

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 09 December 2024

Question from: Ellen Reynolds

Question to: Councillor Dacre

How on earth are you setting your spending priorities?

After a dangerous weekend for drivers and pedestrians because of the snow and ice, why are you stopping the gritting of various roads? Not everyone can stay at home when weather conditions are atrocious - people have work commitments, critical health appointments, care responsibilities, and various other obligations that they are bound by, whatever the weather. Yesterday, I learnt that you are continuing the funding of organisations like the discredited Stonewall. As a lesbian, I am not against my council tax being used to support organisations that promote equal rights, but when the council is making £40 million cuts to essential services, it is a disgrace that you are spending money on the discredited Stonewall.'

Listen to the people! It is the tin headed Democrats who got Trump elected and it is tin headed Labour that will gift the next election to our very own home-grown rightwing extremists.

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.