

QUESTION NO 28

By Councillor Whyte for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 31 August 2023

Despite the increased budget of £2.74 million for Street Cleansing, concerns have been raised that the standard has not been improved at all. With regards our Statutory Duties under the Code of Practice can the Convener please provide a response to the following questions -

Question (1) Does he accept that the department has a legal obligation to cleanse streets to the standard set out in the Code?

Answer (1)

Question (2) Does he accept that the only way to cleanse streets to those standards is by a brush and barrow operative as litter picking does not achieve the standard when there are parked cars, and neither will the new equipment?

Answer (2)

(3) The department has always stated they have a yearly blitz on street cleansing, as this is now August when is this due to start?

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(4) When is the weeding due to start?

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(5) Why are abandoned items like traffic cones, signage, sandbags etc not removed in line with the NRSW Act which states they must be removed "promptly"?

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(6) Does the Convener accept that by failing to adhere to either the Code of Practice and the NRSW Act the council are leaving themselves open to court action?

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