

QUESTIONS NOT ASKED AT FULL COUNCIL ON 13TH JULY 2017 DUE TO THE TIME LIMIT FOR QUESTIONS AS STATED IN THE CONSTITUTION AND THEREFORE ANSWERED UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 39

Question to the Chairman of the Finance and Major Contract Management Committee from Councillor Helen-Ann Smith

Would the Chair of the Finance and Major Contracts Committee agree to do a review, of our current waste management contract with Veolia. I would like us to be able to look into whether an adaption to the contract could be made to allow District and Borough Councils to introduce food waste recycling?

Response from Councillor Richard Jackson, Chairman of the Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee

The Finance and Major Contract Committee would be happy to look at the Veolia contract to review its performance and establish what, if any, changes can be made during the life of the contract.

I am led to believe that the major obstacle to the collection of food waste is not the inability of Veolia to manage the food, but the costs incurred by the waste collection authorities in collecting it separately from the kerbside in the first place.

Before undertaking a review of the Veolia Contract I think it may be more worthwhile identifying which, if any, of the Borough and District Councils would wish to implement a kerbside food waste collection service. This would of course be a matter for the Place Committee which may wish to consider the matter before asking officers in the Waste Management service to discuss this matter with colleagues in the borough and district councils and report back in due course.

Question to the Chairman of the Communities and Place Committee from Councillor Kevin Greaves

Is the Chairman of the Communities and Place Committee aware of the £3 million set aside in the current council's budget for the development of the Ollerton roundabout and the £500,000 for a combined foot and cycle path that would run from the A60 Millhouse roundabout down the A57 and will he be honouring Nottinghamshire County Council's commitment to these projects?

Response from Councillor John Cottee, Chairman of the Communities and Place Committee

I shall break my answer into two parts and deal with Ollerton Roundabout first.

The 2017/18 County Council budget does not currently, and did not previously, have an allocation of £3m towards improvements to Ollerton roundabout.

This Council has been allocated £3.008m from the National Productivity Investment Fund in 2017/18; and this funding must be spent during 2017/18. One option for the use of this funding was the development and delivery of an improvement scheme at

Ollerton roundabout. However, after careful consideration, it was evident that the Ollerton scheme could not be delivered during 2017/18, so, in accordance with the stated priorities of the new administration, the NPIF money is now being allocated to road maintenance projects countywide.

Nevertheless, a bid to the County Council's Pre-development Fund has secured £30,000 towards an engineering and traffic capacity assessment, and review of the costs, for the safeguarded Ollerton scheme. The review is due to conclude in Autumn 2017 and is designed to develop the scheme to a stage where it is "shovel ready" for construction, in the event that there are future opportunities to submit bids for funding.

Secondly, I refer to the combined foot and cycle path and road maintenance project intended to run from the A60 Millhouse roundabout down the A57. A capital funding underspend of £800,000 for the whole project was carried forward from 2016/17 to 2017/18.

I reiterate this administration is very clear that its most immediate priority with regard to highways projects is road maintenance and repair. Therefore, we believe that this capital funding should be used to prioritise the road maintenance aspect of the A57 works, and other road maintenance works across the county.

I am aware that there have been some casualty incidents in this road area in recent years, but not to a level which justifies a bespoke road safety scheme to be prioritised at this location in comparison with other more justifiable sites in the county, particularly a foot and cycle path scheme as difficult and expensive to engineer as the one planned.

Officers from the highways team met with Councillor Greaves to discuss this matter yesterday (12th July), and I am happy to meet with him personally to examine any other ways we might proceed, such as attempting to seek funding from external sources.