



WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE

DATE: 22 JAN 2020
SUBJECT: WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS
DIVISION: WOKING

2 x Written Member Questions have been received from Cllr Ann-Marie Barker, Liberal Democrat Group Leader and Councillor for Goldsworth Park

Question 1:

Lakers Youth Centre sadly suffered a fire 2 years ago this month. Since the fire the building has been left to deteriorate with little to no protection from the weather. What asset value did the Lakers Youth Centre building have:-

- i) Prior to the 2018 fire? and
- ii) What is the current asset value?

Answer

Surrey County Council (SCC) carries out valuations of its operational assets every 5 years.

Lakers Youth Centre was valued in 2013 at £371,000 (Existing Use Value).

The site was then re-valued in 2018, following the fire which partly destroyed the building, at £600,000 (if fully rebuilt) and estimated value of £420,000 for the impaired property. SCC has not carried out any further valuations since 2018.

Question 2:

Surrey has recently received the dubious accolade of being the pothole capital of the UK with more than three and a half thousand claims for pothole damage made in the first 10 months of 2019. What is being done to avoid Surrey being the pothole capital of the UK in future years?

Answer

Surrey County Council is working against a backdrop of increased demand on its highway network, and we repair approximately 50,000 potholes every year, from revenue funding, through our Reactive Service.

ITEM 2

In addition to this, we repair and prevent a further 25,000 to 30,000 potholes through one of our capital funding streams on the residential road network.

Our planned maintenance programme funds the resurfacing of all, or sections of, approx 20 roads a year, these roads are selected via a prioritisation process as outlined in our Asset Strategy (on the website). To clarify, this covers around 20 roads under the Major Maintenance Programme - but that will increase to 50 in 2020/21 due to the increased budget.

For the last 2 years we have received additional capital funding for Severe Weather Recovery, which has seen delivery of further resurfacing and patching work across the network and for the next 4 years we have been allocated some additional monies as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan to fund more road repairs.

In total, we do minor and major patching, major maintenance, and locally funded LSR across approx 200 roads.