

Written Questions – 13 September 2007

1. From Councillor Herbert to the Leader, Councillor Nimmo-Smith and/or the Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth, Councillor Reid

On what dates before mid-July 2007 did the Leader and/or the Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth have progress briefings or meetings on congestion charging or TIF-related issues involving

a) county officers, or

b) city officers,

and when was the city council first informed at a meeting or formally that the county preferences were

i) for an 'area based' road pricing scheme ?

ii) for submitting its congestion charging proposals and TIF bid to Government in Autumn 2007?

Reply from Councillors Nimmo-Smith and Reid

The table below sets out details of the meetings involving the Leader or Executive Member or both and City Officers at which TIF¹ and congestion charging issues have been raised for briefing and or discussion. It does not include: open meetings of the Joint Strategic Forum on which both parties were represented; and meetings arranged for stakeholders and cross party groups of members. In addition to the meetings identified below, TIF and congestion charging will have been mentioned during informal discussion and briefings between the Leader/Executive Member and City officers.

The table indicates that:

1. the Executive member was first briefed on the design of the scheme and the proposal for an area based scheme on 9th July 2007; and
2. the Executive member was first briefed on accelerated timetable for the submission of TIF on 26th June 2007.

¹ The initial exploratory bid for TIF and the big strategic bid were progressed hand in hand. When the County bid for study money, government had already made it clear that there would be more (significant) money available later to bid for actually implementing schemes. The exact process (guidance, what would need to be in the business case etc) came out in the first quarter of 2007, but it had been made clear that it would do so. What has changed is that the County had originally intended to bid (if we chose to do so) towards the end of 2008, after the study had been completed and consulted upon, but subsequent events (in June 2007) convinced us of the need to bid earlier and consult afterwards, with the proviso that whatever was bid for could substantially change following the consultation.

Date	Subject	Briefing or Information to	Briefing or Information from	Form of Briefing/information
22 nd May 06	Update on Long Term Transport Strategy (LTTS) includes notice of successful County TIF bid that is likely to be linked to 'congestion charging'	Executive member for Planning & Transport	County Officer Report	Joint Planning and Transport Lead Members Meeting
24 th July 06	Ditto	Executive member for Planning & Transport	County Officer Report	Joint Planning and Transport Lead Members Meeting
16 th Oct 06	Identification of broad ways forward on TIF	Executive member for Planning & Transport + Officers	County Transport lead member + Officers	City/County lead member liaison meeting
14 th Sept 06	The process of looking at potential road charging schemes commenced, measures would be required: identification of schemes that would be needed for all demand management scenarios, both in and outside Cambridge; identification of measures that would be required specifically by various demand management options that were considered by the TIF study	Executive member for Planning & Transport	County Officer Report	Joint Planning and Transport Lead Members Meeting
6 th Nov 06	Further short update on progress with TIF	Executive member for	County Officer Report	Joint Planning and Transport Lead Members Meeting

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		Planning & Transport		
21 st Nov 06	LTTS and Cambridge East issues	City Members	County Officers	Briefing presentation
11 th Dec 06	Brief update on TIF	Executive member for Planning & Transport + Officers	County Transport lead member + Officers	City/County lead member liaison meeting
31 st Jan 07	Update on transport issues including principle of TIF	Executive member for Planning & Transport + Officers	County Transport lead member + Officers	City/County lead member liaison meeting
5 th March 07	Update of progress with LTTS and TIF	Executive member for Planning and Transport	County Officer Report	Joint Planning and Transport Lead Members Meeting
5 th March 07	TIF timescale	City Officer	County Officer	TIF and Cambridge Area Transport Study Steering Group
23 rd April 07	Discussion of TIF including cordon or area based scheme	City Officer	County Officer	TIF and Cambridge Area Transport Study Steering Group
21 st June 07	TIF and road user charging issues, including reference to an area based scheme	City Officer	County Officer	Information provided as part of briefing for Cambridge East public examination
26 th June 07	Discussion of TIF issues including timetable to submission in autumn 07	Executive member for Climate Change & Growth +	County Transport lead member + Officers	City/County lead member liaison meeting

Date	Subject	Briefing or Information to	Briefing or Information from	Form of Briefing/information
		Officers		
29 th June 07	Outline of emerging TIF/CATS study conclusions, including area based scheme	City Officer	County Officer	TIF and Cambridge Area Transport Study Steering Group
9 th July 07	Progress on TIF work including description of area based approach to charging	Executive member for Climate Change & Growth	County Officer Report	Joint Planning and Transport Lead Members Meeting
11 th July	Background to TIF bid from government perspective	Executive member for Climate Change & Growth	County Officer	Personal briefing
16 th July	TIF and Cambridge Area Transport Study	Members	County Officers	Plenary briefing
19 th July 07	TIF Issues	Leader and Executive member for Climate Change & Growth + officers	County Leader and lead member + officers	City-County meeting to discuss a range of issues.

2. From Councillor Newbold to the Executive Councillor for Environmental Services, Councillor C Rosenstiel

Can the Executive Councillor for Environmental Services confirm the projected tonnage of cardboard in year one tetrapack recycling that will actually get recycled, and the percentage of the total that will be shipped to Sweden for processing?

Reply from Councillor C Rosenstiel

All of the cartons and tetrapak collected from the new banks installed by Tetrapak will be shipped to a mill in Sweden for recycling. It is difficult to give tonnage information as we have only been operating this service since the end of July 2007. Tetrapak calculate that 0.2% of the waste stream is made up of cartons, however the City Council's latest waste compositional analysis shows significantly more than this at 1%. It is calculated that bring banks can collect 10% of that available tonnage. Based on total waste arisings for Cambridge last year, tonnage for cartons could range from 9.3 tonnes to 46.6 tonnes per annum.

Detail of calculation

$46,597 \times 0.2\% = 93$ tonnes 10% of this as a capture rate from recycling banks = 9.3 tonnes

$46,597 \times 1\% = 466$ tonnes 10% of this = 46.6 tonnes

At present Cambridge City has 7 banks for cartons at 4 sites (Sainsburys, Tesco's, Waitrose and the Beehive). These have been supplied by Tetrapak, who have subcontracted the emptying to a third party. Tetrapak are covering the cost of this service for a trial period of 2 years.

Between 70 - 90% of a carton is cardboard. During recycling the aluminium foil and polyethylene are separated from the fibre, which is recovered to make new paper products.