

**Supplement 2** to the agenda**Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee**

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<b>Questioner:</b>	Peter McKay, Leominster
<b>Question:</b>	Would you review the text of the Long List item in your work programme to ensure that it covers both the specific highway and path record issues I suggested be a topic for scrutiny back in December 2022, namely the process for addressing long standing anomalies, etc., in our highway and path records, such as those that Leominster Town Council has requested be addressed as part of the 2021-41 Place Shaping Local Plan, and the Green Lanes shown as footpaths that come about due to use of the non-statutory term CRF, which your research guidance glossary advises where intended to be shown as RUPP's, but were shown as footpaths with use by others than walkers being extinguished in 2031, along with some indication of when could expect scrutiny of these two specific aspects of the highway and path records?
<b>Response:</b>	Yes, the committee will review the Long List as requested and will respond on the substance of the question at the next public meeting.



<b>Questioner:</b>	Councillor David Hitchiner
<b>Question:</b>	<p>Appendix 6 of Item 7 refers to £556,100 of s106 money from phosphate credits. As I recall, this is money required to keep the wetlands operating for 40 years so of a different character to other s106 monies which are to be spend over a relatively short period.</p> <p>So far as I know, these monies will not accrue interest although the council currently benefits from investing at a rate of c5%. Could the Committee consider recommending that funds be ring-fenced and invested appropriately (maybe including a portfolio of shares) and as a minimum they should be increasing from the date of receipt at the 5% rate. The alternative is that the money in the pot devalues each day due to inflation and the intention that there is enough money to pay for maintenance and repair, to the detriment of future generations of council tax payers.</p>
<b>Response:</b>	<p>Thank you for your suggestion; we will consider it under item 7 of the meeting.</p>

