

MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

14 DECEMBER 2021

NOTICE OF ALTERATION OF MOTION

Item 9 (iii)

Catherine Powell (Farnham North) to propose to alter the motion standing in her own name under Standing Order 20.3(a) to read as follows:

This Council notes that:

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 requests the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure to call upon the Leader and Cabinet to resolve to:

- 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.**
 - d. 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 **to continue to improve the efficiency of work 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.~~