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Dear Councillor Jones,

Re: Cabinet Member Question Session 22, December 2014

I refer to your letter of 26th January 2015. I must apologise for the late reply but lack of staffing within the Education Department and the move from the Civic Centre has contributed to delays in replying.

1. With the regard to the review of EOTAS, Cllr Philpott and the Inquiry Panel have met. Three officers attended, provided papers and answered questions.
2. The review of EMLAS has been delayed as we do not have a Chief Education officer in place. I am confident that once he takes up office, this will move forward. There are further reductions in the present round of W.G. grants which will have to be fed into the EMLAS review.
3. Both myself and the Leader have agreed with the Headteacher of Parklands Primary school that discussions about the possibility of any land sale at Parkland's would be with her and the school's Governing Body. The group calling itself the 'Parklands Action group' is not recognised by the Head or the Governing Body as representing the school.

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Further individuals claiming to be representatives of an Action Group have submitted contradictory proposals. The Programme Committee, may in the future, like to consider how individuals or groups, claiming to be part of an organisation have been selected and how they consider themselves to be legitimate representatives of their community.

As no decision has been taken on the sale of land at Parkland, I will therefore restrict my comments to information already in the public domain.

- i) With regard to engagement and consultation, the Authority will comply with its own policies and W.G. policies and principles relating to changes in school organisation and land use.

My colleague, Councillor Christine Richards assured you that compliance with UNCRC would be followed.

- ii) Reports to Cabinet have already referenced how sites have been identified. The Council takes careful note of comments from Headteachers and the Chairs of the Governing Body and will report to them once a decision has been taken.

Yours sincerely,

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