

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 26 JULY 2023 MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Ray Godwin for response by the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport:-

“The state of our road infrastructure both nationally and locally is crumbling, I see this every day in my professional role as a driver of a large goods vehicle and also have it reported daily from residents within my ward.

Given that additional to individual taxation, that the amount of Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) collected by national government last year was around £7.1 billion (2021/22) up from £6.9 billion the previous year and fuel duty is at the highest levels ever, averaging between £24.3 billion and £25.9 billion per year between 2021 / 2023 equivalent to £867 per household per year or 0.9 per cent of national income.

What is the allocated amount of funding to this council from central government for the repair and maintenance of the roads in our borough and could you supply a rough estimate on what this borough would actually require to not only patch potholes but to repair and resurface our roads to a standard expected by motorists and residents in our communities?”