

COUNCIL – 7 MARCH 2012

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1

Councillor D Andrews to ask the Leader of the Council:

Will the Leader join me in acknowledging the service done to local government by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in having the foresight and the political courage to incorporate the abolition of the Standards Board for England in the Localism Act? A flawed Board that was set up in the 90s by new Labour and has proved to be ineffective, in fact many think a costly disaster and, far from the lofty aims of policing local government, it has instead become a byword for witch hunts and ridiculous complaints to embarrass opponents; at no little cost to the Exchequer and at great cost to local democracy.