

**QUESTION NO 5**

**By Councillor Osler for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 9 February 2023**

On 21 November 2019, I asked the following question of the then Convenor of Transport and Environment Committee:

*“Considering the volume of rainfall and subsequent flooding experienced in Edinburgh this year when is the next trial of the demountable barrier at Falshaw Bridge due to be carried out as there has not been one since 2013?”.*

The following answer was provided:

*“It is intended to carry out a flood trial exercise across the city in April/May 2020. The proposed trial will take account of the constructed flood defences on the Water of Leith, including closure of some flood gates and demountable defences. During preparation of the exercise, consideration will be given to including Falshaw Bridge barriers as part of the trial.”*

Appreciating that much has happened that was not anticipated since the answer was provided, not least COVID-19, and recognising also that more flooding sadly has occurred since then, most recently on 30 December 2022, can the Convenor please confirm:

**Question** (1) When is the next flood trial exercise for the Water-of-Leith due to be carried out?

**Answer** (1)

**Question** (2) Will operating the Falshaw Bridge barriers be part of that trial?

**Answer** (2)

**Question** (3) In addition, a recent communication with CEC Flood Officers indicated that work is underway to provide more information on the Council website regarding how and when the flood defences for the Water of Leith are activated. In that regard, can the Convenor please confirm when will this be made available?:

**Answer**

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