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Dear Mrs Meleady M.B.E.

**Council Questions – 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2019**

I am sorry that you were unable to attend last week's council meeting to receive a response to the question that you submitted. Please find a written response below:-

“In respect of the recent changes to the petition scheme of RMBC agreed at the last Council meeting on 22nd May, 2019, if an impact assessments and/or Equality Impact Assessment was conducted, how were these carried out, by whom and when?”

There is a cross party working group that reviews the constitution on an annual basis with constructive external support and challenge from the Association of Democratic Services.

An equality impact assessment wasn't undertaken in respect of the amendments to the petition scheme as the essence of the scheme hasn't changed beyond removing the procedural review of responses by OSMB. This is a matter of council decision making, and does not affect service delivery.

I hope you find the above information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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