

## Item no 5.4

### QUESTION NO 4

**By Councillor Mowat for answer by the Vice-Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee at a meeting of the Council on 2 June 2016**

#### Stair Lighting

- Question** (1) What consideration was given to the serious concerns raised by the Equality Impact Assessment which stated that the proposed changes will have a serious impact on a number of groups with protected characteristics?
- Answer** (1)
- Question** (2) Who owns the stair lighting infrastructure – it was installed by the Council and will now be maintained by private individuals – does this expose the Council to any risk or liability?
- Answer** (2)
- Question** (3) Should the Council require there to be competent management arrangements in place?  
If so, how will this be enforced and has the Council made residents aware of this requirement?
- Answer** (3)
- Question** (4) Will the Council have any liability if there is an accident from poorly maintained stair lights?  
Has the Council taken legal advice on these issues?
- Answer** (4)
- Question** (5) Stair lighting was commonly considered an extension of the street lighting outside – hence its provision by the Council - is this the legal position and has this been considered as part of the changes implemented?
- Answer** (5)
- Question** (6) Can residents upgrade their own stair lighting?
- Answer** (6)

- Question** (7) Who is going to be responsible for changing the timer from summer time to winter time to reduce electricity use in the summer when the days are longer?
- Answer** (7)
- Question** (8) What is to stop people tapping into the Council's electricity supply and increasing the costs to the Council?
- Answer** (8)
- Question** (9) Is the Council exposed to any liability given that they have ceased to maintain the stair lighting with less than 8 weeks' notice should someone fall on a dark stair – 8 weeks is not a long time if tenants are dealing with multiple landlords in a stair – some of whom may be living abroad.
- Answer** (9)
- Question** (10) Please provide a breakdown of the costs of providing this service with a breakdown of provision and maintenance costs to
- a) All households
  - b) To private stairs only
  - c) detailed savings expected
- Answer** (10)