

MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL - INFORMAL

18 JANUARY 2022

AMENDMENT OF MOTION

Item 4 (iii)

Amendment by Matt Furniss (Shalford) to the motion standing in the name of Catherine Powell

(additional words underlined in bold and deletions crossed through)

This Council notes that:

Surrey County Council has increased its investment into Surrey's roads and pavements by £24m per annum over the past 3 years.

In addition, Surrey Highways devotes a great deal of time and resource working with utilities companies to identify unmarked assets requiring repair. and making sure that they are kept temporarily safe until the utility makes a permanent repair to their asset.

The ~~two-year~~ **six-month** grace period granted to utility companies to leave in place temporary repairs before making permanent repairs can often have an adverse and unreasonable impact on residents and businesses.

Therefore, this Council calls upon the Leader and Cabinet to resolve to requests the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure to:

~~I. Lobby the Government to introduce a statutory requirement for local authorities and private utility companies to work in partnership and to use technology such as RFID (radio-frequency identification) in order to record the location, service history and other data of an asset, and to record and share asset data going forward~~

~~II. Lobby the Government to reduce the two-year period for permanent repairs to less than a year, and for utility companies to maintain a register of all such temporary repairs to be shared regularly with the relevant highway authority~~

I. Lobby the Government to:

- a. Reduce the interim reinstatement period from 6 months to 1 month;**
- b. Extend the 2-year guarantee period of utility repairs undertaken by utility companies to 5 years;**

- c. Introduce a timescale for repairs for 'Section 81' (of NRSWA) for Defective Apparatus, so that utilities must complete repairs in a short time period once reported of no more than 3 months.

Secunder: *TBC*