

**CABINET – 22 December 2021**  
**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

<b>1. Questioner's name: Sally Thorpe</b>	<b>Respondent's name: Cllr David Gray</b>
<p><b>Agenda Item 9: Glos. Climate Change Strategy Second Annual Report &amp; Action Plan 2022/23 - 2027/28</b></p> <p>I am very involved in my local Climate action network in Nailsworth and am aware of the challenges to get effective action on the climate emergency and welcome the commitment of the County Council.</p> <p>I note the concern in the reports that the target of an 80% reduction in carbon levels by 2030 (from 2005 levels) for the whole of Gloucestershire will not be achieved." The challenge is to get everyone who lives, works and visits the County to do their bit."</p> <p>I am worried that the proposals in the paper will struggle to address this and I am asking the County Council to set up a County wide citizens assembly to stimulate wider public responsibility for the climate emergency. There is a great deal of expertise available to do this.</p> <p>The proposal for an Expert Advisory Panel and Climate Emergency response group are very welcome and should be enacted with urgency.</p>	<p>The Council has recently appointed officers whose expertise is community engagement on sustainability issues. They are developing the community engagement plan, which will include reviewing the options available to best engage communities to bring about the changes needed to reach Net Zero by 2045.</p> <p>The formation of an Expert Advisory Panel will be proposed by the Council to the Climate Leadership Group, to be established in 2022.</p>

<b>2. Questioner's name: Linda Castle and Sarah Sawyer</b>	<b>Respondent's name: Cllr Lynden Stowe</b>
<p><b>Agenda Item 5: Draft Council Strategy and Medium Term Financial Strategy (For Publication and Consultation)</b></p> <p>As the Medium term financial strategy has not yet been published, can we ask if the cabinet member expects there to be a capital receipt from the sale of the land in Leven close, Longlevens to be included in these reports for 2022-2023 or in any forecasts for the next few years. Has a buyer been found for this land?</p>	<p>A buyer has been found and the sale of the land in Leven Close is nearing completion. We do expect the receipt in the current financial year.</p>