COUNTY COUNCIL – 13TH DECEMBER 2016

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
1.	Mr Antony Carpen	Councillor Mac McGuire	What plans does the county council have to digitise its collection of photographs, and what considerations has it made to develop an online service where it can sell large digital reproductions of old photographs and maps currently held in their library and what further considerations have the council made following the initial public meeting last year of the libraries service developing alternative funding streams, including but not restricted to people donating online?
2.	Mr Brian Milnes	Councillor Mac McGuire	I question the decision to remove from the default Gritting routes, New Road, Sawston, as it includes the entrances and exits to Sawston Village College. At peak times, much of New Road is effectively single lane, due to residents' parked cars. School bus routes on this stretch of road frequently produces gridlock at peak periods (start and end of school). If the roads are not "Gritted" with salt, and snowfalls are allowed to lie, there is clearly an aggravated risk of accidents in an area that teems with students on foot, bicycle, car and bus. Can the Council please provide the evidence from the risk assessment that concluded in the decision to remove New Road from the gritting programme?

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3.	Mr Jeremy Caddick	Councillor David Jenkins	As a resident of Cambridge, and a user of local health and care services, I am extremely concerned by the 'Sustainability and Transformation Plan', developed by the NHS and local government officers, for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, that has recently been published. Over the last few years there has been a very worrying deterioration in our local health and care services and experiments in privatisation of services have ended in disaster. I am very concerned that on top of huge savings already made, the STP published claims there will need to be a further £547m of annual savings made in the region by 2021. Earlier this year a senior NHS director Julia Simon, who quit shortly after, claimed the STP process is 'mad' and the plans contain a 'lot of lies'. I note that a recent only 16% of NHS finance directors think the STPs are financially achievable (National Health Executive survey). The King's Fund health think-tank is also warning the financial assumptions involved in the STPs require serious scrutiny. Other local councils, such as Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, have refused to sign up to their STP because of the cuts it would involve. Birmingham and Camden councils have led by publishing the plans with full detail.
			 I ask; When will the Council publish all the necessary appendices and drafts of the local STP to allow proper scrutiny by the public? What scrutiny has the committee undertaken of the financial plans, and the ability of services to deliver them, involved in the STP?
			 What assurances can the chairman give to local residents, who have been badly let down by NHS and social care cutbacks already, that saving £547 million annually can be achieved without rationing care or cutting the quality of service?

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4.	Ms Kerry Walpole Kerry is connected to the Save Nursery School Campaign. Parent of 3 children, 2 of who have been at Brunswick Nursery School and 1 child who is there currently. She has been instrumental in taking the campaign forward, and is extremely concerned about the future of nursery school. More details on the web site: http://www.savenurseryschools.org/ She is also a Governor at Cambridge Nursery Federation (Brunswick and Colleges nursery schools)	Councillor David Brown	In light of the growing cross parliamentary support for maintaining funding for Nursery Schools that are led by highly qualified teachers, will the County Council agree to meeting with the Head Teachers and governing body representatives of Nursery Schools in Cambridge with the aim of working together to persuade government to commit the funding Nursery Schools need to continue to provide quality education provision for the children and their families?