

**CABINET – 8 DECEMBER 2016
QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Agenda item 6 refers

1. **Councillor Andrew Johnson to Councillor Mike Danvers, Portfolio Holder for Resources**

Can the Cabinet Member assure members that all tenders awarded under contract standing orders are being handled correctly, in line with those standing orders and national best practice with regards to the tender process?

Reply from Councillor Mike Danvers, Portfolio Holder for Resources

To the best of my knowledge, all tenders awarded under contract standing orders are handled correctly and in accordance with national best practice.

However, if any Councillor has good reason to believe that this may not be the case they should raise the matter directly with a Senior Officer or Internal Audit in accordance with the Council's Officer / Councillor Protocol.

2. **Councillor Andrew Johnson to Councillor Jon Clempner, Leader of the Council**

Is the Leader satisfied that his Council is treating opposition members fairly with regard to access to information and responses to questions within agreed timeframes?

Reply from Councillor Jon Clempner, Leader of the Council

To the best of my knowledge I am not aware of Officers not making reasonable effort to respond to requests for information in a timely manner and in accordance with the Council's Access to Information or Officer / Councillor Protocols.

Should a Councillor have genuine cause for such concern the Protocols clearly set out what escalation steps a Councillor may take.