

**Agenda Item 5 - Public Participation**

**Question from Cllr Ian Thorn**

**To**

**Cllr Richard Clewer - Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Military-Civilian Integration, Heritage, Arts, Tourism, Health and Wellbeing**

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**Question (24-20)**

GMB tribunal

- a. How much money was spent on defending this case?
- b. Why was the case taken to court when the union sought to settle out of court which would have cost Wiltshire taxpayers less?
- c. Did you personally know of the email sent by Terence Herbert to GMB members on 9 November 2022 that was the focus of the tribunal?
- d. Did you indicate approval of that email before it was sent?
- e. Did the legal team review the email before it was sent?
- f. When did you become aware of the case being brought by the wardens and when did you become aware of the outcome of the tribunal?
- g. What actions are being taken to ensure that no senior council officer breaks employment law again?

**Response**

Verbal response to be provided at the meeting by the Leader of the Council.

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**Question (24-21)**

- a. Do you agree with one of your cabinet members that opposition councillors are the enemy?
  
- b. What do you consider are the key qualities and skills required to be portfolio holder of communications?

**Response**

Verbal response to be provided at the meeting by the Leader of the Council.