

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 11TH OCTOBER 2018

**Question to Mark Winnington
Cabinet Member for Economic Growth**

By Maureen Compton

Question

Given the possibility that Jaguar/Land Rover might leave the UK and relocate to Europe after BREXIT, has the County Council had any discussions about this threat?

Reply

The Commissioner for Business & Enterprise Anthony Hodge sits on the i54 Executive Steering Group which periodically holds its meeting at the JLR Engine Manufacturing Centre (EMC) on i54, where JLR senior personnel attend a part of the meeting. The latest such meeting was held at the EMC in September 2018 with the Deputy Plant Director, and the UK Head of Property for JLR present. Although Brexit was mentioned and the impact on sales due to the issues around diesel, the feedback from the Deputy Plant Director was upbeat, and he was forecasting the output of the 1 millionth engine by the end of the year.

There were no statements about JLR pulling out of the UK. In the last month JLR, as a company, has taken on 500 new graduates and apprentices in the UK.