

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 23 MAY 2019

**Question to Helen Fisher
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**

By Paul Northcott

Question

We have heard about the extra 20k allocated for each member of the Council. Could the Cabinet Member for Highways outline the steps presently being taken to facilitate and improve capacity to meet the members' DHP requests for timely work to be undertaken in their respective divisions?

Reply

As every single member will know, last year we had spending controls in place to support the development of our MTFS. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding where this affected services you come in to regular contact with, such as the Community Highways Teams, where in some parts of the County these vacancies have meant response rates from the remaining staff have been slow.

I am pleased to report that the Community Highways team have just completed a recruitment process to fill longstanding vacancies in the team. New staff will be in post within the next couple of months. This will help the team to facilitate the delivery of the £20k Life Enhancing Maintenance Funding and DHP requests from members.

In addition, Amey have allocated an extra engineer to oversee the implementation of the more significant works identified by members for the £20k Life Enhancing Maintenance Funding.

The highways team has a strong appreciation of the importance of these initiatives and will continue to work hard to successfully deliver both programmes across the county.