

QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR

Question submitted by: Councillor Mark Coker

To Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene, Councillor Bill Wakeham

Question:

Can we have by ward a schedule of road sweeping and weed clearing schedules?

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members)

We do not produce or maintain a ward by ward schedules for these activities.

Road Sweeping: The City is divided into North, South, East and West and operatives are given 12 weeks to cover their areas. They mark off on maps the areas they have completed.

Weed spraying: As previously advised we are using contractors to complete weed spraying and again they do this on a map based approach. The objective is to cover as much area as quickly as possible. We also have our own operatives working their way around the City Centre and Waterfront areas (Public Highway only) on a cyclical basis.

Weed removal: This is a reactive service and teams are currently deployed to tackle areas with the greatest challenge. We are now moving onto the Beacon Park area. Having completed the more worse areas in Keyham and Drake wards.

All work is very much subject to weather, crew availability, vehicle availability and other priorities. For example the clear up of a large number of unauthorised encampments this summer has meant resource has had to be pulled from the activities detailed above.

As part of the modernisation of Street Services the Alloy asset management and scheduling system is in the process of being rolled out across cleansing and grounds activities. In the future it is planned that all activities will be added to this digital system to move away from analogue paper based systems.

Signed:

Dated: 14th October 2022

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