

COUNTY COUNCIL – 12 February 2020
Members' Questions

<p>1. Questioner's name: Cllr Kate Haigh</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dave Norman</p>
<p>Can the Cabinet Member please give me an update on the petition from parents at Finlay Rd School for a road crossing on Tredworth Road? There was an accident involving a child today and parents and governors are increasingly concerned about safety crossing this busy road.</p>	<p>Following the petition, officers looked at the amount of pedestrians and traffic in the area, and reassessed both a signal controlled crossing and a crossing patrol. That didn't meet the threshold for either, but officers are continuing to work with the school to improve road safety, particularly around crossing locations.</p>
<p>2. Questioner's name: Cllr Eva Ward</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p>
<p>In view of the current organisational changes within the County Council can we be assured that the Chief Executive will arrange a briefing for Members to explain any new Officer appointments and any alteration in current roles and responsibilities?</p>	<p>Yes, of course, I will ask for something to be circulated in Members' matters.</p>
<p>3. Questioner's name: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Dave Norman</p>
<p>In the late summer last year I asked parking officers to look at how a step change in extra parking enforcement could be provided in Bourton on the Water for the coming tourist season due to increasing issues with the volume of tourists in the village and regular abuse of the parking regulations. I was told at the time that this was possible and that someone would come back to me in the autumn. Since then I've had to chase regularly and have now been told that an answer may not come back until April. This will be too late as the new tourist season will have already started. Can you please facilitate some action on this so that Bourton residents can be assured that extra parking enforcement arrangements will be in place by the end of March?</p>	<p>We've already taken action here. In January, parking wardens made 29% more visits, delivering 38% more hours of patrol, than was the case in July. In April we are changing our provider for traffic wardens – and using it as an opportunity to get even more enforcement capability.</p>

<p>4. Questioner's name: Cllr Ben Evans</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Vernon Smith</p>
<p>The state of Winston Road in Churchdown is appalling. Repairs have been made but seem to be of poor quality - one resident has reported the last repair 'lasted days'. And much more work is needed. Is the Council happy with state of Winston Road's surface and the quality of repairs when they are needed?</p>	<p>No, I'm not very happy with it. We reviewed Winston Road and the safety repair carried out in December did not last in the way they should. The site was revisited on 30th January and 8 potholes were identified that are now scheduled for repair - we will be monitoring these to ensure we are satisfied with the quality. I have arranged for the Local Highway Manager to visit to assess whether any more substantial repairs are required.</p>
<p>5. Questioner's name: Cllr Ben Evans</p>	<p>Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>Which ex-stations will the Council be prioritising in application for the recently announced funding to re-open Beeching-closed stations? Will one of them be Churchdown?</p>	<p>The Government has recently set out plans to re-open rail lines and stations closed in the Beeching era cuts of the 1960s and 70s. The Department for Transport (DfT) is inviting local authorities and community groups to propose how they could use funding to reinstate axed local services. There is a £500M fund to develop these proposals.</p> <p>The DfT has stated that it will hold events providing advice on how to bid for funding. The County Council looks forward to receiving further details as to how to bid for funding.</p> <p>Any future proposals to (re-)open new rail lines / stations will be considered in the emerging review of the Gloucestershire Local Transport Plan, which is currently out on public consultation until 26th March 2020.</p> <p>It is worth noting that previous proposals for a Parkway station between Gloucester & Cheltenham stations were strongly opposed by Cheltenham Liberal Democrats.</p>

6. Questioner's name: Cllr Colin Hay	Respondent's name: Cllr Patrick Molyneux
<p>In devising plans for the location of an additional primary school in Bishops Cleeve, what consultation will be completed with relevant stakeholders, councillors and residents and can you guarantee this feedback will inform the final decision?</p>	<p>No decision has been taken on this issue yet. An initial consultation took place in November 2018, and then again in June 2019, with all the schools in the area. Further consultation has taken place with the borough and parish councils on the identified need for school places in the area. Consultation will also take place by the Academy Trust on any proposal to locate the school to the south of Bishops Cleeve. There will also be a statutory consultation as part of a subsequent planning application. All responses to consultations are taken into account prior to a decision being taken.</p>
7. Questioner's name: Cllr Colin Hay	Respondent's name: Cllr Patrick Molyneux
<p>When devising plans for the location of an additional primary school in Bishops Cleeve, what consideration is given to the council's declaration of a climate emergency in May 2019, including the commitment to reduce the county's total greenhouse emissions by 80 per cent?</p>	<p>As part of the design of any new school provision we will ensure that it complies with and supports the council's commitment to and promotion of carbon reduction.</p>
8. Questioner's name: Cllr Colin Hay	Respondent's name: Cllr Patrick Molyneux
<p>Were the additional primary school in Bishops Cleeve built on land to the south of the village, what impact does the cabinet member believe this would have on greenhouse gas emissions?</p>	<p>A highways and traffic study has been commissioned to assess the current road network and the potential impact of a new school in this area. I'm happy to share that when it's available.</p>
9. Questioner's name: Cllr Colin Hay	Respondent's name: Cllr Patrick Molyneux
<p>What conversations has GCC had with Diocese of Gloucester about locating a primary school on its land, formerly Nortenham Allotments on Evesham Road?</p>	<p>The County Council was first made aware of the allotment land by the Parish Council in October last year. We approached the diocese promptly to discuss acquiring it for a school – but, their</p>

	positions is, that, as this is glebe land, they are unable to make it available, which is a shame. It is a better site, but we don't have any power to compel the Church of England on this.
10. Questioner's name: Cllr Colin Hay	Respondent's name: Cllr Patrick Molyneux
What consideration does GCC give to the location of current and future students when determining the location of a new primary school?	When considering the location for a new school, we consider first whether existing schools in the locality can accommodate the additional children or whether they can be expanded further to meet the growth. If the housing development in question is of sufficient size as to require a new school to meet the demand created by that development, then the council would seek a new school site as part of the planning process. If this is not possible consideration is then given as to whether the council owns appropriate sized land in the area, that might be available to accommodate a new school.
11. Questioner's name: Cllr Colin Hay	Respondent's name: Cllr Patrick Molyneux
What consideration does GCC give to the existing traffic conditions between the location of current and future students and the potential site of a new primary school	As per Q8, a highways and traffic study has been commissioned to assess the current road network and the potential impact of a new school in this area. The results of the assessment will be considered when a decision is made on the location of the school site.
12. Questioner's name: Cllr Colin Hay	Respondent's name: Cllr Patrick Molyneux
What consideration does GCC give to the ability to safely walk and cycle to a site when determining the potential location of a new primary school?	As per Q8, a highways and traffic study has been commissioned to assess the current road network and the potential impact of a new school in this area. The results of this assessment will be considered when a decision is made on the location of the school site. This will include information

	on safe walking and cycling routes.
13. Questioner's name: Cllr Colin Hay	Respondent's name: Cllr Patrick Molyneux
What is the farthest distance from a new development / new house in Bishops Cleeve and the potential new school on the southern site of Bishops Cleeve	Some of the housing developments to the north of Bishops Cleeve have yet to be built out, however a general assessment of the distances to the development sites, is that they are all within a 2 mile walking distance of the potential school site to the south.
14. Questioner's name: Cllr Rachel Smith	Respondent's name: Cllr Lynden Stowe
How much money is being invested in our county farms this year? Please provide a breakdown of how much investment and where it is going.	Revenue maintenance on regular upkeep of the estate £290k Capital investment on replacement of time expired buildings/windows/doors/upgrades to meet statutory regulations etc. £220k
15. Questioner's name: Cllr Rachel Smith	Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor
We are in a climate emergency - do you really believe that £1million is enough to turn the ship on carbon emissions in Gloucestershire?	Addressing climate change is a key priority across the council – the £1m Climate Change and Air Quality Action Fund is only one part of that. It will enable us to target future funding effectively to help bring about the changes required, and comes alongside a range of other measures, including, most importantly, this council's significant success in reducing its carbon emissions.
16. Questioner's name: Cllr Rachel Smith	Respondent's name: Cllr Nigel Moor
When will we see a fully developed methodology being used to calculate the carbon impact of decisions taken by this council?	This will be developed in 2020/21 as part of year 1 of the 5 year rolling action plan.