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Councillor Bennett-Sylvester
Elected Member

Via email: Michael.sylvester@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

Question at Council – 29th November 2023

Thank you for your question to Council on 29th November as follows:

Can you please explain the rational for your taking on the duties of the former Cabinet Member for Transport And The Environment rather than making a new appointment?

The responsibilities of the former Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment have been split amongst other Cabinet members who had relevant experience. Flooding, for example, has gone to Cllr Sheppard, who has served for several years as the RMBC rep on the Regional Floods Committee. Cllr Alam has taken on a wider remit in relation to Community Protection, which was already partially within his portfolio. Cllr Cusworth will take the sole lead role on Home to School Transport (which is split operationally between R&E and CYPS). And as the former SYMCA Transport portfolio holder, I have been close to some – admittedly not all – elements of the Transport remit for the last two years.

As I have indicated to members previously, I intend to keep these arrangements under review as we move forward.

Yours sincerely



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