

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
Wednesday 11 MAY 2022

1. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR BAILEY
Re: 20mph Zones and Timescales

Please can the portfolio holder for highways confirm.....

- (a) how many communities applied for 20mph zones
- (b) when will communities be notified whether they have been successful
- (c) what is the timescale for rolling out the new schemes.

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HUGHES

I am pleased to report that there has been a huge amount of engagement from our Communities in this process with 100 applications received. Our traffic management team are currently reviewing applications and prioritising in accordance with the ranking tools we shared in December.

I have asked that a Report is prepared for Cabinet to consider at our July meeting which will show applications in priority order with a recommendation on schemes to progress with budgets available for this financial year. It is likely that 4 or 5 schemes will be progressed.

Agreed schemes will be developed and implemented during the current financial year, subject to democratic process.

It is clear that not all requests will be delivered and consideration will be needed as to how we continue to build on this work in future years.

2. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR BAILEY
Re: Policy in relation to Goods and Services from Russia

Please can the portfolio holder for corporate services confirm does DCC have any policy in respect of any goods and services bought directly or indirectly from Russia?

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HART

Since March 2022, the Cabinet Office has operated a policy for Government departments as to the UK Government's application of financial and investment sanctions aimed at encouraging Russia to cease actions which destabilise Ukraine.¹

The policy asks contracting authorities to look out for any commercial ties with organisations linked to Russia and Belarus and to consider terminating any such contracts in accordance with their terms and conditions if an alternate supplier can be sourced in line with value for money, affordability, and with minimal disruption to public services.

Devon County Council is working in line with this policy and has undertaken checks on this basis. No such links have been found across the Council's contracts. The Council's procurement service has also written to numerous key suppliers drawing attention to this matter and requesting that they review their supply chains accordingly, disclose to DCC any such exposure, and to inform us of any steps they are taking to distance themselves from such exposure (if applicable).

The Council is being vigilant to this issue and is applying Government policy.

¹ Procurement Policy Note PPN 01/22 published March 2022, weblink:

[Procurement Policy Note 01/22: contracts with suppliers from Russia and Belarus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/procurement-policy-notes/ppn-01-22-contracts-with-suppliers-from-russia-and-belarus)