



Business, Planning and Transport Policy and Scrutiny Committee Briefing

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Transport

- 1.1 On the 23rd September 2016, the decision was taken to implement a trial of 20mph Limits, in proximity to schools and where there have been speed related concerns. I can now feedback that approximately 30 schools will be included in the trials, as well as the: Shirland Road and Elgin Avenue area, and the Greater Bryanston area.
- 1.2 The 20mph limit trials will also be accompanied by a comprehensive Communications Plan, in order to keep key stakeholders informed on the progress of the trials.

2 Highways

2.1 The table below shows the performance for reactive responses for highways.

	January Performance		February Performance		Target from 1 April 14	Previous Contract Target
Priority 1 (2 hour)	90%	↑	98%	↑	98%	98%
Priority 2 (24 hour)	99%	↔	98%	↓	98%	95%
Priority 3 (10 day)	95%	↑	91%	↓	98%	90%
Priority 4 (28 day)	87%	↔	92%	↑	98%	83%

- 2.2 As indicated by the table above, the departments Performance levels were achieved for both 2 and 24 hour jobs, but below Service Level Agreement (SLA) target for 10 and 28 day jobs. On reflection, this was primarily caused by a 42% increase in the volume of 24-hour jobs, which are classed as emergency call outs. This has directly impacted on the delivery of 10-day and 28-day jobs during February.
- 2.3 **PPM Footway 2016/17** - The final 2016/17 Adhoc Footway Scheme, on Cuthbert Street Footway, was completed on the 24th March 2017.
- 2.4 **PPM Carriageway 2016/17** – The Goldney Road Works were completed on the 31st March 2017. In addition, Woodfield Place has been planned for the 5th July 2017. This is to accommodate the Local Safety Scheme that is already being undertaken in the vicinity.

2.5 **PPM Drainage Further Works 2016/17** - The following locations currently have pending works due over the coming weeks, in order to address various issues:





- Princes Mews: A new gully pot is due to be installed.
- Bentinck Street: There will be a deep excavation in Maida Vale, in order to accommodate the installation of new drainage system.

2.6 PPM Infrared Rhino Patch 2016/17

- Ashmill Street - start date: 10/04/2017
- Queens Grove - start date: 11/04/2017
- St Annestart - date: 12/04/2017
- Shirland Road - start date: 13/04/2017
- Droop Street - start date: 18/04/2017
- Bickenhall Street - 20/4/2017
- Maunsell street - start date: 24/04/2017
- Bryston Place - start date: 26/04/2017
- Penfold Street – start date: 01/05/2017

2.7 **The PPM Cabinet Member Report** was ratified on the 6th April 2017 and subsequently, has been given approval to proceed. The gross capital expenditure for PPM, in 2017/18, is £12.8m.



2.8 The table below shows the performance for reactive responses for lighting.

	January Performance		February Performance		Target from 1 April 14	Previous Contract Target
Priority 1 (2 hour)	100%		99%		100%	98%
Priority 3 (48 hour)	100%		99%		98%	90%

2.7 Performance on both service levels has exceeded the SLA for both January 2017 and February 2017.

3 Highways

3.1 The table below shows the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for failure to correctly apply for Permits to work. This includes both utilities and our own contractors. Individual trends, with each utility or contractor, are followed-up at service meetings to ensure performance issues are promptly tackled.

	January Performance		February Performance		Target
FPNs	74		108		60

3.2 The table below shows the volume of Utility works, Cranes on the highway, and Road Closures across the entire network. The Council has a statutory duty to reduce disruption from works, but cannot refuse reasonable utility, crane, or road-closure requests.

	January Performance	February Performance	Previous three months' average
Utility Works	2060	2423	2287
Crane Licences	122	141	145
Road Closures	177	180	161

4 Parking

4.1 I can confirm that tariff changes have now come into effect in G zone (Embankment area) and B zone (Paddington area). These changes have increased the tariff in G zone from £4.50 an hour to £4.90 an hour, and in B zone, from £2.70 to £2.90. These measures have been taken to manage demand and reduce congestion, in what have been problematic areas.

4.2 Electronic Vehicles (EV) and Plug-In Hybrid Electronic Vehicles (PHEV), who have traditionally enjoyed free parking in the City, are now subject to a nominal 10 minute charge. This will entitle them to park up to the maximum stay duration, which is typically 4 hours. The introduction of this charge will allow the Council to gain more data on the growth of these types of vehicles in the City, and ensure charging infrastructure is in place to meet these changes.

4.3 The Parking service has introduced and incorporated dedicated ‘Air Quality Champions’ to specifically engage with motorists on the issue of Engine Idling. The first two Marshals were deployed in LEN area (F zone) from the 25th April.

4.4 A new and updated version of the Parkright app has been released to the App stores, providing drivers with better real time availability and a slicker parking experience in the City.

4.5 The Council and ZipCar were winners of the recent ‘Parking Partnership Award’, at the 2017 British Parking Awards. This was awarded for our efforts in converting 25% of the car club fleet to zero emission capable vehicles.

5 Pedicabs

5.1 On the 4th April, Cllr David Harvey and I wrote to Andrew Jones MP, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, to highlight the on-going issues caused by Pedicabs in Westminster. As a result of the letter, Cllr Harvey and I were offered a meeting to discuss these issues with the Minister, however, due to the announcement of the General Election; this meeting has been pushed back until further notice. Both Cllr Harvey and I will be in contact with Andrew Jones MP shortly after the General Election to ensure this meeting continues as planned.