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Question 1: Cllr Iain Dobie	Respondent: Cllr Patrick Molyneux
<p>Agenda Item 6 Children and Families Capital Programme Update</p> <p>P39 'Warden Hill Primary School'</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member confirm when a decision was made to recommend a new replacement school and who officers consulted with when coming to this decision?</p>	<p>Following the significant estimated cost of expansion and partial refurbishment, further feasibility work was undertaken.</p> <p>Following discussion with the school leaders, an optional appraisal was considered by senior officers within the education service and the council throughout June 2020, including the interim Director of Education, Director of Childrens Services and Lead Cabinet Member.</p> <p>This will replace poor quality buildings with a carbon neutral purpose built designed school which has the capacity to expand in the future; whilst improving current vehicle and pedestrian access.</p>
Question 2: Cllr Iain Dobie	Respondent: Cllr Patrick Molyneux
<p>Agenda Item 6 Children and Families Capital Programme Update</p> <p>P39 'Warden Hill Primary School'</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member please share a detailed timeline of when this replacement school would be expected to be delivered for pupils to attend?</p>	<p>Officers will work this level of specific detail up following the cabinet decision to go ahead. Generally though, the design, planning and construction of a new primary school would usually take approximately 2 to 2.5 years.</p>
Question 3: Cllr Iain Dobie	Respondent: Cllr Patrick Molyneux
<p>Agenda Item 6 Children and Families Capital Programme Update</p> <p>P39 'Warden Hill Primary School'</p>	<p>Plans will be designed in consultation with the school once a project team is in place.</p>

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Can the Cabinet Member please share a copy of the plans for public view?	
Question 4: Cllr Iain Dobie	Respondent: Cllr Patrick Molyneux
Agenda Item 6 Children and Families Capital Programme Update P39 'Warden Hill Primary School' Can the Cabinet Member provide more details on how he intends to make this facility zero carbon, during both the construction phase and throughout its lifetime?	The options for creating a carbon neutral build will be considered when planning and designing the new school building. This will include the building itself, zero carbon facilities, external areas and landscaping. Further detail will be shared when plans are available.
Question 5: Cllr Iain Dobie	Respondent: Cllr Patrick Molyneux
Agenda Item 6 Children and Families Capital Programme Update P39 'Warden Hill Primary School' Can the Cabinet Member please provide additional information about the school's greenspace, including potential planting opportunities and outdoor education facilities?	The options for outside facilities and landscaping will be considered when planning and designing the new school building. Further detail can be shared when plans are available.
Question 6: Cllr Colin Hay	Respondent: Cllr Patrick Molyneux
Agenda Item 6 Children and Families Capital Programme Update There is no reference in the Capital Programme Update to the new school in Bishops Cleeve. Can the Cabinet Member please	Work on securing a site for the new primary school in Bishops Cleeve is progressing. Once there is something to report, councillors will be appropriately updated.

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<p>provide a detailed update on progress on finding and agreeing a site?</p>	
<p>Question 7: Cllr Colin Hay</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Patrick Molyneux</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6 Children and Families Capital Programme Update</p> <p>With reference to zero carbon schools – can the Cabinet Member please confirm how construction emissions will be offset, and how school transport emissions are considered in line with this ambition?</p>	<p>The commitment is for all new schools to be zero carbon in their operation.</p> <p>As Cllr Hay ought to be aware, the council is working more broadly to decarbonise Gloucestershire.</p>
<p>Question 8: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Lynden Stowe</p>
<p>Agenda Item 7: Financial Monitoring Report</p> <p>Page 50</p> <p>Since this report was written pre-second-lockdown, can the Cabinet Member confirm what impact he envisages a second lockdown / subsequent lockdowns will have, if any, on the belief that all Covid-related overspend will be covered by the Government?</p>	<p>New government funding has been announced to cover the costs associated with a second lockdown. It is envisaged that this will be sufficient but costs will continue to be monitored closely.</p>
<p>Question 9: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Lynden Stowe</p>
<p>Agenda Item 7: Financial Monitoring Report</p> <p>Page 57</p>	<p>The Department of Transport have yet to announce this.</p>

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Can the Cabinet Member confirm when we will receive Tranche 2 of the Emergency Active Travel Fund?	
Question 10: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson	Respondent: Cllr Lynden Stowe
Agenda Item 7: Financial Monitoring Report Page 57 Can the Cabinet confirm which schemes will be prioritised if they don't receive the full amount bid for in Tranche 2?	Any decisions on allocating funding will be taken once we know how much funding we are getting.
Question 11: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson	Respondent: Cllr Lynden Stowe
Agenda Item 7: Financial Monitoring Report Page 57 On the Ash dieback spend, Can the Cabinet confirm how many Ash-trees have had to be removed in total?	Approximately 2,300. Plans are underway for replanting, in cooperation with the Glos Wildlife Trust, NFU, FWAG, Woodland Trust and GCC Rural Estate.
Question 12: Cllr Iain Dobie	Respondent: Cllr Lynden Stowe
Agenda Item 7: Financial Monitoring Report Page 52 Can the Cabinet Member confirm what long-term impacts the Covid-19 pandemic may have on the Adult Social Care budget –	Not at this stage.

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<p>beyond the immediate impact of lockdown?</p>	
<p>Question 13: Cllr Iain Dobie</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Lynden Stowe</p>
<p>Agenda Item 7: Financial Monitoring Report</p> <p>Page 52</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member please confirm how much investment is being made to allow relatives to safely visit residents in care homes, ensuring care homes don't have to find the money from their stretched budgets?</p>	<p>No funding has been specifically identified for this, however Supplier Relief has been paid up to the end of September (£7.16m) to those Providers where the Council commission services. The Infection Control Fund 1 (£7.75m) and the recently announced 2 (£6.62m) has and is being distributed to all CQC registered services as per the Government guidance. All of this funding is targeted to support Care Homes and Community Providers to continue to operated in a COVID-19 safe and compliant way. This funding could/would be available to be used to support any decisions taken by registered managers about visiting, in accordance with local and national guidance.</p>
<p>Question 14: Cllr Iain Dobie</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Lynden Stowe</p>
<p>Agenda Item 7: Financial Monitoring Report</p> <p>Page 52</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member please confirm if GCC be investing in additional PPE for visitors and staff, and will rapid testing be made available for residents, staff and visitors to allow safe access?</p>	<p>We continue to provide staff with all the PPE that they need to carry out their duties. Each role continues to be risk assessed on an ongoing basis as rules change and PPE provision adjusted accordingly. Each GCC building has also been risk assessed and arrangements made for appropriate sanitiser stations, social distancing and way-marking signage and screening where needed.</p> <p>In terms of PPE provision for staff and service users in residential and domiciliary care settings can I refer to my answer to question 15.</p> <p>With regard to offering rapid testing, Department of Health and Social</p>

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	Care have developed a series of pilots to test these new technologies in a range of settings including Universities, care homes, workplaces and a mass testing pilot in Liverpool. We will need to await the outcome of these pilots and announcement of further roll out to all settings by DHSC before we can offer these tests in house to ensure they are clinically and operationally validated.
Question 15: Cllr Iain Dobie	Respondent: Respondent: Cllr Lynden Stowe
<p>Agenda Item 7: Financial Monitoring Report</p> <p>Page 54 'Prevention and Wellbeing'</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member indicate what long-term spending reallocations will need to be made within the Public Health budget to ensure we are better prepared for any future pandemics similar to Covid-19?</p>	Any long term spending reallocations will be announced as part of future budgets.
Question 16: Colin Hay	Respondent: Cllr Lynden Stowe
<p>Agenda Item 7: Financial Monitoring Report</p> <p>P55 'Children and Families'</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member please confirm how many consecutive months the Children and Families budget has been overspent?</p>	42 months – this is during a period when the number of children in care increased from 563 to 775 in months. I am proud of the efforts that this council's staff put in to see them supported – including from its financial staff. I would hope Cllr Hay is too.
Question 17: Colin Hay	Respondent: Cllr Lynden Stowe
Agenda Item 7: Financial Monitoring Report	None. Budgets are projections based on the best available data – but

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<p>P55 'Children and Families'</p> <p>Given the consistent overspends in recent years, what assurances can the Cabinet Member provide that, when constructing next year's budget, it will be set at a level that will avoid yet another overspend?</p>	<p>we cannot control the demand. If more children than expected need our help, the budget will increase.</p>
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