

## URGENT MEMBER QUESTIONS

CABINET MEETING – 22 December 2021

<b>Question 1: Cllr Colin Hay</b>	<b>Respondent: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</b>
<b>Agenda item 5: Draft Council Strategy and Medium Term Financial Strategy (For Publication and Consultation)</b>  On 8 December the Council Leader stated that “Cabinet remains committed to delivering the Council Strategy in its entirety”. On that basis, can the Cabinet Member explain why the revised Corporate Strategy has ditched all references to cutting the county’s emissions by 80% by 2030?	The Council Strategy focusses both on those things that the Council will do to reduce its own carbon emissions and also on how it can encourage and make it easier for local businesses and residents to do the same. This includes a commitment to work with residents and partners to reduce Gloucestershire’s emissions to net zero by 2045, with an ambition to see carbon emissions reduced by 80% by 2030 . The wording of the Corporate strategy will be amended to reflect the commitment already made in the Councils Climate Change Strategy.
<b>Question 2: Cllr Colin Hay</b>	<b>Respondent: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</b>
<b>Agenda item 5: Draft Council Strategy and Medium Term Financial Strategy (For Publication and Consultation)</b>  Given the leader’s comments on 8 December, can the Cabinet Member explain why the revised Corporate Strategy has ditched all references to planting 35 million trees by 2030?	This target is owned by the Local Nature Partnership as a whole, and not solely Gloucestershire County Council. We remain committed to working with the partnership to achieve it, as shown by the Council’s recent success in securing £300k from the Emergency Tree Fund Grant Scheme, run by the Woodland Trust, to plant trees across the county. Within that, the Council has repeated our commitment to planting 1 million trees by 2030. The wording of the Corporate Strategy will be amended to reflect the commitment already made in the Councils Climate Change Strategy.

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<b>Question 3: Cllr Colin Hay</b>	<b>Respondent: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</b>
<p data-bbox="109 331 1263 405"><b>Agenda item 5: Draft Council Strategy and Medium Term Financial Strategy (For Publication and Consultation)</b></p> <p data-bbox="109 443 1263 624">I noted with interest the video issued by Gloucestershire County Council to promote key items from the draft Corporate Strategy and Council Budget being brought to Cabinet. Can the Cabinet Member confirm whether an external company was used to produce any aspect of this video and detail the total cost of the film?</p>	<p data-bbox="1294 331 2042 699">We worked with Unit 1 Films, who operate as part of the University of Gloucestershire (as a social enterprise). Final cost will be around £1.6k. This was because the member of the comms team who led on filming and editing took up a different new job earlier in the year. The vacancy in the role will cover the cost. The video content will continue to be used going forwards to help raise awareness and understanding of these two key elements of council business.</p>