

Paragraph 12.02 of Part 4 of the Rules of Procedure contained within the City Council's Constitution provides that a Member of the Council may submit a written question to any Cabinet Member.

This document informs Members of Council of written questions put to Cabinet Members and written replies thereto.

Council is recommended to RESOLVE to note the written questions submitted and corresponding responses.

No.	Question from/to	Question
1.	From Councillor Haigh to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure	Which charities will Marketing Gloucester be supporting with proceeds from the Gloucester Old Spot trail and how are the charities decided?
Response		
The Royal Three Counties Gloucester Old Spot trail starring "Henson" pig is an initiative being funded and delivered by Marketing Gloucester. The event is intended to support no more than three registered charities which will be chosen by the board of Marketing Gloucester. The Charities have not yet been chosen. Selection criteria will include supporting young people locally and having the infrastructure to assist in fundraising activities. The board of Marketing Gloucester all subscribe to Nolan principles.		
2.	From Councillor Haigh to the Cabinet Member for Environment	Poor air quality in the City has been identified as a serious issue affecting the health and life expectancy of the people of the City. The Department of Transport is offering funding to District Councils under the Air Quality Grant Scheme 2016-17 to implement Air Quality strategies. Can the Cabinet member state if the City has expressed an interest in applying for this funding and what it would be used for? If the scheme has not been applied for then what measures is he taking to improve air quality in the City?
Response		
There are currently three Air Quality Management Areas within Gloucester City (Barton Street, Priory Road and Painswick Road) where monitoring shows levels above the annual mean objective for NO ₂ (nitrogen dioxide). However the majority of the sites which the City Council monitor have seen the annual mean NO ₂ concentration decrease since 2013.		
The main source of air pollution in the City is from road traffic emissions. The County Council are the responsible local transport planning authority and we are working with them on a number of proposals to improve air quality including promoting alternative ways to travel, working with bus operators to upgrade their existing bus fleet with vehicles that are less polluting and promoting the use of electric vehicle charging points.		

An annual update report is produced on behalf of the City Council which reviews data gathered from the locations where we monitor NO₂ and progress made on actions to improve air quality. The City Council has expressed an interest in applying for funding jointly with the County Council.

We have recently reviewed the 25 locations where we monitor air quality and as a result of this review we have deployed NO_x tubes (tubes used for monitoring nitrogen dioxide levels in the atmosphere) at an additional 7 sites across the city which we will continue to monitor and review annually.