

## **CABINET RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**4 April 2012**

### **Public Questions**

#### **From Ms Theresa Musgrove on Agenda Item 20 – Environment, Planning and Regeneration Contracts**

- 1. Why has no effective action been taken, in such a long period, to identify and immediately address the issue of so many additional non compliant 'arrangements' with private companies providing services to the council?**

Action is being taken inline with an action plan, the progress of which has been presented to the Audit Committee.

- 2. Why has Councillor Coleman, as the Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Regeneration, not taken effective action to ensure that the services for which he is responsible are properly compliant? Will he be resigning from this post as a result of this report?**

All services have been working with commercial assurance to implement the actions detailed in the action plan and in some cases waiver of contract rules has been deemed the most appropriate action as detailed in the respective reports.

There is no reason for Councillor Coleman to resign.

- 3. Will you admit that the level of incompetence in failing to identify such a massive number of non compliant contracts is scandalous enough in itself: but to fail to address the issues raised last year, within a reasonable time frame, is completely unacceptable and evidence of the most serious failure of responsibility by the senior management team and political leadership of the authority?**

The Council outlined some time ago that not all of its contracts had complied with the contract procedure rules.

The issues are being addressed and internal and external audit have sanctioned the action plan in place. Commercial assurance is working with the audit function to resolve outstanding issues