

11 SEPTEMBER 2024

MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 4.27

QUESTION NO.	QUESTION FROM	QUESTION TO	QUESTION
01/2024	Councillor Henman	Councillor J Thompson Executive Member for Community Safety	<p>Last week, the second phase of the report into the Grenfell Tower disaster was published. The report covered the circumstances that lead to the fire which took the lives of 72 people in 2017. The report criticises the local authority's response in the aftermath as "muddled, slow, indecisive and piecemeal" and that the "Council's systems were wholly inadequate to the task of handling an incident...involving.... mass homelessness and mass fatalities." No arrangements were in place to deal with the displacement of large numbers of people and cultural and religious needs were not respected.</p> <p>Have our officers digested the findings of this report and reviewed our own procedures? How confident are we in our own preparedness if, heaven forbid, an incident of a similar seriousness were to happen locally?</p>