

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 09 December 2024

Question from: Debbie Hilley

Question to: Councillor Dacre

Why are Calderdale Council paying £3,000 to the discredited charity Stonewall whilst making £40,000 worth of cuts across a wide range of other services to include road gritting? As a resident, this and many other areas of spending are of far more importance to me than whatever this very questionable charity - beset by seemingly endless scandals - does for the council. Why is Calderdale Council not following in the footsteps of numerous other councils such as Derbyshire, Swansea, Nottinghamshire, Sheffield, Northampton and Hampshire (to name but a few) by cutting the rope to this dubious charity? These councils are clearly listening to the will of its residents and I would like it if Calderdale started to hear its people too.

RESPONSE

The Council listened to residents concerns and took the decision to stop the proposed winter service schedule reverting back to the previous gritting programme.

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.