

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TO CABINET – 25 February 2021

Question 1

Councillor Nigel Shaw, Bromyard Bringsty Ward

I was pleased to hear that the Councils contractual disputes with Amey have now been settled. Can the cabinet member confirm the total sum already released from the settlement reserve for road repairs and also the sum remaining in the settlement reserve which, I presume, he now intends to be spent on road repairs additional to the annual plan in the coming financial year?

Response

A sum of £5.545 million has already been released from the settlement reserve. The balance on the reserve is £3.3 million. Cabinet will consider the best options for releasing the reserve now the dispute has been settled.

Supplementary Question

Can the Cabinet Member reassure councillors that this sum will be spent to rectify those issues for which it was awarded in respect of matters pertaining to the Amey contract?

Response

The cabinet member finance and corporate services responded that the funds would be spent in a value for money way. The council now had a number of different ways for determining value for money and would be looking at the council's priorities for the best way to spend the funds and how to get the best return for the people of Herefordshire. The detail of how this might be done was yet to be determined.

The cabinet member transport and infrastructure added that he would be making the case to spend as much of these funds on his portfolio as possible.