

**QUESTION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12**

**Council Meeting:      Wednesday, 24 September 2025**

**Question from:        Andrew Tagg**

**Question to:            Councillor Jane Scullion, Leader of the  
                                 Council**

**QUESTION**

Following my question to you at last council, you defended the Council's ongoing commitment to the controversial APPG definition of Islamophobia, This definition forbids Council staff from speaking the truth that there is a clear over-representation of people of a Pakistani ethnicity as perpetrators in the grooming gang scandal. This flies in the face of the Casey Report which clearly states the failure of public services to consider this disproportionality was a barrier in protecting young people. Will you now state unequivocally, to Council staff, that they will not face disciplinary action for providing the full truth, to the inquiry?

**RESPONSE**

Dear Mr Tagg

The APPG definition of Islamophobia does not prevent Council staff from providing accurate and factual responses to any inquiry with which they were engaged