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24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Mrs Michele J Whyley Skellum

Dear Mrs Whyley Skellum

### Question to Council – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Thank you for the question your raised to Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024. I have set out the question and my response below.

#### ***What assurance will we have that this issue will be prioritised and a multi - agency plan of action implemented?***

I can provide assurance that this is a priority area for the Council, and working with all of our partners, ward Councillors and stakeholders, including the hotel, we will continue to tackle the issues identified. We do take these matters very seriously and encourages residents to report any incidents to the police or the Council's community protection team.

A number of actions are now being undertaken, which primarily focus on addressing any criminal or anti-social behaviour.

The Council has legal responsibilities to place homeless households in emergency accommodation, including in hotels, when no other accommodation is available. Officers maintain regular communications with hotel management including through visits. Any reported issues are followed up and in cases where occupancy agreements are breached the Council reserves the right to end duties to accommodate.

I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Allen', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Councillor Sarah Allen  
**Cabinet Member for Housing**