely impact them particularly due to their close proximity to Cheltenham Railway Station. Officers had previously indicated that solutions could be tailored to individual roads rather than a blanket approach.</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member consider revoking this part of the scheme which is detrimental and wholly unnecessary</p>	<p>I know both Cllr Harman and Alex Chalk have raised concerns with me about this issue. I am very happy to meet with them to see how we can take this forward and address local concerns.</p>
29. Questioner's name: Cllr Jack Williams	Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>What is this council's criteria when it comes to fixing pavements across the county?</p>	<p>The criteria for intervention levels and response times for footway defects is set out in our Safety Inspection Policy.</p>
30. Questioner's name: Cllr Jack Williams	Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>Please can the Cabinet Member tell me how much will be spent on</p>	<p>We've never hypothecated budgets in this area.</p>

fixing broken pavements in my division of Churchdown in 2017/18?	
31. Questioner's name: Cllr Jack Williams	Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith
To: Cllr Vernon Smith What are the differences in defects that can be repaired following safety inspections between pavements and roads?	The criteria for intervention levels and response times for footway and carriageway defects are set out in our Safety Inspection Policy. In general the difference is that intervention occurs at 20mm defect on footways and 40mm defect on carriageways – in other words we treat problems with footways more seriously.
32. Questioner's name: Cllr Jack Williams	Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith
To: Cllr Vernon Smith Please can the Cabinet Member tell me how much time has been spent by traffic wardens enforcing on street restrictions this year in Churchdown?	75 hours 23 minutes to date, for financial year 2016/17
33. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby	Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith
To: Cllr Vernon Smith What is the criteria for Bus routes to get salted?	Our Adverse Weather Plan set out our strategy for the network we treat, extract below: Strategy Our core winter period is from the October to April and when icy road conditions are forecast during this period precautionary salting will be carried out on the strategic road network which comprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class A and B roads • Roads leading to main hospitals, ambulance stations, police stations and fire stations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some strategic public transport routes • Roads serving main shopping centres • The majority of Secondary schools <p>The strategic road network covers approximately 29% of Gloucestershire’s total road network. We also refer to Strategic road network as our Primary or Key routes.</p> <p>During prolonged severe winter weather conditions, when time allows and resources are available, salting may also be carried out on the secondary road network. The extent of the secondary road network to be treated will be determined at the discretion of the local Area Highways Manager and Amey Gloucestershire’s Principal Operations Manager on the basis of prevailing weather conditions and resource availability and may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major bus routes (operated every two hours or more frequently) not covered by the strategic road network • Routes adjacent to major educational establishments (in term time) provided treatments can be completed by 0800 hrs using available spreading equipment • Other locations where high traffic volume or local conditions dictate as well as access in to rural communities.
<p>34. Questioner’s name: Cllr Barry Kirby</p>	<p>Respondent’s name: Cllr Vernon Smith</p>
<p>Why, given the 66 is a “Gold” bus route, was it not salted?</p>	<p>We have been in discussions with Stagecoach concerning this route and some of it is not currently on our treated network as not all of Kingsway has been adopted but this will be reviewed at the end of this season with Stagecoach for future years.</p>

35. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby	Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith
How long has the Road Safety partnership been considering the speed reduction on the A38 in Quedgeley?	The Leader of the council raised this issue with Highways over a year ago. Highways are responsible for setting speed limits taking into account all of the elements identified in the Department for Transport guidance "Setting Local Speed Limits". The Road Safety Partnership (RSP) is a contributor to this process. In regard to the A38 in Quedgeley, a report was provided to RSP Governance Board in July 2015 and it was agreed to explore the safety benefits of lowering the current speed limit.
36. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby	Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith
What other actions does the road safety partnership consider appropriate for the A38 in Quedgeley?	<p>Following concerns from Cllr Hawthorne and others, a number of other actions have already been implemented including safety barriers on Waterwells roundabout and an uninterrupted power supply for traffic signals at the junction with Cole Avenue.</p> <p>Following a video survey at the Kingsway junction the Partnership would also recommend considering a ban on southbound U turns at the Kingsway signals and improving the pedestrian crossing facilities to create greater separation between waiting pedestrians and passing traffic.</p>
37. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby	Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne
<p>To: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p> <p>How many businesses have seen a boost in export sales to China since the Leader visited in 2015?</p>	Please see the answer to question 7.

<p>38. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p>
<p>To : Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p> <p>How many SMEs have benefited from increased interaction with China since the Leader visited in 2015?</p>	<p>Please see the answer to question 7.</p>
<p>39. Questioner's name: Cllr Barry Kirby</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p>
<p>To : Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p> <p>What actions have taken place to ensure that documents published on GCC web are as secure as they are intended to be?</p>	<p>The Director: Strategy and Challenge has carried out an urgent review of the security of the documents she is responsible for. She assures me that suitable measures have been taken to protect all sensitive data on the disclosure log. I would be happy to arrange a meeting with her and Cllr Kirby to discuss this in more detail, if that is helpful.</p>
<p>40. Questioner's name: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</p>
<p>To: Cllr Vernon Smith</p> <p>Could you please tell me whether the county council or Gloucester City Council are responsible for the electricity supply and maintenance of the street lights in Orchard Close, Gloucester?</p>	<p>The street lights in Orchard Close, Gloucester are not the responsibility of Gloucestershire County Council. It is understood that this street is in private ownership and that there is a management company in charge of maintenance.</p>
<p>41. Questioner's name: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p>
<p>To: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p> <p>Construction work has started on building of the waste incinerator at Javelin Park. When will construction be finished and the plant become operational?</p>	<p>The plant is on target to be operational in Summer 2019. Construction is going very well and the piling is now almost complete and the roads have been built.</p>

<p>42. Questioner's name: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p>
<p>To: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p> <p>How much GCC waste will be incinerated at Javelin Park per year and how much third party waste does the incinerator have the capacity to cope with?</p>	<p>The plant has a capacity of 190,000 tonnes. The current amount of Local Authority Collected residual waste is around 135,000 tonnes and the Waste Core Strategy (WCS) forecasts this will rise to 143,000 by 2027/28. The balance will be third party waste which will be at UBB's risk to find though again the WCS forecasts substantially more waste than this arising in the County.</p>
<p>43. Questioner's name: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>To: Cllr Nigel Moor</p> <p>What do you see as the threats and opportunities for Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service now that the Police and Crime Act 2017 has received Royal Assent?</p>	<p>The Policing and Crime Act (received Royal Assent on 31 January 2017) places a duty on emergency services to collaborate and I am content to report that in Gloucestershire our fire and rescue service and police force have well developed and successful examples of collaboration e.g. responding to emergencies, shared Control Room space, shared vehicle workshops, shared HQ campus, shared police/fire station in Lydney, PCSOs who are also retained firefighters and the list goes on.</p> <p>The Policing and Crime Act also places a duty on police, fire and ambulance services to work together and enable police and crime commissioners to take on responsibility for fire and rescue services (the role of the fire authority) where a local case is made.</p> <p>The question is very relevant and this is why I have commissioned a piece of work to be undertaken to better understand current collaboration, the benefits of the fire and rescue service being integrated within the county council and the impact of the legislation (see question 16).</p>

44. Questioner's name: Cllr Jeremy Hilton	Respondent's name: Cllr Kathy Williams
To: Cllr Kathy Williams How many homeless people were recorded as sleeping rough in Gloucester on the 19 th October 2016 when a multi agency count took place?	23.