

At the Cabinet meeting held on 20 November 2013 Mr Martin Brighton asked the following question:-

“This Council, via responses to Freedom of Information requests, with respect to a voluntary community group, had shown: a) that there was no evidence to support allegations and innuendo made against it, b) the group had not only met but exceeded the Council’s recognition requirements, c) the financial penalties were outside Council procedures and policy and d) the Council has ignored a request for an independent qualified auditor. He therefore asked what the lawful justification was for continuing to impose sanction and prejudice upon that group?”

It was agreed that a written response would be provided. On 2 December 2013 a written response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods and Deputy Leader, Councillor Harry Harpham as follows:-

In response I would just like to say that I do not agree with your assertion that XXXXXX TARA is being “illegally prejudiced” and “its volunteers criminally harassed and abused”.

Thank you

Harry

NOTE – The name of the TARA has been redacted as consent for its use has not been obtained from the third party

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