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Councillor Caro Wild,
Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport,
County Hall,
Atlantic Wharf,
Cardiff CF10 4UW.



Dear Councillor Wild,

Environmental Scrutiny Committee – 2nd April 2019

On behalf of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee I would like to thank you and the officers for attending the Committee meeting on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 to discuss the 'Highways Resurfacing Programme'. The comments and observations made by Members on the areas relevant to your portfolio of responsibility are set out in this letter.

Highways Resurfacing Programme

In previous years, when the 'Highways Resurfacing Programme' was published the complete list of schemes in Cardiff was provided to all Members. This didn't happen in 2018/19 and Members were only provided with details of schemes in their wards; this made it difficult to find out where the Council was planning to carry out other highways resurfacing work. Members felt that receiving information for all of Cardiff was particularly useful since, for example, it would help them see where schemes were being delivered that might have a direct impact on their ward. The Committee asks that you provide all Members with a complete list of the 'Highways Resurfacing Programme' for 2019/20.

Members ask that you make the 2019/20 'Highways Resurfacing Programme' available for scrutiny before it is published so that they can review the proposals and provide feedback. I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with this information as soon as it becomes available.

During the meeting a Member asked what happened to the proposed schemes that were included on the 'long list' for 2018/19, and asked if these would be prioritised for the 'Highways Resurfacing Programme' in 2019/20. An officer explained that it would be reconsidered for the 2019/20 'Highways Resurfacing Programme', however, it would be assessed on its merits against other proposed schemes. Members understood the rationale behind the response, but for the purpose of clarity have asked for:

- A copy of the 2018/19 'long list' for the 'Highways Resurfacing Programme';
- A copy of the process that is used when creating the 'Highways Resurfacing Programme' that includes detail on how schemes on the 'long list' are managed from year to year.

To help understand the approach taken in prioritising schemes for the 'Highways Resurfacing Programme' Members felt that they would benefit from job shadowing a Highways Engineer while he or she assessed a length of road. I would be grateful if you could ask someone from the Planning, Transport & Environment Directorate to liaise with Scrutiny Services to arrange a suitable time such a visit.

At the meeting I asked if it would be possible for the Planning, Transport & Environment Directorate to provide a list of pavements currently in need of repair. An officer explained that this could be done. I would be grateful if you could arrange for a copy of this list to be provided to the Committee.

I would be grateful if you would consider the above comments and provide a response to the content of this letter.

Regards,



Councillor Ramesh Patel
Chairperson Environmental Scrutiny Committee

Cc:

- Andrew Gregory - Director of Planning, Transport & Environment
- Matt Wakelam – Assistant Director, Street Scene
- Gary Brown - Operational Manager Assets, Engineering & Operations
- Davina Fiore - Director of Governance & Legal Services
- Members of Cardiff's Environmental Scrutiny Committee