

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETINGS OF THE FULL COUNCIL

Question asked at meeting	Response Given at Meeting	Further Response
<p><i>Councillor Pritchard to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change</i></p> <p>I have noticed a significant improvement in the pathway following my question at the last Full Council regarding the pathway behind the Snooty Fox which runs along the Gatwick Stream. A lot of rubbish has been cleared on the riverbank. However, there is a lot of fencing that needs repairing or replacing and there is a lot of mud on the pathway, and I've seen in other areas where measures have been taken to mitigate the mud. Please can you kindly provide an update on whether you will be able to do anything about these issues?</p>	<p><i>Councillor Noyce, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change</i></p> <p>The Patch Teams have been out and the pathway has been cleared. The Patch Teams do wonderful work all over the town. The riverbanks were difficult areas to get to safely, but the waterworks team were able to address that. They are aware of the fence and looking at options to either repair or replace it in the near future. With regards to the muddy ground, it is an issue probably due to usage, and would be beneficial to mitigate the concerns. I'll update you when I have further information on that issue.</p>	<p><i>Councillor Noyce, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change</i></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Services team will visit the site this week to assess what works can be undertaken to repair the fence using our in-house works team. They will also look at what other types of materials can be used to improve the fencing in this area, taking into consideration its proximity to water and following this on-site assessment will advise further on the options available for replacement, which will need to be considered within the availability of current budgets.</p> <p>The path is currently unsurfaced and the Neighbourhood Services team will also look at options and obtain quotes to alleviate the mud on this pathway to make it easier for residents and the public to use.</p>
<p><i>Councillor Crow to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission</i></p> <p>We're now at the end of the Council year and all the Scrutiny meetings have taken place. One of the key things Scrutiny does is to act as a critical friend to the Cabinet and seek to add value. What do you feel over the last year where the</p>	<p><i>Councillor Ayling, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission</i></p> <p>I think that the Overview and Scrutiny Commission scrutinises all parts of the council and we do a good job of all items that come through at committee, such as homelessness and parking. I can come back to you on other items that have been scrutinised and added value.</p>	<p><i>Councillor Ayling, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission</i></p> <p>The role of Scrutiny is vital to democracy and good governance and the Commission does seek to add value and scrutinise items from across the Council's spectrum. When scrutinising the Community Warden Service, the Commission felt it was important to include a further recommendation to the Cabinet that the</p>

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<p>Overview and Scrutiny Commission has most added value to a Cabinet decision?</p>		<p>OSC receive an update on the newly formed Community Protection Team. Furthermore, following the budget and finance reports at the late January meeting, as a result of the costs being attributed to housing and in particular temporary accommodation, the Commission felt it would be beneficial to receive a detailed report on the rising costs and data attributing to these factors and this report was discussed in March. Effective financial scrutiny is one of the few ways that councils can assure themselves that their budget is robust and sustainable. The Commission does not just act 'as a critical friend' and continues to scrutinise performance management, policy development and partners, which includes amongst others the Transformation Plan, Staff Morale and Sickness, various strategies, and the Safer Crawley Partnership annual performance.</p>