

The following question has been received from Councillor Cate Cody to the Lead Member for Clean and Green Environment. The answer is given by the Lead Member for Clean and Green Environment, Councillor Sarah Hands, but is taken as read without discussion.

	Question
1.	<p>The Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership held a Whole Partnership Gathering on 28 November 2023. The Forest of Dean, Stroud, Cheltenham and Cotswold Districts, plus County all had officers present.</p> <p>Additionally, GFirst LEP held a Gloucestershire Net Zero Conference on 29 November at which Tewkesbury Borough Council didn't appear to have any officers either.</p> <p>As we have now extended our Climate emergency to include the whole borough as well as an ecological emergency, please could we make sure that there is officer representation and engagement at events such as these in the future.</p>
	Answer
1.	<p>The Council will always endeavour to ensure attendance at partner led meetings by appropriate officers from across the Council where resources are available and existing commitments do not take priority.</p>