

**QUESTION NO 29**

**By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 9 February 2023.**

**ETRO 202\_ - TRO/21/30**

The report (Item 7.7 Active Travel Measures – Travelling safely update) to Transport and Environment Committee in Aug 2022 stated:

**6.3** *“Sustrans funding was not available for removal of schemes and reinstatement of previous road layouts. Therefore any such costs will require re-prioritisation of spend from the Council’s transport capital programme, with potential to bring funding forward from future Financial Years. The estimated cost of removing and reinstating all current schemes is just over £1m.”*

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| <b>Question</b> | <b>(1)</b> Is implementing Experimental TROs lawful when there is no ring-fenced budget for removal suggesting they are already being treated as permanent? |
| <b>Answer</b>   | <b>(1)</b>  |
| <b>Question</b> | <b>(2)</b> Has approval been sought from the council's own Internal Auditor and/or Audit Scotland that the practice is acceptable?                          |
| <b>Answer</b>   | <b>(2)</b>  |
| <b>Question</b> | <b>(3)</b> Can the Convener provide estimates for the cost of reinstating each individual scheme?   |
| <b>Answer</b>   | <b>(3)</b>  |