

For: Executive Board on 8th October 2007:-

QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

1. **Question from Councillor Bance to the Portfolio Holder, Safer City (Councillor Altaf-Khan)**

Is CCTV operational in Barton yet?

Portfolio Holder reply: CCTV is not operational at Barton as yet. The CCTV cabling works have been incorporated as a part of the shop refurbishment project. This project has been delayed because the aluminium moulds used to make the new steps were stolen from the manufacturers. This has caused some significant delay in the project and CCTV work. However, construction work has now restarted and is due to be completed in October.

2. **Question from Councillor Bance to the Portfolio Holder, Safer City (Councillor Altaf-Khan)**

What are the attendance figures for this Summer's OCC funded playschemes?

Portfolio Holder reply: The summer holiday playschemes ended in the last week of August and the information requested is still being collated. A full report will be provided to Area Committees in the November cycle.

3. **Question from Councillor Bance to the Portfolio Holder, Safer City (Councillor Altaf-Khan)**

When should councillors expect to see the draft grants prospectus?

Portfolio Holder reply: The draft prospectus was on the Council web site over the summer period for consultation and circulated to Area Committees for comment. On the basis of this consultation and discussion at the Cross Party Group the Executive Board received a report in September which was agreed. This included the distribution of grants through a commissioning type process, open bidding, Area Committee allocation and both small and emergency grants. The prospectus will reflect the decisions and principles which were agreed in this report. This has virtually been completed and will be sent to groups with application forms and guidance notes.

5. **Question from Councillor Sinclair to the Portfolio Holder, Safer City (Councillor Altaf-Khan)**

Was the Portfolio Holder aware that businesses in Headington have been asked to contribute towards the street warden service even though they do not benefit from it?

Portfolio Holder reply: This is the reply to a very similar question that I gave in Council on 3 September, namely "The principle of fund raising for additional and enhanced services was appropriate. In excess of £1,500 had been raised as a result of that exercise.

6. **Question from Councillor Bance to the Portfolio Holder, Cleaner City (Councillor Fooks)**

How many enforcement actions have been taken against households leaving out waste on the wrong day?

Portfolio Holder reply: 6 fixed penalty notices have been issued in respect of waste left out on the wrong day. In wider context however, statistics relating to presentation of domestic waste (this covers categories additional to wrong day presentation and

will include matters such as presentation in incorrect receptacles or in no receptacle) are as follows (April - July 2007 details):-

Number of incidents - 3,463

Number of warning letters - 3,012

Number of formal (ie legal) enforcement notices - 140

Number of fixed penalty notices issued - 21 (including the 6 for wrong day presentation)

Number of successful prosecutions - 1

Number of cases recommended for prosecution (and with Legal) - 3

7. **Question from Councillor Bance to the Portfolio Holder, Cleaner City (Councillor Fooks)**

Are the bus shelters at:-

- The Oval
- Ashhurst Way towards town
- Rose Hill (by the flats) towards town
- Rose Hill (by the Co-Op) towards town
- Rose Hill (opposite Westbury Crescent)
- Henley Avenue towards town

due for replacement in the forthcoming programme?

Portfolio Holder reply: The definitive list for bus shelter replacement is not yet finally agreed. However, advertisement consent has been given for 116 shelters. We are hoping to report upon bus shelters and site provision to Area Committees in October. As to the locations referred to by the questioner, the officer has gone into great detail on this, to show just how carefully she has specified the requirements for new shelters in Oxford:-

- **The Oval** - This site is slightly complicated, but we do know for sure that this shelter will be replaced. This location is complicated because the existing shelter is part of the fabric of a wall which is due to be demolished. Therefore, the new shelter will have to be relocated, which may include a "build out" into the road. This is absolutely definitely going to happen.
- **Ashhurst Way towards town** -

Outside 1 Spencer Crescent (inbound, heading towards City centre) there is an existing shelter. This is not due for replacement.

Outside no 11 and no 59 (both outbound, heading towards The Oval) there are currently just bus stops and these have been designated as "no shelter required".

Outside no 52 (inbound, heading towards the City centre) there is currently just a bus stop. This has been designated as "shelter required priority 1" (i.e. the highest designation possible). However, the footpath here is less than 3m wide, although there is a verge which can be modified and will give sufficient width under DDA to allow a shelter to be installed.

- **Rose Hill (by the flats) towards town** - Rose Hill opposite no 125, almost opposite Buzy Beez (inbound heading towards the City centre) has a bus shelter which has been designated for replacement in Year 3 of the contract being signed.
- **Rose Hill (by the Co-Op) towards town** - Rose Hill opposite no 91 outside Papa Johns, at the bottom of Courtland Road (inbound towards the City centre) has a bus

shelter which has been designated for replacement in Year 3 of the contract being signed.

- **Rose Hill (opposite Westbury Crescent) -**

Rose Hill opposite no 73, (inbound towards the City centre) has been designated for replacement in Year 1 of the contract being signed.

Rose Hill, next to Orchard Court and o/s no 83 (both outbound, heading towards Rose Hill) are currently just bus stops and have been designated as "no shelter required".

- **Henley Avenue towards town -**

Henley Avenue o/s no 18 (inbound towards the City centre) has a bus shelter which has been designated for replacement in Year 1 of the contract being signed.

Henley Avenue o/s no 21 and o/s no 47 (outbound heading towards Rose Hill) are currently just bus stops and have been designated as "no shelter required".

Henley Avenue opposite no 21 (inbound towards the City centre) has a bus shelter which has been designated for replacement in Year 1 of the contract being signed.

8. **Question from Councillor Bance to the Portfolio Holder, Sustainable Environment and Climate Change (Councillor Van Zyl)**

Does OCC have a community sports plan yet?

Portfolio Holder reply: If the councillor means the Sports Development Strategy then, yes, I have now been sent a copy for comment. If this document is not what is asked about then could the questioner please elaborate.

9. **Question from Councillor Bance to the Portfolio Holder, Stronger Communities (Councillor Rundle)**

How are plans for a One Stop Shop at Cowley Centre progressing?

Portfolio Holder reply: Negotiations are in progress with lettings agents acting for the Cowley Centre with a view to the Council renting a retail unit in the Centre. A report is being prepared for EB in November which will provide details of the cost and timing of the project.