

# **Council**

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## **Public Questions and Responses**

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**Mr Terry Reynolds has asked the Leader of the Council:**

1. The data protection act, stops access to any list of details held by various bodies by unauthorised member of the public. To that extent, even though I am the Representative for the allotment site which I go to, I am not allowed to have any details of those on this site, and so when the need does arise, I have to get the council rep to contact the tenants. When the Libraries are run by volunteers and others, how will they get around the access problem or how will they know who is a member or not?
2. I note from the Companies House records, that the debt of Thamesdown transport buses Ltd has been discharged by Lloyds Bank. Can we be told who paid off this debt and why, and has the company now been sold as a result of this transaction?

**The Leader of the Council has responded:**

Thank you for your questions. Since your questions were submitted within 48 hours of this meeting, the Cabinet Member for Communities will respond to question 1 in writing by 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

2a) In 2015, Thamesdown Transport Ltd had an overdraft facility with Lloyds Bank that required a charge over the Company's assets. This charge was registered at Companies House. The overdraft facility expired in July 2015 and was not renewed, but no action was taken to remove the registered entry at Companies House until now. There was no 'debt' to be repaid.

2b) Thamesdown Transport has not been sold.

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**Mr Brian Cockbill has asked the Cabinet Member for StreetSmart, Highways and Transport:**

3. Where streetsmart is transferred to Parish Councils, both existing and new, who will decide whether it is a minor pothole?
4. If that decision is disputed, how will it be resolved?
5. Do you not see that a) confusion will exist with the public b) members of ALL authorities c) the only people likely to benefit are lawyers?

**The Cabinet Member has responded:**

Thank you for your questions. Since your questions were submitted within 48 hours of this meeting, I will provide a written response by 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

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**Mr Brian Cockbill has asked the Leader of the Council:**

6. Would the Council please confirm that the charge held against Thamesdown Transport Ltd by Lloyds Bank plc was discharged on 19 January 2017 or any other date?
7. If so, was this achieved with Swindon Borough Council funding or as widely believed by the sale of the company?

**The Leader of the Council has responded:**

Thank you for your questions.

6 In 2015, Thamesdown Transport Ltd had an overdraft facility with Lloyds Bank that required a charge over the Company's assets. This charge was registered at Companies House. The overdraft facility expired in July 2015 and was not renewed, but no action was taken to remove the registered entry at Companies House until now. There was no 'debt' to be repaid.

7 The payment was made by Thamesdown Transport Ltd, not Swindon Borough Council.

