

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Agenda item 6 invited the public to submit questions for consideration at the meeting. The following questions have been received and responses provided by officers.

Further to questions asked at the July 2012 Overview and Scrutiny Meeting, the following questions have been received from Mrs E Morawiecka

Answers provided by Steve Burgess, Head of Transportation and Access

Question 1: In my first question I refer to the fact that the Destination Hereford bid clearly states that "Political engagement will be delivered through weekly briefings to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation and briefings to the Council's Environment Scrutiny Committee". I highlighted this matter back in September 2011 and repeated it in July 2012. Could you please advise me as to when these briefings have taken place for the members of the GOSC please?

Answer 1: *The Destination Hereford programme has progressed with political engagement throughout. The programme covers a range of schemes and initiatives including contribution to the Connect 2 cycle scheme to Rotherwas and each of these has provided different opportunities to engage with members and the wider public.*

Question 2: I ask because I note that the money for cycling is no longer being spent on Broad Street as per the Destination Hereford plan and I wondered how this money is now scheduled to be spent and who has agreed any changes to this plan and how this was agreed with central government?

Answer 2: *The decision to stop development on the Broad Street followed consultation with local stakeholders which raised concerns about the scale of investment in a public realm scheme which would have limited transport benefits for the wider community. The decision to revise the programme and focus on cycle network development and sustainable transport improvements across Hereford was agreed by the Cabinet Member and discussed directly with the Department for Transport.*