

QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

27 JANUARY 2022

PUBLIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED AFTER DESPATCH OF THE AGENDA

None

MEMBER QUESTIONS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA

EM1

Gary Cowan asked the Executive Member for Planning and Enforcement the following question:

Question

Approximately 8 months ago, supported by a big fanfare of publicity, Cllr Smith announced a Carbon capture plan, thanks to a £300,000 contribution from the Woodland Trust and an injection of £350,000 of Council capital borrowing.

The plan requires 250Ha of green space and phase 1 was to set up a project team including a paid manager, develop a tree strategy, work with landowners, Parish and Town Councils.

Since the schemes inception in which there seems to be no plan for replacement trees that die, no real update on progress in any of the plans initial intention yet at the same time the Council's own Planning Department continues to recommend the removal of TPO trees to facilitate development.

My question is simply how many of the 250,000 trees have been planted or agreements made to plant to date?

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EM2

Clive Jones asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

Question

What will the effect on revenue costs be of cancelling the crematorium project over the next five years?

EM3

Maria Gee asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

Question

The capital monitoring report shows reprofiling to date of £244m. What financial effect will this reprofiling have on the revenue costs required to manage these projects next year, in addition to those already planned for 2022/23?

EM4

Stephen Conway asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

Question

My question relates to the capital budget monitoring report. The first recommendation in that report states that there will be no financial impact from the reprofiling of budgets into 2022/23. We live in inflationary times. Factors beyond the council's control have led to significant inflation in costs since the budget was originally set. Given that progress on projects such as Twyford's new library has been delayed by these inflationary pressures, may I ask whether recommendation 1 takes full account of inflation, current and projected?