

**QUESTION NO 23**

**By Councillor Kumar for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee a meeting of the Council on 30 October 2025**

At a local community council meeting in Newington/Southside Ward, a member raised concerns that a consultation event on trams was very poorly organised and failed to maximise public information and engagement with local residents.

Given the significance of this project and its direct impact on communities along the proposed route, can the Convener clarify the following:

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| <b>Question</b> | <b>(1)</b> What specific feedback – positive or negative – has been received regarding the organisation and delivery of the tram consultation events?                                                               |
| <b>Answer</b>   | <b>(1)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Question</b> | <b>(2)</b> What steps will the Convener take to investigate concerns raised about poor communication and inadequate engagement during these consultations?                                                          |
| <b>Answer</b>   | <b>(2)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Question</b> | <b>(3)</b> How will future consultations be improved to ensure residents receive timely, accessible, and transparent information – particularly those directly affected by the proposed tram route?                 |
| <b>Answer</b>   | <b>(3)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Question</b> | <b>(4)</b> Given the scale and cost of the tram project, what accountability measures are in place to guarantee meaningful community involvement, rather than consultation being treated as a procedural formality? |
| <b>Answer</b>   | <b>(4)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |