



Supplement for

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 2025

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6.	<u>Questions by Members</u> (Pages 5 - 6)
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The following questions have been submitted by Members of Council to Members of the Executive, in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules (Constitution Part 5A, Rule 12).

Written responses will be circulated to Members and published on the Council's website at least one working day prior to the meeting. A Member submitting a question is entitled to ask one supplementary question at the meeting which must arise directly from the question or the response to it.

The supplementary questions and answers will be detailed in the minutes of the meeting.

Question 1: From Councillor Julian Cooper to Councillor Alaric Smith, Executive Member for Finance:

How much income does the authority get from the Town Council relating to the Guildhall, Chipping Norton?

Question 2: From Councillor Liam Walker to Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning:

Following a public petition signed by over 2000 people asking for the council to protect Woodford Way car park from being developed will the Executive Member now reconsider this site being developed as part of the new Local Plan?

Question 3: From Councillor Liam Walker to Councillor Andy Graham, Leader of the Council:

Given the decision by Liberal Democrats at the County Council to impose a congestion charge in Oxford can the Leader confirm if such a scheme could be imposed on towns like Witney?

Question 4: From Councillor Liam Walker to Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment:

The County Council has announced changes to Household Waste Recycling Centres in Oxfordshire that will likely impact sites here in West Oxfordshire. There is a concern amongst residents that these changes could increase fly-tipping. Given that the clear up of fly-tipping is the responsibility of the District Council will there be extra resources for enforcement in West Oxfordshire?

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Member Questions and Responses for Full Council 3 December

Question	Raised By	Executive Member	Response
How much income does the authority get from the Town Council relating to the Guildhall, Chipping Norton?	Councillor Julian Cooper	Councillor Alaric Smith, Executive Member for Finance	The Council owns the freehold of the Guildhall being a Grade II listed building in the centre of Chipping Norton with a small parking area. The building is partly occupied by Chipping Norton Town Council as of right under 1974 Local Government Reorganisation for a nil rent but with a contribution to utilities, repairs and maintenance based on the area they occupy.
Following a public petition signed by over 2000 people asking for the council to protect Woodford Way car park from being developed will the Executive Member now reconsider this site being developed as part of the new Local Plan?	Councillor Liam Walker	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning	Woodford Way Car Park is a previously developed (brownfield) site in a highly sustainable location, close to the centre of Witney, West Oxfordshire's largest town. The principle of new homes being provided on the site has been long-established through a previous planning permission (now lapsed) and an adopted allocation in the West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031. West Oxfordshire's housing need has significantly increased under national policy to 905 per year, equating to around 18,000 homes (with buffer) in the period up to 2043. In light of this, there would be no justification for 'de-allocating' the site which

			would simply increase development pressures on less sustainable, greenfield sites elsewhere.
Given the decision by Liberal Democrats at the County Council to impose a congestion charge in Oxford can the Leader confirm if such a scheme could be imposed on towns like Witney?	Councillor Liam Walker	Councillor Andy Graham, Leader of the Council	The Council is not aware of any plans to introduce a congestion charge in towns like Witney. This type of measure is a responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council.
The County Council has announced changes to Household Waste Recycling Centres in Oxfordshire that will likely impact sites here in West Oxfordshire. There is a concern amongst residents that these changes could increase fly-tipping. Given that the clear up of fly-tipping is the responsibility of the District Council will there be extra resources for enforcement in West Oxfordshire?	Councillor Liam Walker	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment	We are currently reviewing resources within this area of the business against data – a business case will be put forward in due course