

North Devon Council

STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE: 6 MARCH 2023

Notice of Motion on Potholes submitted by Councillor Tucker to Council on 22 February 2023 that has been referred to the Strategy and Resources Committee for consideration.

“Motion on Potholes – Notice of Motion from Councillor Tucker

The potholes this winter have increased significantly in number in North Devon and are becoming dangerous and causing a lot of damage to vehicles. It was reported on BBC Spotlight that up until 20 January, 4,156 potholes were recorded in the Devon County Council area, compared with 3,494 in January 2022. That's just the ones that the public have reported and our roads are getting into a real state in many areas. The Department of Transport claims that on average about £1bn is being spent nationally each year on road maintenance. This is nowhere near enough to meet the challenges faced in our area. Devon alone could spend the annual amount this year.

Council requests:

1. That our M.P. raises the lack of funds for road maintenance with Government ministers.
2. That Team Devon be asked to speak to the M.P's for their areas about this problem.
3. That this Council supports Devon County Council in any campaign they might undertake to persuade the Government to provide more funds so that the potholes can be repaired and roads resurfaced on a more regular basis.”