

Item 7 – Question Time

Response – to Mrs Jean Urquhart

In response to your question –

The Chief Executive's Service keeps a Register of Consultation Documents received from both the Scottish and UK Governments.

When a consultation document is received, it is passed to the relevant Service Director asking them to consider whether a Council response is required.

The Director, having considered the relevance of the consultation, will decide either that:-

1. there is no aspect of the consultation relevant to the Council and therefore a response is not required;
2. a response should be issued but does not require Elected Member involvement due to the technical and minor nature of the subject matter being consulted on, or because of time constraints, which mean it is not possible to submit the consultation to Committee before the deadline for reply. In such cases, the Director will arrange for a corporate response to be issued following consultation with the Strategic Committee Chair and for the consultation response to be homologated by Committee where that is considered appropriate; or
3. a response should be issued which will require Elected Members involvement in finalising the Council's response due to policy, service delivery or political implications. In these cases, the Director will arrange to prepare a report with the draft response to the consultation which will be submitted to the relevant Committee for Member consideration.