

Minutes



Formal Council Questions and Responses

Date: 16 October 2024

1 Question to the Leader : 2024/37 - Pay Per Mile road scheme

Councillor Fouweather asked:

Yesterday at Full Council you were asked a question on whether you supported a 'pay-per-mile' road scheme that has recently been debated in the Senedd and Westminster.

You said that you support the final recommendations of the Burns Report issued in 2021. You were very enthusiastic in supporting the Burns Report. You then went on to rule-out congestion charging in Newport. You oppose congestion charging.

However, a pay-per-mile scheme for the M4 around Newport (a road user scheme) is included as recommendation in the Burns Report.

There is a difference between a nationwide pay-per-mile scheme and localised congestion charging in a City Centre.

For clarification, do you also oppose the recommendation in the Burns Report for a pay-per-mile scheme on the M4 motorway as well as opposing congestion charging in Newport.

The Leader responded:

The Council provided comment on all the recommendations contained within the final Burns report when it was published in 2021.

Whilst many of the proposals had the potential to deliver significant benefits to the city, the Council did not support all the recommendations contained in the report.

The council was and remains clear in that it does not support any proposal for the introduction of any road user charging across the city, M4 distance charging or M4 tolling.

Whilst the Council's position remains consistent and clear, it should be noted that Welsh Government is the highway authority for the M4 not the City Council.