Motion: Councillor V. Boyhan

“That the Manager make good within 1 month all public footpath openings etc, relating to the provision of water connections or water meters, in the interest of orderly works and the safety of pedestrians”

Report:

The Water & Drainage Section of the Environment Department excavate footpaths for the repair of services and installation of meters. When their repair or installation is completed, they carry out a temporary reinstatement. After a period is allowed for settlement, the Transportation Department arranges to carry out a permanent reinstatement of the openings as soon as possible thereafter.

While every effort is made to do these reinstatements as quickly as possible, it would not be possible to guarantee that they could be done within 1 month from the date of the temporary reinstatement having regard to the resources currently available for such works.

It should be noted that there is a considerable increase in such cases as a result of the severe winter weather conditions which gave rise to leaks in the system. It will take some time to get around to doing all the permanent reinstatement of these openings. We would ask for some patience and tolerance from residents and businesses who find such temporary repairs near their properties until the permanent repairs are carried out.

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