COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TO CABINET – 21 JULY 2022

Question 1

From: Councillor P Howells, Ledbury West ward
To: Cabinet Member, infrastructure and transport

In January 2022 Cabinet approved the insourcing of the Public Rights of Way and Traffic Regulation Order Services from the Public Realm Contract delivered by Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP). Could the Cabinet Member please update us on the progress made to complete the insourcing so these services are fully operational again?

We are particularly concerned in Ledbury that two Speed Indicator Devices which it took two years to commission and get operational, have not been in operation since the change-over and we have no indication yet when they will return – leaving the bases we have paid for lying idle. When will normal service be resumed and what have been the reasons why the service stopped (obviously presumed as just being temporary) on the handover? Is the PROW service in full operation or is it delayed similarly?

Response

The Public Rights of Way and Traffic Management team has successfully completed its transfer to Herefordshire Council from BBLP. However, the team has experienced significant personnel changes recently and still holds a number of vacancies which in turn are affecting its capacity. These posts are currently at various stages of recruitment in an effort to enhance the team and get it up to full strength.

We are keen to resume the Speed Indicator Devices programme as soon as possible and as resources allow. Our priority will be to engage with communities already involved in the SIDS programme, with a view to expanding the programme once current commitments have been addressed.