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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Response by the Portfolio Holder:

Back in 2017 Highways Grounds Street Scene had 7 jetter gully sucker units, it was cut to 6 in 2018 and this was cut again to 4 in April 2019. Following these cuts the Department have tried to implement a county road gully programme, based around the strategic routes, but this just does not seem to work as there was always some adhoc work required or the Trunk Road Agency need the resource for Welsh Government roads. In addition to this the 4 Jettors currently work 30% of the year on trunk road and this income assist the service in maintaining the 4 vehicles.

Highways Operations are hoping the seasonal working due to start in the South in April 2022 will see the gully emptier being used for longer days in the summer and therefore the Trunk road programme will be completed in fewer days hopefully allowing more County road works. The Highways Team will detail this increase in productivity and it can be used as evidence to help push for seasonal working Countywide.