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Question 1: Cllr Steve Robinson	Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson
Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation As of 7th July 2019, there were 41 residents funded by GCC in Wyatt House and Southfields. In GCC information published on 16th July 2019, there were 77 vacancies in the Stroud District Council area. How many of the 41 residents from the two homes will be able to be relocated in the Stroud area?	We expect all residents from the two homes to be resettled in the Stroud area if that is their and their family's choice.
Question 2: Cllr Steve Robinson	Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson
Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation I understand that there are currently vacancies in 25 homes in the Stroud District area. How many of these homes is GCC willing to fund residents in?	There are currently 77 vacancies in the Stroud area. GCC funding will be negotiated on an individual basis for each resident regardless of where they go.
Question 3: Cllr Steve Robinson	Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson
Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation Please could you tell me when were Wyatt House and Southfields first considered for closure?	February 2019.
Question 4: Cllr Lesley Williams	Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson
Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation Why was the opportunity to scrutinise the proposal to close the two Stroud homes not made prior to the announcement in the press Wednesday June 26 2019?	There is a real risk once there is any suggestion of a home closing that staff and potential residents don't wait for the outcome of a decision-making process – and that this undermines the viability of homes and the quality of care they offer. That's why it is important to act quickly, and to focus on early engagement with residents and staff.

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<p>Question 5: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>Why was the strategy, as shown in the 2007 Cabinet papers, not carried out?</p>	<p>Some of the strategy has been implemented including the building of 4 new homes. Over the years since the contract in 2005 was established much has changed. We have seen the development of a more comprehensive range of housing and community options. Treatments and technological interventions have also changed. Probably the most significant issue has been expectation. People want to stay in their own homes or communities. The need for more care homes is no longer our shared priority.</p>
<p>Question 6: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>When were the necessary building works/improvements identified for each building?</p> <p>When was GCC first made aware of the need to make building improvements to the two care homes?</p>	<p>Gloucestershire Care Partnership sent through the capital works required in November 2018.</p>
<p>Question 7: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>Why were the implications of the changing nature of providing care not addressed some years ago?</p>	<p>The council continually reviews the changing demands for care in our county on an ongoing basis</p>
<p>Question 8: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>What will be done to mitigate the disruption for each of the residents should the proposed closures take place?</p>	<p>Each resident will have dedicated social work help and support to assist in making a choice about their future home. There will be every opportunity to discuss the practicality of any move and we will organise visits to the home of their choice, meetings with staff and the transfer of their possessions.</p>

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Question 9: Cllr Lesley Williams	Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson
Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation Will each resident be provided with an advocate?	Yes, if they wish
Question 10: Cllr Lesley Williams	Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson
Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation Where are GCC proposing to re-home the residents currently living in Southfield and Wyatt House?	We will resettle them according to where they wish to be located.
Question 11: Cllr Lesley Williams	Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson
Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation Please could you provide an annotated update on the 2007 Estates Strategy (Annex C)?	I will arrange for this to be shared with Cllr Williams.
Question 12: Cllr Lesley Williams	Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson
Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation In the 2007 Strategy, both Southfield and Wyatt House were due to be closed and replaced by an expanded Elms and a new EMI facility with a new home in Stonehouse. Why didn't this happen?	I believe a decision was made not to pursue this – but this was a decade before I became the responsible cabinet member and, as such, details are limited.
Question 13: Cllr Lesley Williams	Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson
Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation How many of the lost places will be replaced by GCC owned homes?	That would depend on where residents wish to go.

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<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>Will there be sole reliance on the private sector for providing GCC places for residents needing a care home?</p>	<p>The council hasn't directly provided care home places since the 1990s. All Gloucestershire's homes are operated by the private or not-for-profit sectors today.</p>																
<p>Question 15: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson Margaret Willcox</p>																
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>Please could you provide a schedule showing the dates and times of the independent engagement process?</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Monday 24th June</td> <td>Letters regarding potential closures sent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday 25th June</td> <td>Staff meeting held at each home</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 26th June</td> <td>Staff and resident engagement meetings with ASV independent consultants available</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monday 1st July</td> <td>James Cawley available for questions - time at each home</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 3rd July</td> <td>James Cawley available for questions - time at each home</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday 11th July</td> <td>James Cawley available for questions - time at each home</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 17th July</td> <td>James Cawley available for questions - time at each home</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday 18th July</td> <td>James Cawley available for questions - time at each home</td> </tr> </table>	Monday 24th June	Letters regarding potential closures sent	Tuesday 25th June	Staff meeting held at each home	Wednesday 26th June	Staff and resident engagement meetings with ASV independent consultants available	Monday 1st July	James Cawley available for questions - time at each home	Wednesday 3rd July	James Cawley available for questions - time at each home	Thursday 11th July	James Cawley available for questions - time at each home	Wednesday 17th July	James Cawley available for questions - time at each home	Thursday 18th July	James Cawley available for questions - time at each home
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<p>Question 16: Cllr Lesley Williams</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>If the two Stroud homes close what will happen to them?</p>	<p>Should any proceeds arise, they will be ring-fenced for adult social care.</p>
<p>Question 17: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>Recognising that a consultation is proposed to start on 1 August 2019, what conversations have been had with residents since the announcement of the potential closures?</p>	<p>Letters went out on Monday 24 June 2019. A resident and family meeting was held in each home on Wednesday 26 June 2019 with ASV available as independent engagement consultants. James Cawley spent time in each home on 1st, 3rd, 11th 17th and 18th July 2019 for resident or family questions.</p>
<p>Question 18: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>At the Cabinet meeting on 24 July 2019, you will be asked to vote to approve the closure of the two care homes in Stroud. You will also be asked to approve the start of a consultation on these closures, starting on 1 August 2019.</p> <p>Do you believe that “consultation” is the right word for this exercise, or do you agree that the residents will believe the matter to be signed and sealed?</p>	<p>Consultation, if the Cabinet agrees on closure, will be on the impact of such action(s) on residents, families and staff. This is the procedure we underwent with the closure of Townsend House, Mitcheldean and Trevone House, Gloucester last year.</p>
<p>Question 19: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>Would you agree that the responses from residents, as set out in the report from ASV, and the employees, demonstrate that both these care</p>	<p>These care homes are well respected and deliver good quality care. The issue here is about their ability to do so into the future.</p>

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<p>homes are well respected with caring environments and have you considered alternatives to closing these houses, such as increased marketing and publicity as suggested in the report and by employees?</p>	
<p>Question 20: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>While it is noted that there is enough capacity to take all of the residents in Stroud, should they wish to remain, what are your thoughts on the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Residents will not necessarily get a choice on which home they get to stay in due to so many leaving at once b) There is a chance that friends and families will have to travel further to see residents c) That the breaking up of friendship networks is an unavoidable consequence. 	<p>We have made a commitment to ensure that all residents have a choice about where they relocate. This includes considering the wishes of their families and friends and recognises that friendship networks are important.</p>
<p>Question 21: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>How is the council expecting to be financially impacted in the short, medium and long term with the closure of these care homes?</p>	<p>These proposals are motivated by ensuring quality care into the future – not financial considerations. I would expect that in the short term there will be some financial cost to the council, moving to a more neutral position in due course.</p>
<p>Question 22: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member guarantee that no residents or their families will be financially worse off with the closure of these two homes?</p>	<p>No council-funded resident will be worse off as a result of this change.</p>

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<p>Question 23: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>Are Cabinet Members intending to visit both homes in person, as per the recommendations from the Evolving Communities report?</p>	<p>I have visited both homes.</p>
<p>Question 24: Cllr John Cordwell</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Vernon Smith</p>
<p>Agenda Item 7: Delivery of Structural Maintenance Works 2020-2022</p> <p>On 15 May 2019, this Council unanimously passed a climate action plan, which amongst other resolutions committed the council to:</p> <p>“Consider its contracts going forward to oblige all contractors to report their carbon emissions and to place a ‘carbon/environmental cost’ on competing bids.”</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member please confirm that the procured contractor will be obliged to report its carbon emissions, and clarify how GCC will apply a carbon/environmental cost in the competing bids?</p>	<p>The council will deliver our commitment to slash carbon emissions – building on our success to date in doing so with projects like our LED street lighting programme. In this case, we are continuing to work with partners, both within Gloucestershire and across the industry, such as the South West Highways Alliance and the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation, to consider how best to capture and report carbon emissions and carbon/environmental cost in future contracts but at present we are not aware of any standardised methodology for doing this across the highways industry which enables either benchmarking or demonstrating neutrality across organisations. One of the reasons this contract is only for two years is to allow for a future contract to be more specific on carbon factors.</p>
<p>Question 25: Cllr John Cordwell</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Vernon Smith</p>
<p>Agenda Item 7: Delivery of Structural Maintenance Works 2020-2022</p> <p>On Page 171, it is stated that there is no carbon emissions implications of the report. Can the Cabinet Member elaborate on why this is perceived to be the case?</p>	<p>It is considered that there are no additional carbon emission implications of the report. The Council already works within the guidelines of the Code of Practice “Well Maintained Highways” in considering the impact of highway maintenance activities in terms of whole life carbon cost being taken into account when determining appropriate interventions, materials and treatments.</p>

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<p>Question 26: Cllr Eva Ward</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>The residents of Southfields and Wyatt House and their families have already expressed great distress, anxiety and fear at the prospect of losing their home.</p> <p>The key impact upon residents is therefore patently obvious, but thinking ahead to any similar closures in future, can the Cabinet Members explain how the Council will measure this impact?</p> <p>What will transition support look like?</p> <p>How will longer term research on individual outcomes be undertaken?</p> <p>Will a report be published on these outcomes for public and member scrutiny?</p>	<p>Support will be provided as described in question 8. Every resident will have a personal plan. Staff will follow up every resident to ensure they have settled in their new home and ensure their needs are being met.</p> <p>Officers will report to cabinet members on a weekly basis.</p>
<p>Question 27: Cllr Eva Ward</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>Looking to the longer term future of residential care needs in the County, what actual demographic research and data exists to support the assertion that demand for such care will continue to decline?</p>	<p>Last month we published the council's Care Home Strategy, which sets out quite a lot of detail on the demographic factors that are affecting care homes in the county. It is available on the council's website, or I would be happy to arrange for a copy to be emailed if you prefer?</p>
<p>Question 28: Cllr Eva Ward</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Future Provision of Care Homes in Gloucestershire and the Relevant Consultation</p> <p>What concrete plans does the County Council have to invest the revenue from the sales of these care homes and land? In what ways can the County Council work in partnership with Stroud District Council to fund affordable 'extra care housing'?</p>	<p>The report contains a clear commitment that any income realised from the disposal of these homes will be invested in Social Care for older people.</p> <p>The County Council chairs a Housing with Care Group that includes all Districts. They are currently working on affordable extra care housing in Stroud and other areas.</p>

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<p>Question 29: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>Agenda Item 10: Establishing a Dynamic Purchasing System for the Procurement of Transport Contracts</p> <p>In relation to: Procuring companies to supply school and social care transport services.</p> <p>On 15 May 2019, this council unanimously passed a climate action plan, which amongst other resolutions committed the council to:</p> <p>“Consider its contracts going forward to oblige all contractors to report their carbon emissions and to place a ‘carbon/environmental cost’ on competing bids.”</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member please confirm that the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) will oblige all providers to report their carbon emissions, and clarify how GCC will apply a carbon/environmental cost in future procurement bids to encourage the use of more environmentally friendly vehicles?</p>	<p>The DPS is designed with flexibility in mind which allows a range of clauses to be included, such as the reporting of carbon emissions, and to weight bid scoring on numerous factors including emissions. No decision has been taken as yet however, as the council’s carbon and climate strategy evolves, the new DPS is in a position to accommodate changes in policy and include both of these suggestions in the terms and conditions.</p>
<p>Question 30: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>Agenda Item 11: Tender and Award of Transport Contracts under the Dynamic Purchasing System for Transport</p> <p>In relation to: Subsidies for buses in rural environments</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member please provide a history of the subsidies provided to Pulham’s and for which services?</p>	<p>Current subsidies to Pulhams are detailed below. Total payments to Pulhams (approx. £450k annually) represent 15% of the council’s total annual subsidy spend on bus services (approx. £3m, not including Community Transport).</p> <p>Service no – route description – contract price (annual)</p> <p>656 Dumbleton - Alderton - Gretton - Wincombe - Bishop's Cleeve £14,150.00</p> <p>882 Gloucester - Cirencester - Kemble - Tetbury £195,000.00</p> <p>P & Q Cheltenham-Cleevemount- Ewens Farm-Charlton Kings £55,400.00</p>

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	<p>K Cheltenham - Up Hatherley -The Reddings - Benhall £52,000.00 855 Bourton-on-the-Water-Northleach-Bibury-Cirencester-Fairford £116,000.00</p> <p>802 Bourton-on-the-Water - The Rissingtons - Stow-On-The-Wold - Kingham Station £142,500.00</p> <p>832 Cold Aston-Notgrove-Turkdean-Compton Abdale-Andoversford £5,200.00</p> <p>804 Temple Guiting-Brockhampton-Shipton Oliffe -Andoversford £5,200.00</p> <p>803 Bourton-on-the-Water- Upper Oddington-Longborough-Moreton in Marsh £5,200.00</p> <p>801 Moreton-In-Marsh - Bourton-on-the-Water-Andoversford- Cheltenham £2,200.00</p> <p>608 Mickleton - Chipping Campden - Cheltenham £4,794.00</p>
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