

**TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.2**

**a) Question from Councillor Ian Davis**

*"We welcome back the control of the grass cutting back to the WLBC and hope that many more services will be returned from outside contractors and LCC and provide much needed work for the residents of our area. Being Councillor Leader and in charge of improving our economic regeneration and attracting new industries to the area can you please advise how you are going to improve the first impressions that outsiders see when approaching our area. Both Skelmersdale and Ormskirk roundabouts need far more attention than they have been receiving. First impressions are always important and companies do look for this. Can you advise how many cuts per season will be made this year and next? Some residents have informed us that they have been advised that the planned cuts for this year will not be all done, is this correct?"*

**Response**

The roundabouts in Ormskirk and Skelmersdale are the responsibility of Lancashire County Council. The Council recognises the importance of maintaining the public realm for a number of reasons, including the economic benefits. Successful negotiations with LCC have delivered a Partnership Agreement and as a result, the Council has secured delivery of this work on the roundabouts locally. Through the Partnership Agreement, the Council undertakes the maintenance of the grass at these locations eight times in the season (April – October). The roundabouts have already received 3-4 cuts and it is planned that the eight cuts will have been achieved by the end of the season (weather permitting). The Partnership Agreement with LCC is for three years and, therefore, the frequencies will be the same for the next two years.

**b) Question from Councillor Ian Davis**

*"We have been advised that there are problems with the bulky household waste service. Not the council's fault that the social enterprise running this operation has ceased operating. Can you please advise how you intend to take this matter forward in the future and if another social enterprise operator will be monitored how you intend to control it. Can we also have some indications as to why it failed and what caused it to fold?"*

**Response**

Notification was received in March that Total Reuse the provider of the bulky household waste service had gone into liquidation, for reasons unknown, and the service had to be temporarily suspended. This service is considered valuable by the Council and amongst other benefits contributes towards keeping incidents of fly-

tipping low. It is the intention of the Council to provide the service in-house considering this to be the best value option and the stages to make this possible are currently being worked through. A job position is currently being created and vehicle sourced. It is hoped that once the necessary resources (staff and vehicle) have been secured the service will be resumed in the autumn with no growth in the relevant budget.