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Dear Councillor

Council - Tuesday 16 July 2019

Attached are the written responses to the questions/statements raised at the above meeting, as referred to in the minutes.

Yours sincerely

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Council: 16 July 2019 - written responses to questions raised

Item 5: Leader's Statement - Question from Councillor Hind to Councillor Griffiths:

Are Cabinet aware of proposals by the Department for Transport to strengthen and increase the financial penalty for vehicles idling whilst parked/stationary, and is there a timeline for introducing fines?

Whilst Councillor Griffiths explained that Cabinet were aware, he stated that he would provide a written reply in respect of the timeline element of the question.

The response is shown below:

The Department for Transport issued a press release on the 29 June 2019 detailing their intention to undertake a public consultation looking at increasing fines for idling drivers and "toughen up" powers already available to Local Authorities. No definitive timetable was given for this consultation or the subsequent changes to the law, however, the DfT press release stated that the public consultation was expected to be launched this summer.

Item 12: Investing in our Commercial Asset Portfolio - Question from Councillor Burns to Councillor Glossop:

Should the existing tenants apply for the right to buy the relevant eligible properties, how would this affect the Council's expected rate of return?

The response is shown below:

We have assessed the revenue returns for the whole property on the basis that the residential units would be leased to a provider a nil rent, as per current market practice. Therefore, the sale of one or more of the residential units would not affect the returns set out in the Council paper, as this return is based entirely on the potential rental income from the commercial element.

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