Statement by Cllr Andy Furse to Cabinet 04-Feb-09

Andrew Furse:

We will no doubt be told our youth service is rated as 'good' by OFSTED – that is great news and a credit to our staff. But we are not engaging with disaffected young people. We propose the reinstatement of funding to the youth service, bringing back detached youth workers. As an example there is only one youth worker in the city centre where there are a lot of disaffected young people.

There is no provision for improving home to school transport in the Conservative budget. We are bringing forward a proposal which will help with reducing congestion. Residents know if we can tackle the school run we'll be doing a service to our residents and help with air quality and pollution as well.