

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 09 December 2024

Question from: Stella Bird

Question to: Councillor Dacre

I'm concerned that whilst making cuts in the budget the council continues to pay nearly £3000 to Stonewall. Other councils, such as Nottinghamshire and Sheffield and government departments including the Equality and Human Rights Commission have pulled out of Stonewall, after complaints about their inaccurate advice about the law and failing to give value for money.

Historically Stonewall had a positive impact for the the LGB community, however it is now seen as rigid, self serving and ineffective.

With this in mind I think the £3000 could be better spent on youth services and library staff to benefit everyone in Calderdale.

In Response:

The Council subscribes to a specific Stonewall programme, Diversity Champions, which is focused on workforce support and development.

In common with all HR & OD subscriptions it will be reviewed at renewal date (March 2025). As on previous occasions, budgetary considerations, value for money and views of staff will be considered.