

MOTION ON NOTICE



Date of Council Meeting: 19 May 2023

Title of Motion:

Fixing Plymouth's Roads

Motion Narrative and Action Required:

Potholes are something that we as councillors send in daily to the casework team as we understand that they cause huge issues to our residents. They are the bane of our residents lives and cause damage to their vehicles which can have untold consequences.

With thanks to the Conservative government, local authorities have received millions, £200 million alone in the budget in February to fix potholes. This is additional to the millions that the Conservative government has given local authorities to help fill potholes to make our roads better for residents across the city.

Under the previous administration, the contracts were signed for the velocity machine to come to Plymouth to fix and fill potholes around the city and we hope that this administration is committed to this technology to continue the hard work of the previous cabinet member for transport.

We have been contacted by many residents across our wards asking when the pothole issue would be sorted under this new Labour administration as during the election campaign. We shall wait to see when this happens, but at this moment in time, this doesn't seem to be happening.

It will have to remain to be seen if this Labour administration can fulfil one of their election pledges to "improve the speed and number of potholes filled". It must be remembered that the foundation of this policy is from the previous conservative administration who had peoples priorities at heart.

The council therefore agrees to ask the Cabinet Member to –

1. share how he intends to increase the speed at which potholes are filled in and to update council on the velocity machine;
2. Review and change the policy at which potholes are filled from 40mm to 20mm in order to make our roads better for our residents;
3. Changing the policy on potholes being filled to create a radius of 10 meters to fill in other potholes in area, to save teams visiting the same location.

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