

Appendix 1 - Questions from members of the public

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Mrs Morawiecka, Breinton	I note from the Capital Out turn report to Cabinet on 22 nd June 2017 that the HCCTP (Hereford City Centre Transport Package), (including Link Road) had cost £27.79million up to 31 st March 2017. Would the Cabinet member please confirm how much of the £27.79million spent relates to the City Link road and what the final bill is likely to be for this road when it is completed?"	Cabinet member infrastructure
<p>Cabinet member response The £27.79m referred to relates to the design, construction and land acquisition costs of the City Link Road. It is anticipated that the final bill for the road will be in the region of £34.1m, with a further £6.5m cost of the complementary public realm measures.</p>			
<p>Supplementary Question – Mrs Morawiecka With the Cabinet Member confirming that the road is now anticipated to cost £34million, £7million more than the original budget of £27million for the road, would the cabinet member please confirm that any overspend on the road will not be deducted from the original money budgeted for other active elements of the city centre transport package and that this overspend will be reported to the audit and governance committee in the interests of clear and transparent governance?</p>			
<p>Cabinet member response to supplementary question I can assure you that the budgeted capital spend on the total package is £40.6million there is not an overspend it has been building the business case up over the years from the original conception through to the delivery. There is no overspend we are within the budget and hope to be delivering on the particular aspect of the city link road within the budget that is in the capital plan.</p>			
PQ 2	Mr Palgrave, Hereford	In Sept 2016's consultation on the SWTP Active Travel Measures, the timetable gave late 2016 when Cabinet would consider the Consultation Report. It also showed a further community consultation in "2017 and onwards". Cabinet is now due to consider the Report on 16 November and 14 December this year. Can the portfolio holder please account for the near 12-month delay, and confirm there will be another round of consultation?	Cabinet member infrastructure
<p>Cabinet member response Additional time was required to fully consider feedback from the consultation and to assess the package of measures consulted on. The matter is currently scheduled for consideration by Cabinet on 14 December. I can confirm that further consultation will take place during the detailed design and delivery of any active travel measure schemes in coming years.</p>			
PQ 3	Mrs Wegg-Prosser, Breinton	Confusion over the building of the controversial Southern Link Road continues. The Active Travel Measures, on which national funding is conditional, are featured as a Cabinet Key Decision for December 14 as well as November 11. They cannot be considered at two separate meetings. Could the relevant Cabinet member please decide which of these two Cabinet meetings should include the necessary permissions for the fully-funded South Wye Transport Package?	Cabinet member infrastructure
<p>Cabinet member response In November Cabinet is scheduled to consider the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order and Side Roads</p>			

Order and to approve the procurement of a contractor for the Southern Link Road; in December Cabinet is scheduled to consider consultation feedback and confirm next steps for the South Wye Transport Package Active Travel Measures.

PQ 4	Mr Stow, Rowlestone	The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has stated that “transparency and openness should be the fundamental principle behind everything councils and other local government bodies do...”. On 20th September the Audit and Governance Committee decided to withhold parish and town council names from the Annual Report on Code of Conduct Complaints. How is this secrecy compatible with DCLG’s fundamental principle?	Leader
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Leader response
Herefordshire Council is fully committed to openness and transparency. However, the code of conduct and audit and governance committee operation are not functions of the executive. I therefore move that this issue be referred to the audit and governance committee to consider at its next meeting.

Chairman of Audit and Governance response
The Audit and Governance Committee would be happy to consider the matter at its next meeting.