

## QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC



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Question to be submitted no later than 5 clear working days before the meeting.

**Question submitted by:** Mrs M Routley

**To the Cabinet Member or Chair for:** Street Services

**To be asked at the next (Council, Cabinet or Planning Committee) Meeting:** City Council

**Date:** 15 September 2025

**Question (to be no longer than 50 words):**

*With the amount of potholes across the city, why can't the highways team use the machine that Vivien Pengelly secured for the city to use, prior to her death? This machine would fill most potholes in a short time and they would be sealed at the edges.*

**Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question?**

No.

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

We believe you are referring to the 'Velocity' machine which has proved very successful and we are continuing to commission this service. For your information Councillor Mark Coker instigated the roadmaster trial and the Velocity machines which we've been using since Labour were elected in 2023.

From the 31/03/25 to 31/08/25 Velocity have completed **2321** repairs, within those repairs there were **3705** defects and a total of **119m3** of material has been used covering a total area of **5231m2**.

In addition, we are operating a seek and repair team with SWH (led by PCC) where identified defects are being repaired in the traditional manner (where the Velocity process is not suitable) but over an extended area, this fiscal year has seen 32 sites across a variety of city wards delivered.

In fact, as a resident of Stanborough Rd, you will have noticed recently that the central part of the road has been repaired from Reservoir Road to Church Road and re-lining the centre of the road

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followed this. This was in response to your ward councillors referring the concerns of residents to the Highways team and a site visit with a member of the Highways team.