

Cabinet committees

At the full council meeting on July 20th we debated a change in the constitution to introduce four cabinet committees. Members of opposition including myself will be able to sit on these, which would be improvement on the current, cabinet only system. However, I voted against the proposal because it states that these meetings will not be open to the public. I think this wrong but my amendment to make them public failed narrowly and the proposal went through as is. It will be “reviewed” in a year and I will not let this lie.

Allowances

Also at the council meeting the administration also proposed allowance increases for the leader, deputy leader and all cabinet members but for no other councillors. I and most of my group voted against this. It is my belief that any changes to councillor allowances ought to be agreed before an election not just after it, so that public can have a say. Furthermore the move does nothing to encourage diversity of council candidates.

Water Street weight restriction

I have copied your chair into the latest correspondence on this with the engineer responsible. He has promised to get back to me with details on how the “scheme is progressing” although earlier he had said “early August”. I can only presume the timetable has slipped again.

Kind Regards,

Robert Lindsay County councillor Cosford