

Cabinet

Supplementary Information



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2. Public Forum

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Question: PQ08.01 & PQ08.02

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Re: Agenda item 8 - Parking and Licence Fees and Charges

Question submitted by: South West Transport Network (David Redgewell)

Question 1: Whilst we welcome the raising of parking charges at Baise castle Estate Oldbury court and Ashton Park for residents and tourists visiting our historic city and North Somerset. With regard to disabled access and the equalities impact assessments. What amounts of money is the city and county of Bristol council and North Somerset council in the place of Ashton park to spend on improvements in footways cycleway and drop Kerbs. On footway and roads within the estate Plus working with North Somerset council to improve drop Kerbs at the long Ashton entrance and the route to the park and ride site. A Blaise castle to provide better disabled access to the house. And better disabled access around Oldbury court Footways and cycle ways

Questions 2: In view of the city council and North Somerset council climate change emergency. And mayor Malvin Rees sustainable tourism policy and the need to use public transport and sustainable transport to visit our Great heritage estates for the city residents and tourists especially in 650 years of the city and county of Bristol. In view of the the withdrawn of bus service to the Heritage estates. Especially service 47 Bristol city centre st Paul st werburges Eastville park Fishponds oldbury court, Downend Emerson green, puckchurch, westerleighh yate bus station. Leaving oidbury court estate with no bus service Limiting the access on the 10 ,11 From Avonmouth shirehampton Lawrence Weston Westbury on Trym Southmead hospital bus station But now no connections to Uwe bus station and Bristol parkway station. The 3 4 services from Bristol city centre via Clifton Down station shirehampton and the estate and Henbury to cribbs causeway bus station. And need to improve public transport to Ashton park by bus and a future Ashton Gate station and ferry to Cumberland Basin So what parking fees money may be allocated to improvement in sustainable transport and Green travel plans And especially to provide a bus services to oidbury court, Blase castle and Ashton park in conjunction with the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council metro mayor Dan Norris. In line with Bristol city council/ North Somerset council green travel plans.

Answer:

[Answers were provided in the meeting, video recording available at Cabinet - Tuesday, 4th April, 2023 4.00 pm - YouTube](#)

Question: CQ09.01

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Re: Agenda item 9 - Investing in parks to support the city's growth areas

Question submitted by: Councillor Amal Ali

Question 1: I fully support the £500k investment into Oldbury Court. We have a number of developments coming up in Fishponds, so improving local play equipment in one of Bristol's most-used parks is important to ensure that both existing and new residents have access to first class play facilities. £500k is a significant sum of money and will vastly improve one of Bristol's destination parks.

Please can councillor King provide details of how exactly this funding will be spent?

Answer:

[Answer was provided in the meeting, video recording available at Cabinet - Tuesday, 4th April, 2023 4.00 pm - YouTube](#)

Question: CQ09.02 & CQ09.03

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Re: Agenda item 9 - Investing in parks to support the city's growth areas

Question submitted by: Councillor Martin Fodor

Background: The Cabinet has a proposal to invest capital from strategic CIL: budget line NH02A - SCIL £1.5M

This is welcome funding from the Mayor's budget for the city.

At the recent Budget meeting members of the authority also voted 66 to zero for my Green amendment to provide £1m per year of unallocated strategic CIL for four years from budget GR09 with half being used to provide a strategic fund for parks and half for street improvements.

The funds being discussed today are allocated by the Cabinet member for Public Health and Communities. It also says

“ As the city grows and our successful housing delivery programme results in more homes and more people visiting and benefiting from their local parks, there is a need for us to respond by investing in quality and new facilities - particularly in those green spaces close to new housing areas. An opportunity exists for us to respond to the requests of communities and make parks more accessible and welcoming.”

Question 1: What arrangements are anticipated to ensure the members of the council can now input into the new funds they added to the budget from GR09?

Question 2: How will communities be able to feed in ideas that meet the strategic CIL criteria?

Answer:

Answers were provided in the meeting, video recording available at [Cabinet - Tuesday, 4th April, 2023 4.00 pm - YouTube](#)

Question: CQ09.04 & CQ09.05

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Re: Agenda item 9 - Investing in parks to support the city's growth areas

Question submitted by: Councillor Ed Plowden

Background: For many years the Victoria Park Action Group has worked to improve the park and provide activities for local people. The group has recently conducted questionnaires of Park Users and submitted a bid for approx.. £175k to Heritage Lottery fund to make improvements, with the knowledge and involvement of Officers. In addition Action Greater Bedminster are currently reporting excellent working relations with Parks Officers, stating that they have “agreed a way forward for a closer working partnership, and that we'll collaborate on getting information to our community re the process of planning CIL”.

As the local ward councillors, Lisa Stone and I are working very with these groups, and have also secured Local CIL funds for master planning and initial improvements for a playground in the park opposite Bedminster Green. It is therefore a surprise to read of the planned £191,000 investment in the Park, with no real details of what this is for in the Cabinet Report despite the very specific investment sum proposed .

Question 1: Why has there been a lack of transparency and no involvement of local people, local groups and Ward members in developing these plans, to ensure the maximum benefits from what should be complementary interventions?

Question 2: What is the plan for involving local people in moving these plans forward?

Answer:

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Question: PQ10.01 & PQ10.02

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Re: Agenda item 10 - East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood Pilot Outline Business Case

Question submitted by: Rob Bryher

Background

I have been knocking on doors in St George to find out what priorities people have for the local area. Here are the main points to do with liveable neighbourhoods that residents have brought up when asked what issues are important to them:

- To feel safe walking and cycling around
- More easy to navigate curbs for people with mobility difficulties
- More safe, quick crossing points on Church Road and Chalks Road
- More bike hangars for on-street cycle storage
- Enforcement against speeding and further speed limit reductions, particularly on minor and side roads
- Enforcement against and reduction of pavement parking
- E-scooters being parked on pavements (and sometimes blocking them) rather than in parking spaces on the road
- Lower quantity of cars/vans through better parking management
- An end to through traffic and congestion on non-arterial roads (particularly Beaufort Road)
- Changes in movement priorities on side roads (as is practical)
- More street trees and greenery planted
- Improvement in air pollution around schools and nurseries

Question 1: There is very little detail in the Cabinet report on what measures the East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhoods scheme will be implementing, despite large sums being committed to the project. Which of the above measures that local residents see as important will you be particularly prioritising?

Question 2: As I have an audience with the most transparent person in Bristol, please can you tell me specifically whether the junction of Church Road with Chalks Road and Blackswarth Road will be made safer, quicker and easier to cross for pedestrians as part of the East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhoods scheme, the Mini Holland scheme or remain unaddressed?

Answer:

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Question: CQ10.01

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Re: Agenda item 10 - East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood Pilot Outline Business Case

Question submitted by: Councillor Steve Pearce

Background:

Liveable Neighbourhoods reduce rat-running, make cycling and walking safer, and tackle air pollution. This is a very important scheme for my ward of St George Central and I am pleased to see we're making progress with it.

I'm also glad that our budget included funding to implement a second Liveable Neighbourhood in BS3, learning from the success of the east Bristol project. It's a shame that only Labour councillors voted for the budget, which included the funding for this. I would have thought Liveable Neighbourhoods would be up the Green Party's alley - evidently not. But while cross-party support for our Liveable Neighbourhood funding would have been welcome, at least we can rely on Labour councillors to invest millions into Bristol's landmark active travel, anti-rat running projects.

Question 1: Making Liveable Neighbourhoods work effectively relies on the input of the local community. Please can the Councillor Alexander share details of how the local community have been involved in shaping the plans?

Answer:

The Co-discover, Co-develop and Co-design process have been implemented and is being trialled for this pilot liveable neighbourhood project. The two engagement reports set out who we spoke with, when, and how we ensured engagement was as accessible and inclusive as possible. These reports are publicly available on the East Bristol liveable neighbourhood Commonplace website.

The Project Team organised events to be inclusive and appeal to as wide an audience as possible, and included:

- Online and in-person events and workshops, including drop-in sessions at community centres
- Pop-up information stalls in local parks

- School assemblies and classroom sessions

Following the submission of the OBC the team will be engaging with the community again to help obtain further feedback regarding the trial. There continue to be ongoing opportunities to engage with the mayor's office or the cabinet member.

Question: CQ10.02 & CQ10.03

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Re: Agenda item 10 - East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood Pilot Outline Business Case

Question submitted by: Councillor Emma Edwards

It is good to see the comprehensive levels of consultation and community engagement that has happened so far in this project, however it seems that the project is a long way off implementation.

Question 1: What is the current estimated timescale for completion?

Answer:

We are hopeful a permanent scheme would be implemented within the Financial Year 2025/26.

Question 2: How will you ensure that there is a continuity of officers working on this project from the business case to completion?

Answer:

Firstly I can't guarantee officers won't depart for other opportunities, we are a development organisation after all.

Secondly as the scheme goes beyond the life of the mayoral system, completion will be down to those in the new governance model.

The East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood delivery team who has been working on the project to date, have forecasted resource to continue to work on the project until its completion. Project governance is in place to ensure project continuity for the whole lifespan of the project.

Question: CQ11.01 & CQ11.02

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Re: Agenda item 11 - Underfall Yard Sluices

Question submitted by: Councillor Patrick McCallister

Question 1: Approximately how long will the repair works to the Underfall Yard sluices take?

Question 2: What implications might these works pose for other activities in the immediate area, such as the repair and reopening of the Chocolate Path or continued operation of Underfall Yard?

Answer:

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Question: CQ15.01

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Re: Agenda item 15 - Parking Services Back Office Procurement Project

Question submitted by: Councillor David Wilcox

Question 1: How many PCNs associated with CAZ were issued in the months of December 22, January 23 and February 23?

Answer:

Answer was provided in the meeting, video recording available at [Cabinet - Tuesday, 4th April, 2023 4.00 pm - YouTube](#)

Question: CQ19.01

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Re: Agenda item 19 - Quarterly Performance Progress Report – Q3 2022/23

Question submitted by: Councillor David Wilcox

Question 1: Thematic Performance Clinic Report Transport & Connectivity Qtr 3 (01 Oct '22 – 31 Dec '22) BPOM476 Increase the number of people travelling actively to work by walking and cycling. This Quality of Life indicator is missing its target significantly, causing more journeys to be made by private motor vehicles, leading to more pollution and congestion on the cities roads. This administration is actively making commuting by bicycle and walking worse by closing and diverting active travel routes for years at a time, like Gaol Ferry Bridge and the Concorde Way. Will the administration commit to providing diversions that are LTN1/20 compliant for these routes and any other future closures?

Answer:

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