

Question from Councillor Mark Flewitt (as a resident) to the Executive Councillor for Public Protection, Waste and Transport

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“Can the Portfolio Holder confirm to me that there is currently a review being undertaken as to the drop kerb process and can he give some indication as to the time expected to be taken and the sort of changes that he hopes will be made?”

Answer

Cllr Flewitt’s question relates to the cost of constructing a vehicle crossover following concerns raised with him by local residents who felt the prices being quoted by contractors were too high.

Under the former policy, the Council directly commissioned works through the term contractors - under the new policy residents can seek quotes directly from companies on the tender list.

In order to reassure Members that the prices quoted are reasonable, officers have conducted a bench mark exercise assessed against the Council’s new highways contractors.

Notwithstanding the increased costs of materials and any differences in location of proposed crossovers, the outcome of this exercise has suggested that some prices quoted may exceed the bench marked figures.

Officers are therefore considering options to seek to bring greater consistency to this cost and ensure all residents receive good value for money. It is anticipated this will be completed by the end of the summer period.