

Appendix 1 - Questions from members of the public

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Ms Godbert, Hereford	Can Herefordshire Council give me an assurance that the tennis courts at Bishop's Meadow will be resurfaced with new floodlighting for the four tarmac courts, so that they are handing over to the city council a public asset that is fit for purpose in 2017?	Cabinet member contracts and assets
<p>Cabinet member response There are currently no plans to provide new floodlights or to resurface Bishop's Meadow tennis courts in advance of any potential asset transfer.</p>			
<p>Supplementary question – Ms Godbert When will Herefordshire Council allocate appropriate funding to maintain their unique public asset of six grass and four tarmac tennis courts, situated opposite Herefords cathedral in King George V playing fields, a prime conservation area, to ensure the courts remain fit for purpose after the 2017 refit?</p>			
<p>Cabinet member response to supplementary question Maintenance is currently undertaken within available budgets to ensure the tennis courts may be used safely during the tennis season. Herefordshire Council has already delivered savings of £59m in the past 6 years and must undertake a further £28m by 2019/20; in light of that financial challenge we cannot invest in every local facility. The council's community asset transfer policy ensures that where a local facility is valued by the community it serves, there is the opportunity for ownership and management of the facility to be transferred to the local community. If the tennis courts are subject to an asset transfer during the current year, it would be for the organisation taking responsibility for the assets to consider and fund any improvements that they consider appropriate, and advice on sources of funding is available from the council's project development team.</p>			
PQ 2	Mr Geeson, Hereford	As the City Link Road between Edgar Street /Commercial Road nears completion can the Cabinet member confirm there have been recent and comprehensive traffic surveys at either end of the new road and along Newmarket Street / Blue School Street so good quality data is available on traffic flows before the Link Road and thus further surveys can be undertaken to demonstrate the effect of the new road once opened?	Cabinet member infrastructure
<p>Cabinet member response Yes. A programme of traffic surveys was carried out prior to the construction of the city link road and will be repeated following its completion in accordance with the requirements of the planning permission granted for the road.</p>			
<p>Supplementary Question – Mr Geeson Can the Cabinet member say approximately when the new survey will be held after the road is completed?</p>			
<p>Cabinet member response to supplementary question Surveying and design elements for everything that goes forward in the city centre and the Hereford transport plan is ongoing and I cannot specifically give a date for this particular survey but it will be done as soon as possible after the completion of the road and the traffic using it settles into a normal routine.</p>			