

Scrutiny Committee – 8

February 2022

Questions from the Public

1 David Forman to Councillor Tony Edwards (Chair of the Scrutiny Committee):

At the Scrutiny Committee meeting of 7 December 2021 a supplementary report titled 'Review of Allotments - Initial Report' was approved and it was resolved that a Councillor Task and Finish group would review existing allotment provision.

The report stated a list of considerations at paragraph 6, with my interest being sub paragraph (f) which reads: "In Equalities issues including provision for residents with disabilities;"

Would the Chair please assure me:

- a) That the provision of toilets, either composting or septic tank, would be closely examined so as to ensure people with urinary incontinence or those who take prescription medication that increases micturition (such as Dapagliflozin for diabetes) are catered for;
- b) That the review includes full observance of the Council's obligation under the Public Sector Equality Duty, section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 with particular regard to paragraph (1), sub paragraph (b) which reads: "advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;"

Reply from Councillor Tony Edwards (Chair of the Scrutiny Committee):

Thank you Mr Forman for bringing this issue to the attention of the Scrutiny Committee. Your questions will be referred to the allotment working group and council officers for their consideration.