

Item 8 - Question Time

To the Chair of the Environment, Development & Infrastructure Committee

Do we know if the use of 'Roundup' (glyphosate) used by the Highland Council has been significantly reduced as per our previous motion to Council several months ago and are the Council following their guidelines of only weed killing the verges where sightline or road safety is an issue?

Response to Mr N McLean

The Council continues to review its use of Glyphosate to minimise the effect it has on the environment.

Initial desktop surveys of trials elsewhere have been undertaken to identify suitable alternatives. However, these indicate that these alternatives may not be as effective as Glyphosate and that the weed growth resulting from this may damage paths, footways and roads.

As Glyphosate is only effective on living cells, an operational evaluation of alternative methods was not possible over the winter months. This will take place over the summer, and Members will be briefed on the outcome of this.