



Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee Thursday 21st July 2016

Report of: Policy and Improvement Officer

Subject: Written responses to public questions

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Summary:

This report provides the Committee with copies of written responses to public questions asked at the Committee’s meeting on 7th April 2016.

The written responses are included as part of the Committee’s meeting papers as the way of placing the responses on the public record.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	X

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

Note the report

Background Papers: None

Category of Report: OPEN

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Committee 7th April 2016**

Response to public questions raised by Mr Alan Kewley from Sheffield for Democracy at the meeting on Thursday 7th April 2016.

Question 1 – A request for clarity in terms of our protocol for responding to public questions raised at scrutiny?

Response - We provide a written response to public questions within 10 working days of the meeting, this will be sent directly to the questioner, this can be by email or post, depending on their preference and we will also provide responses in alternative formats if requested.

These responses are then included as part of the papers for the next meeting.

Response provided by Diane Owens, Policy & Improvement Officer
Sent by email: to Mr Alan Kewley on Monday 11th April 2016)

Question 2 – A request for clarity in terms of the timescales for papers for the Safer & Sustainable Communities Partnership Board being publically available online? (as for the last board meeting the papers were only available 2 days in advance)

Response - Apologies to the individual concerned that the papers were not available one week before the last meeting.

The team will endeavour to ensure the papers for the next meeting are available one week in advance, although due to increased pressures and reducing capacity across the entire partnership and the teams supporting this meeting, it is sometimes not possible to get clearance from the Partnership chairs and publish one week before the meeting.

Response provided by: Julia Cayless, Safer Communities Team Leader.
Sent by email: to Mr Alan Kewley on Thursday 21st April 2016.
