

31 October 2017

Public Question from Ms Lia Gill – Meeting Policy

Common No. 3248668

Question 1

When exactly was this new policy of not reading out public questions put in place ? I can find no record of it. Please direct me to the minutes of the meeting where this decision was made.

Question 2

Who exactly put forward this notion of not reading out questions at Public Question time ? Was it an Alderman or a Council employee?

Question 3

Who agreed to this to make it a standing policy ? I assume this was voted in. By whom ?

Question 4

Where were my questions tabled prior to this meeting? As I previously mentioned the Council chamber was full of people and no one amongst them had the slightest inkling that this new policy was in place or what the questions put forward were. The questions were put into the minutes of that meeting but were not in the agenda or as far as I can find ,put in the web site prior to this meeting, so where were they and why were those members of the public present not made aware of this new policy prior to the meeting ?

Question 5

How does this policy , designed to baffle the public and keep them as ignorant as possible to goings on within this Council fit in with Councils claims of transparency?