

**Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 17 March 2025**

**Question from: Jane Pugh**

**Question to: Councillor Patient, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Climate Action and Housing**

### **QUESTION**

I attended the Group Place Scrutiny Committee on Thursday 30th of January 2025 where it was agreed that two recommendations be sent to Cabinet. I have précised these.

The first was to recommend to Council that the constitution be changed so that permitting decisions could be made by Elected Members in meetings open to the public. Also to enable Ward Members to refer permitting decisions to the Licensing and Planning Committees and to include full disclosure of all relevant documentation.

The second recommendation was to recommend to Cabinet that it make representations on behalf of the Council to relevant legislative bodies to ensure a review be undertaken into the applicability of specific environmental regulations that deal with site specific issues of concern.

I would like to ask the Cabinet if these two recommendations have been debated by Cabinet or Council; if so, what was the outcome and if not, when will they be, or have these recommendations been adopted already?

### **Response**

Dear Mrs Pugh,

Thank you for your question.

I can confirm that both matters are scheduled for initial discussion at our Leader's Briefing sessions in April. They are meetings of the Cabinet and senior officers.

Cabinet will need to be briefed on the issues arising from the proposals and to direct the next stage of the process.