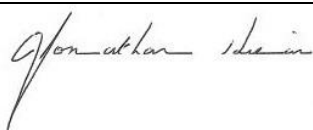


MEMBER'S WRITTEN QUESTION



Member submitting the question Mark Coker	
Date received by Chief Exec's Business Support: ChiefExecutiveBusinessSupportUnit@plymouth.gov.uk	
To the Cabinet Member for transport	
<p>Question</p> <p>In light of huge increases to electricity prices, what impact will this have on the departments budgets especially around street lighting costs? What plans are in place to fund this growing cost pressure?</p>	
<p>Answer:</p> <p>Electricity prices have risen considerably over the last few months – by as much as 40%. Whilst we are modelling future costs, we expect the increases to place pressure on the budget, This especially impacts on Highways due to the costs of lighting over 40,000 street columns. We are therefore looking at ways in which we can mitigate some of those increases through a range of cost saving measures across the whole of Street Services – and these are currently under review. One option under consideration in Highways is to invest in a Computer Management System that allows us to be 'smarter' in the way we light our streets, whilst maintaining safe streets for our residents.</p>	
Signed: 	Date: 27 July 2022

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