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Cllr Simon Ball
Elected Member

Via email: simon.ball@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Ball

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

What is the council doing to secure and maintain essential public safety equipment, such as throwline boards, across all high-risk areas?

The Council has the following measures in place:

First, a routine schedule is established for undertaking regular inspections and maintenance of throwline boards and other safety equipment, ensuring they remain in good condition and function properly. The Council also conducts checks to ensure that throwline boards are clearly marked and visible to the public, enhancing their accessibility in emergencies.

Additionally, water safety events are scheduled throughout the year in partnership with South Yorkshire Fire Service. These events are to educate the community on water safety and the proper use of safety equipment. Furthermore, ongoing training for staff is provided in collaboration with Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) and South Yorkshire Fire Service (SYFS) to ensure that they are well-prepared to handle safety equipment effectively.

Through these measures, the Council aims to maintain high standards of public safety and ensure that essential equipment is readily available and functional in high-risk areas.

I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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