

## COUNTY COUNCIL: 13TH OCTOBER 2020

### Agenda Item No.8(d) – Motion from Councillor Ian Manning

Alteration proposed by Councillor Mark Howell

Additions in bold and deletions shown in strikethrough

Council notes:

- The recent overspend and delays to the Fendon Road roundabout project, caused by utility providers being unable to notify this Council of the location of their cabling.
- That identifying the location of such underground infrastructure which is not the responsibility of this authority has caused delays in multiple other Highways projects.
- The motion to this Council from Cllr Bailey on 20th March 2018, listed on the agenda as item 10b.

Council believes that:

- The public perception is that this Council is responsible for mismanaging these projects.
- ~~At least in part~~ **This** is incorrect as the underground infrastructure locations should be a responsibility of the utility providers.
- The number of delays, minor and major, caused by missing or incomplete and inaccurate information about underground infrastructure and the costs of protecting it add up to a significant overall cost to this Council.
- Accurate data is available, but spread across multiple data sources, which urgently need bringing together.
- ~~If this belief is accurate~~ Government should support **all Councils** ~~us~~ in working with the utility providers to improve the accuracy of the information.

Council resolves to:

- Ask officers to publish the response from UK Power Networks (UKPN) at the time to Councillor Bailey's motion, and detail what, if anything has changed since then, including any actions outstanding from this Council.
- **Ask officers to prepare a paper for Highways and Transport Committee within three months of this motion to report on the extent to which there are significant time and/or cost delays as a result of Utility company information and to recommend whether a meeting should be held with the relevant Government minister and utilities companies to discuss ways in which the issues can be improved and resolved.**
- ~~— Ask officers to prepare an audit of the last three years of minor and major infrastructure projects which involved requests for information on underground infrastructure from utility companies and the eventual accuracy of that information and the costs of protecting that apparatus. This audit should include, for each project:~~
- ~~— A basic classification of the accuracy of the information provided (accurate, partially accurate, inaccurate, no response).~~

- ~~Measured by time and cost, any delays due to partially accurate, inaccurate or no response to requests for information.~~
- ~~Present this audit to the Highways & Transport Committee, with the intention that, if it shows significant time and/or cost delays, committee should call a meeting with the relevant Government minister and utilities companies to discuss ways in which the issues can be improved and resolved.~~