

COUNCIL 11 December 2024

Item 16 – Questions: Written Responses

2 Cllr N Cook

Written Response

Middlewich Road, Sandbach was recently surface dressed as part of the Cheshire East Highways Level 3 carriageway programme. As part of the scheme all road markings are replaced and improvements made where applicable.

Our routine highways safety inspections focus on safety-related signs and markings as a priority to maintaining safety on our roads. Give way and stop signs and road markings are prioritised under these inspections. Where identified, works will be carried out in the relevant timescale to replace them. Any other road markings are not prioritised but will be considered for future works when non-urgent works are carried out.

There are currently no works planned to improve the signs or road markings in the 2024-5 financial year on the length of Middlewich Road, Sandbach.

7 Cllr H Moss

Written Response

Cheshire East Council commissions an organisation called PeoplePlus to provide employment guidance to people who use direct payments for care and support. PeoplePlus support all aspects of recruitment including advertising, shortlisting and interviewing prospective personal assistants (PAs). They can also help with carrying out employment checks such as references and clearance with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). PeoplePlus will ensure that the direct payment recipient has the right employment policies and insurances in place, and they will provide training for the direct payment recipient and their employees or personal assistant. They are one of a number of organisations that provide a payroll service.

Cheshire East Council are in the process of launching a joint recruitment campaign for Community Reablement Services, Shared Lives and Personal Assistants to support Cheshire East residents who receive their personal budget as a direct payment.

A collaborative approach is being undertaken to positively promote adult social care job opportunities in Cheshire East, to attract people into the sector who are interested in supporting people to live independently.

For those people employing a personal assistant it is important to note PeoplePlus will be supporting the wider recruitment campaign.