

## Cabinet – 22 November 2012

### Councillor Question and Answer relating to Whitchurch Playing Fields

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**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts

**Question:** Given the original tendering exercise for the Whitchurch development took place in 2009, are you confident that in making the decision now based on that tender, it is compliant with all relevant EU and other legislation and regulations?

**Answer:** Yes, I am entirely confident that all of the decisions taken by this Administration in respect of this important project are compliant with all relevant legislations and regulations.

**Supplemental Question:** So you are happy that it meets the Public Procurement Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2011 and also it complies entirely with the Open Space Regulations in the Commons Act 2006; that you have said so tonight.

Where does the Common Space application leave the decision tonight? Are you going ahead with the decision or are you going to defer it until after the Common Space application has been decided?

We are trying to clarify it because this is an important legal question. I would like to have advice otherwise we are putting the Council's finances and the interests of the residents at risk. Can we please have a clear statement?

**Supplemental Answer:** In my own opinion, the developers will not spend any money until the Open Space thing is settled.

The decision will be made today but there will be no further developments until the decision is made. That is my understanding.