

**Questions from members of the public
to Audit and Governance Committee**

24 January 2018

Councillor Bob Matthews

Please confirm that when the outcome of the Blueschool House investigation is reported to you if you are not FULLY satisfied with the outcome that you will not hesitate to recommend the matter be referred to an appropriate body of your choice for a wider and more in-depth investigation to take place. The public and media have shown interest in this most serious issue and are monitoring the situation closely

Response

The Council received the SWAP investigation report on the matter and the related actions of officers in working within the established system of controls on 14 August 2017. This report was published and discussed at the Audit and Governance Committee of 20 September 2017 and led to the decision by the Chief Executive to initiate an external investigation which was carried out in the period Sept – Dec 2017, which sought to directly investigate the actions of officers.

Considering whether to refer the findings of this report to appropriate bodies is currently being undertaken.