

**QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR**

**Question submitted by: Councillor Mark Coker**

**To Cabinet Member:** Councillor Jonathan Drean

**Question:**

*During the wet weather of the night of 2nd nov' can you tell me how many extra teams of highways workers were used and the additional cost of this operation to clear blocked drains and gullies due to the leaf fall not being swept up?*

**Response:**

The number and cost of call-outs on Wednesday 2 November 2022 is laid out below:

24 call-outs  
2x2man team plus van  
2x Gulley Pumps each with 2man  
1x TM vehicle c/w 2man team  
Total Cost - £5909.36

There are a number of reasons why drains may not function correctly – these vary from a build-up of silt, leaf-fall and drains that are ill suited to the current rainfall, which has increased in volume and severity – a situation being experienced nationally, but especially, here in the South West. Furthermore, the night of 2 November was also stormy/windy and it is likely that much of the leaf fall occurred that evening, and could therefore not be swept up in time.

**Signed:**

**Dated:**

**14/11/2022**