

Council
29 November 2012
Written Questions to Cabinet Members

No.	Question from/to	Question	Response
1.	From Councillor Field to the Leader of the Council	Now that Cheltenham Borough Council have restricted the activity of 'chuggers' in the town centre, and adopted a code of conduct for these charity collectors, will Gloucester City Council follow suit?	The City Council already has a site management agreement (code of conduct) with the PFRA (Public Funding Regulatory Association) which controls and restricts activities of Chuggers. This came into effect on 20th August - a month before Cheltenham's scheme became operational. This only allows them to operate 3 days per week (Mondays & Thursdays in Northgate & Southgate streets and Wednesdays in Eastgate & Westgate streets), restricts the number of collectors and also limits where they can be located. Chuggers can no longer operate within a specified distance from The Cross (4 shops down from the Cross in each Gate street). The site management agreement also ensures a rapid response from PFRA to any complaints received from the public.
2.	From Councillor Field to the Cabinet Member for Environment	Two years ago in the budget meeting the Liberal Democrat Group amended the budget to include money in reserve for extra grass cuttings if needed, and also towards building a modern public convenience in Gloucester City Centre. What has happened to these funds - have they been spent - and if so on what?	<p>A Streetcare Reserve of £200,000 was established in February 2011 to provide flexibility to grounds maintenance operations and/or potential capital funding to build new public toilets within the City Centre.</p> <p>The sum has been fully allocated to support expenditure such as grounds maintenance equipment, grounds maintenance works and related ad-hoc sums in the Streetcare contract. As specific example, the funding has covered the cost of the city centre street washing equipment and city centre planters.</p>