

## COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 12 February

### AGENDA ITEM 7 – PUBLIC QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11

1	<p><b>Question from Avalon Rawling to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Regeneration – Councillor Turner</b></p> <p>“In July 2024, the International Court of Justice declared Israel’s occupation of Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem illegal. International Agencies including but not limited to the UN Human Rights Council have identified and published lists of companies profiting from these illegal activities.</p> <p>In November 2024, this council passed a motion to avoid using goods and services provided by such companies. (See relevant motion text copied below for reference).</p> <p>While we understand that it is not legal for the council to implement a blanket boycott, we would like to know what steps the council has taken to identify and remove companies that benefit from the illegal occupation from our suppliers lists.”</p> <p><b><i>Cabinet Member Response</i></b></p> <p>Officers are currently drafting a report for the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee. This report will outline the scope of the procurement review, addressing the motion agreed at the Cabinet meeting on 13 November 2024. The review will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Procurement Act 2023, ensuring that public procurement is conducted in a fair, transparent and non-discriminatory manner.</p>
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