

Council, Tuesday 3 November 2009

Administration Policy Item: Councillor Lynne Hillan

Transparent Expenditure

Council notes that technological change has meant information that was previously held by the few can now be moved into the hands of the many at minimum cost.

Council believes that information on how public money is being spent should be freely available to taxpayers, providing that the cost of publication is proportionate.

Council notes that the successful measures taken on opening up the authority to date, such as the Leader Listens programme, have won praise from across the political spectrum, including from the former Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

Council requests that Cabinet ensure spending over £500 is publicised online quarterly in arrears, where it is not legally prohibited, beginning from the new financial year.