

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 10 February 2025

Question from: Ed Greenwood

Question to: Councillor Dacre

I was recently contacted by a member of an organisation willing to expense several thousands of £s in order to take advantage of a traded service allegedly offered by C.M.B.C. The organisation was disappointed in the response from Traded Services stating “No resources”, “We believe in maintaining the highest standards of service and do not want to commit to something we cannot deliver to our usual standard”.

.I was led to believe that C.M.B.C. was not able to offer this service of itself but could do so via a separately owned company. The company I believe is Calderdale One Limited. It also seems that Calderdale One Limited incorporated in August 2016 whose registered address is c/o Head of Democratic Services, Town Hall, Crossley Street, and despite being subject three times to a ‘compulsory strike off’, is still registered as a ‘dormant company’ (A Confirmation statement is overdue!).

Furthermore, inspection of RO TSR (Revenue Outturn Report Traded Services) shows that External Traded Service Expenditure was £0 and Income was £0.

Therefore, my question is the Authority serious in leveraging its skills and abilities to generate income in order to offset its allegedly annual financial stress, and does the evidence from RO TSR and Calderdale One Limited belie the response given in the first paragraph?

Response

Dear Mr Greenwood

Thank you for your question.

I’m afraid the issue you wish to raise is not immediately clear from your question and without further specific detail it is difficult to provide you with a response. If you would like to provide further details of the request for services we can consider your question further.

The Council is, of course, committed to its traded service arrangements wherever possible. These include Health and Safety consultancy and Human Resources consultancy. We must always prioritise the needs of the Council’s core business when considering whether it is appropriate to offer traded services.

Calderdale One Limited was a company set up for a specific purpose which is no longer required and it is not unusual for a company to be kept in a dormant state in case it is required in future.

