

Answers to questions received from Mr. Nigel Slack to Councillor Cate McDonald, Executive Member for Finance and Resources

Q3 When will details of the “...significant engagement...” on the sub-policies be available and what form will this take?

A3 In my response to some of your earlier questions, I was able to clarify that the additional policies will be developed over the next six months. There will be engagement with relevant internal and external stakeholders on these, including Local Area Committees.

Q4 I was disquieted by the Executive Member for Finance & Resources comments at the last meeting which attempted to suggest that my words in the question that day were somehow intemperate or insulting. I spoke to my experience of Property Services processes and decision making over the last few years and the failings of that department (exemplified by the extraordinary failure to maintain vital Council assets to the tune of £200M+) and the extraordinary disarray around certain decisions on the disposal of heritage properties. I invite the member to apologise for the remarks.

A3 I have nothing to add to or about my response to your questions to the Co-operative Executive on 20th October.

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