

Agenda item no. 4 - Questions from members of the public

Question No.	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Gill Jinman, Ewyas Harold	Having read the BBC News article of 2 nd March https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwygwexlqxzo with some dismay as it suggested that the brief for procuring a professional services provider to undertake the SOBC to take the Golden Valley Parkway station project further will not be completed, please will the Cabinet explain how it has used the allocated funding of £50,000 to progress the plans to which it has previously committed?	Cllr Price
<p>Response:</p> <p>The Council continues to support this as a strategically important proposal for the County and wider region, and we await the results of the Transport for Wales study of routes which will determine if there remains any capacity for an additional station between Abergavenny and Hereford. Once this has been completed the Council will be in a better position to understand the work required to identify a potential location for the station and the merits of a full business case. In the meantime the funding previously allocated will continue to be held for this project.</p>			
<p>Supplementary question:</p> <p>I am pleased to hear that the previously allocated funding will continue to be held by the Council for the Golden Valley Parkway Station Project.</p> <p>While the Council waits to hear the results of the Transport for Wales Study, will they agree to discuss the project with Dr Nigel Harris of the Railway Consultancy, who has one of the best understandings in the country of railway business planning and performance, and who has been involved with all the business plans and feasibility studies in relation to the Golden Valley Parkway since 1998? His knowledge of the project, which I believe would include the fact that a potential site for the station was identified during my husband's time as a Councillor, and of local and national railway issues that could positively or negatively affect the plans, might best inform cost-effective decisions going forward.</p> <p>I'd be grateful if you could let me know how and when I can learn of the reply to this.</p>			

Supplementary response:

The Council is happy to discuss the project with Dr Nigel Harris to ensure that a business case is able to be as informed as it can be. Officers will make contact to set up a meeting in due course.

PQ 2.

Response:

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