

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

Action Sheet - Place Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting	Action to be Taken	By Whom	Action Taken
20.06.23	<p>Item 7: Adoption of the Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP) 2023-2028</p> <p>Type of claims pursued in relation to vehicle drivers causing damage to highways / street furniture and of those claims how many had the Council been successful in reclaiming costs.</p> <p>The Number of complaints received in relation to potholes.</p> <p>The cost to the Council over the last two years in relation to claims and the insurance excess of £250,000.</p> <p>The resident information leaflet to be revisited that was to be produced by Tai Calon in relation to who has the responsibility for maintenance of car parks, steps, etc on housing estates.</p> <p>In relation to Section 106 Agreements, could these be explored to raise funds to support infrastructure when building new housing estates.</p>	<p>Matthew Stent</p> <p>Dave Watkins</p> <p>Dave Watkins</p> <p>Dave Watkins</p> <p>Ellie Fry / Steve Smith</p>	<p>Briefing note attached (Attachment 1).</p> <p>The number of complaints received through My Council Services (MCS) and recorded on the Council's Mayrise system in respect of potholes in the highway over the past two years was as follows:</p> <p>2021/22 – 847 2022/23 – 989</p> <p>Briefing note attached from Resources (Attachment 2).</p> <p>Tai Calon have been contacted and the advice given was that although there was some discussion around the development of a public information leaflet the leaflet was never actually published.</p> <p>S106 contributions cannot be used to substitute what is a statutory function of the Council.</p>

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			<p>They can be used to require infrastructure (or improvements thereto) to make a development acceptable in cases where without those works, the planning application would be refused.</p> <p>It is possible to pool s106 contributions subject to each agreement meeting the legal tests in each case and also subject to limitation of 5 agreements (since 2010) that can be pooled.</p> <p>It is open to councils to introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This is the recommended route for pooling contributions. Some councils in the region operate a CIL which is effectively a land tax on each scheme and often levied by £X per sqft/dwelling. Anecdotally the feedback is that it is operating with mixed success. It works best in areas where there is clear viability (ie profit margin) on developments. The last time BGCBC looked at the issue, with the exception of small parts of Ebbw Vale there was insufficient viability on our sites to justify introducing CIL. That remains our position.</p> <p>Actions complete: 18.07.2023</p>