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Dear Councillor Yasseen,

Questions raised at Council Meeting – 15th July 2026

Thank you for your question raised at the Council meeting on Wednesday 15th July. I have set out your question and my response below.

What arrangements are in place to ensure that ward councillors are kept appropriately informed and involved in officer led meetings, community engagement and decisions affecting the residents they represent?

As part of our current neighbourhood working model, all Council services work to ensure that ward members are appropriately involved and informed. The new Neighbourhood Leadership Strategy sets out the overall approach. Guidance and support is in place to ensure relevant officers brief ward members and that ward members have the information they need in their roles: most often, this is best achieved through neighbourhood meetings undertaken locally.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Victoria Cusworth

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services

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