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Dear Councillor

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2020

Please find enclosed, the questions from members of the public and the relevant responses taken at the meeting of the Place Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 1st September, 2020.

Yours faithfully

Tim Row

Principal Democratic Services Officer

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Place Scrutiny Committee

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1 September 2020

**Question 1 from David Webb to Councillor Woodley
(Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Transport, Capital
and Inward Investment)**

Please can I ask the portfolio holder what roads will be resurfaced in 2019 - 2020 and how much will it cost?

Answer

Resurfacing for 2019-20 has been completed at a cost of £2,139,349m.

The resurfacing for 2020/21 is now underway and expected to be completed by the end of March 2021 at a cost of £2,232,690m.

All information on the roads being resurfaced can be found on our website:

<https://www.southend.gov.uk/roads-pavements/highways-investment-programme-september-2019-march-2020/1>

**Question 2 from David Webb to Councillor Robinson
(Cabinet Member for Business, Culture and Tourism)**

What was the cost for each item of the running cost, each item for revenue in Westcliff Library, and overall did they make a profit and lost in 2018 - 2019, 2019 - 2020?

Answer

Thank you for the question Mr Webb. Libraries are public services invested in by Southend Borough Council and whilst we offer some services with costs attached to improve our financial position, they are not set up to produce a profit. The costs and income to the nearest thousand for the two financial years requested are set out below. A single branch library in isolation does not show the full range of services we provide to Westcliff residents as it is part of a wider network in Southend.

	2018/19	2019/20
costs		
Employees	£ 49k	£57k
Premises	£25k	£23k
Supplies / services	£8k	£4k
Internal service charges	£14k	£18k
Depreciation	£31k	£33k
Income		
Room hire	£0	£3k
Charges	£2k	£2k
Sales	£6k	£6k
photocopies / plans	£1k	£1k