

CALDERDALE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

QUESTION UNDER RULE 13 OF THE
COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

Council Meeting: Wednesday, 26 November 2025

Question from: Councillor Bellenger

Question to: Councillor Scullion, Leader of the Council

I have concerns about the way in which the outcomes of motions to Council are handled.

At the Council meeting in September 2024, I proposed a motion on infrastructure works that was agreed unanimously. This motion proposed that the Council would:

“Call on Cabinet to receive, within the next six months, a report detailing the powers currently available to this Council to regulate infrastructure works...” before moving on to outline what such a report could consider.

However, I believe that no such report has been discussed at a Cabinet meeting.

Would the Leader therefore tell the Council:

Has the report detailed in the resolution of Council been discussed by Cabinet members or at a Cabinet meeting?

If not, why not?

Will she ensure that the report requested by Council is discussed in the near future? and

Does the Council need to establish a more robust system for tracking whether Council decisions are implemented, or reporting back to members why the actions they have agreed cannot be progressed?

Secondly, Council often resolves to write letters to local MPs, government ministers and departmental officials, for example. These letters, and their replies are rarely seen by members other than Cabinet members. Could not a system be established whereby replies to such letters are shared more widely, at least to leaders of the other party groups?

RESPONSE

Dear Cllr Bellenger,

Thank you for your question.

I am sorry that the infrastructure report to which you refer has yet to be considered at Cabinet. I will see that that is rectified.

I agree that there needs to be a more robust system for reporting back on the actions taken as a result of motions passed by Council as there is inconsistency in the way that happens.

Your question has resulted in a draft of such a process having already been prepared and it will be circulated to all Members once approved.

NOTE: Questions under Rule 13 must be in writing and submitted to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services by noon the Friday before the Council Meeting